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*We Grow and Learn with Jesus*

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## MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

### Staffing

I would like to welcome our new office admin assistant Kathryn Trendell to our staff. I am sure she will quickly settle into our school family and enjoy being part of St Anthony's school community.

I am very sorry that Natalie Gerrard will be leaving St Anthony's at the end of this term. Natalie has worked in Key Stage 1 and 2 over the past four years teaching Year 1 and Year 4. Natalie has also been our History subject co-ordinator. We are very grateful for everything she has done for our children and their families. We will all miss her enthusiasm and energy. We wish her well with her move back to Devon.

The governors are very pleased to have appointed Amy Hardstaff to teach Year 4 Lisbon. I'm sure you will welcome Amy to our school community after Easter.

### World Book Day

World Book day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The children will be doing a variety of related activities in their classes. All children will be receiving a £1 book token.

### The Mass

For five weeks starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, in Holy Rood Parish Centre, there is a five part bible study which will enable you to love, to know and understand the Mass. The meaning behind the words and gestures of the Mass will be revealed, leading to a more meaningful and fruitful worship experience. Please see Fr Kim or Deacon Neville for more information.

### Healthy Eating

I would like to remind parents to check they have not included nuts in the packed lunches that they provide for their child. We have noticed children with Nutella sandwiches which could cause an allergic reaction in any of our children who have severe allergies. Please help us to keep our children safe.

We have been very impressed with the healthy packed lunches many of our children are eating. It is great to see fruit, vegetable sticks, yogurts and salads all being a part of many children's packed lunches.

### School Day

For KS1 and KS2 classes (Y1-Y6), the school day starts