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## JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

### Staffing

We are very sorry that Debbie Buckley and Anna Pyatt will be leaving St. Anthony's in July. Both these teachers have worked at St. Anthony's for many years teaching a variety of age groups and leading subject areas. We will miss their energy and enthusiasm they have both so freely given. I am very grateful to them for all that they have done for our children and their families. We wish them every happiness and success in the future.

We are pleased to welcome four new teachers to our staff. They are Daniel Getty, Megan Brogan, Eva Thomas and Ann Power.

In September the organisation of classes and teachers will be as follows:

Nursery	-	Christina Olivant
Reception Lisbon	-	Katy Laws
Reception Padua	-	Amy McMahan
Year 1 Lisbon	-	Abbie Clark
Year 1 Padua	-	Eva Thomas and Ann Power
Year 2 Lisbon	-	Aimie Peacock
Year 2 Padua	-	Melanie Habashi and Rachel Smith
Year 3 Lisbon	-	Megan Brogan
Year 3 Padua	-	Sarah McCabe
Year 4 Lisbon	-	Natalie Gerrard
Year 4 Padua	-	Daniel Getty
Year 5	-	John McGinn
Year 6	-	Martin McDermott

Cover for teachers' PPA time, continuing professional development and co-ordinators' release will be provided by Catherine Elliott, Frankie Fairlie, Helen Sparksman and Frances Nicholson. Hannah Mitchell will be supporting our Year 2 classes until half term when she will begin her maternity leave.

Elaine will be responsible for helping to raise standards through the school and supporting teaching and learning. She will therefore not have a class responsibility but will spend time working closely with all classes.

Jennie Martin, also a member of our Senior Management Team, will continue in her role as Inclusion Co-ordinator (INCo) also without any class responsibility.

Katy will be our new EYFS Co-ordinator. John will be taking on a new role as Deputy KS2 Co-ordinator due to the increasing number of classes. Both Katy and John will be joining the school's Senior Management Team.

### EU Referendum

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, as part of our PSHEE and British Values Curriculum, we held unbiased school assemblies to give the children facts and information about the EU referendum and the Remain and Leave campaign. These assemblies were followed by a KS2 'mock EU Referendum', the outcome of which did not reflect the national picture.

122 Remain      31 Leave.

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## Summer Fayre

You should have already received a letter regarding the mufti day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July where the children bring in a bottle for the tombola, if they haven't already brought a tombola prize in.

One of our teachers has managed to obtain matched funding from Barclays Bank so we hope to raise as much money as possible as our profit will be **doubled** by Barclays.

We would like to use this opportunity for the children to wear something representing their nationality rather than their usual mufti clothes. They could wear colours to represent their flag they most identify with, a football shirt or a national costume. At St. Anthony's we recognise, and are very proud of, all the nationalities and cultures that comprise our school and think that this will be a good occasion to celebrate the diversity of our school community.

## Theatre Visits

Thank you to those parents who have sent in the £2.50 contribution towards the cost of the visiting theatre productions. There are several parents who have not responded yet. Your child's teacher or Lisa in the office can advise on this. I have put another slip at the end of this newsletter. We look forward to receiving these as soon as possible.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Please encourage your child to visit their local library this summer. Children are challenged to read six library books of their own choice during the holidays. There are additional collectable incentives and it's all free!

It is very important for children to continue the habit of reading during the holidays. I look forward to seeing many 'Record Breakers' certificates and medals in September, for those who completed the challenge.

It is also very important for all children to continue to practise their writing during these long holidays, especially those children who are at the early stages of writing. Any opportunities you can provide for them to do this will help, for example, keeping a diary, writing postcards, thank you notes, birthday cards, shopping list etc.

## Annual Questionnaire

Every year we consult the children, parents, staff and other groups of people on various aspects of school life. We use their views and ideas to inform our provision. We would be very grateful if parents would complete the questionnaire attached to this newsletter (one for each child) and return it to school by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at the latest.

## Collecting Children from School

There are increasing numbers of children who are not collected on time from school. Children should be collected at **3.30pm** each day and at **2.30pm** on the last day of each term or half term.

Parents will now be required to give a reason in writing when they sign to collect their child late from school.

The office staff are also experiencing many calls from parents towards the end of the day, who ask for messages to be given to their children telling them who will be collecting them from school. Please make sure that your child and their teacher know in the morning who is collecting them from school that day. We can no longer guarantee that office staff are able to deliver these messages.

## Swimming

We are very pleased to report improved swimming results again this year. The children are expected to swim a minimum of 25 metres unaided. The class percentages, for children who achieved this, are as follows:

- Y6 - 100%
- Y5 - 91%
- Y4 - 79%
- Y3 - 52%

## Thank you

We are really grateful to parents for their fantastic response to our sponsored walk. We raised £4,394.16. I would also like to thank the Reception parents who stepped forward and organised the Fathers' Day Secret Room. This event made £188.18 profit. We hope that other classes may now take a lead on future events. We appreciate the continuing hard work of our treasurer, Susanna Canossa, in counting and banking all the proceeds for us.

## Extended Childcare Entitlement Parent Survey

Childhood Support Services is carrying out a childcare survey to gather information which will help them to shape childcare services for Hertfordshire parents in the coming years.

So, whether you currently use childcare, or will in the future, they would like to hear from you.

They are interested in hearing the views of parents with children 0-14 years (18 years with SEND) and parents who use a variety of childcare options.

They would be very grateful if you would answer the questions in the survey which can be found via the link below. It should take no more than 10 minutes. All answers will be confidential and neither you nor your child will be identified in any reporting of the responses.

[surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/6Q371/](https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/6Q371/)

## Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

### Reception Padua

Beau LP, Sammy B and Alex C who all received medals for completing the Watford Colour Run 2016.

### Year 1 Lisbon

Taylor W who achieved the ASA Stage 2 Award for swimming.

### Year 1 Padua

Laurence M who won a Sun Sports Youth FC trophy.

### Year 2 Lisbon

Liam R who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Lucas A and Maylene M who received Multi Sports trophies for 'good attitude'.

Max W, Archie H, Lucas A, Dougie F, Maylene M and Conrad S who each received a star performer medal for Multi Sports.

Christio K who won a trophy for taking part in a games competition in Wales.

### Year 2 Padua

Mia F who achieved Stage 1 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award. She also received a trophy for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a dancing competition.

Mia F who won a trophy for being the strongest dancer.

Gian V who achieved Level 3 of the British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards.

Jack P who completed the London 'Chron' walk.

Robo U who received a 3<sup>rd</sup> place football tournament medal.

Cameron M, Joseph B and Robo U who each received a trophy from West Herts Youth FC for playing well. Robo also received a trophy for showing the Best Positive Attitude.

### Year 3 Lisbon

Harry O'H who achieved Stage 4 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Filip R and Harry O'H who each received a medal for taking part in a football tournament.

Iona E who won five medals and a trophy at an Irish Dancing Feis.

Mariella C who won three medals at an Irish Dancing Feis.

Olivia BN who received a medal for Maypole dancing.

### Year 3 Padua

Amber B who achieved a gold certificate for completing her Junior Guitar Book 1.

Libby Harrold who received a medal for Maypole dancing.

Mia H who won a Garston Ladies FC trophy for competing in the U8 tournament.

Ruo U who won a third place football tournament medal. He also won two trophies from West Herts Youth FC for participation and for 'best defensive player'.

Cruz C who received two trophies from Sun Sports Youth FC for participation and most improved player.

### Year 4

Brian S who passed his Grade 1 Guitar exam with distinction.

### Year 5

Alex H who won three trophies in a dancing competition.

Hanna R who received a medal for taking part in a football tournament.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 1st July	KS2 Sports afternoon 1.30-3.30pm – Parents invited Visiting Theatre performance for EYFS and KS1 classes
Mon 4th July	Reserve Sports afternoon for KS2 1.30-3.30pm (if wet on 1st July) Y5 Science morning at St Michael's School
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Mufti day for tombola prizes New to Nursery in September – Parents' meeting at 9.15am Visiting theatre performance for KS2 classes
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> July	New to Reception in September- Parents' meeting at 9.00am
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> July	St Joan of Arc transition day for Y6 Children New to Y3 in September- Parents' meeting at 9.00am
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Table Top Sale details to follow
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 retreat day in Aylesford Priory
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 leavers assembly at 9.15am- Y6 parents only
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents of children in EYFS classes to view their child's Learning Journal after school Leavers evening 6.30pm- Y6 parents only
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary transition day for Y6 transferring to all schools other than St Joan of Arc
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School Closes at 2.30pm for the Summer Holiday</b>
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	New school year starts

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### Visiting Theatre Production

Child's Name: ..... Class: .....

I enclose £2.50 donation for the visiting theatre production

Signed Parent/Guardian: .....

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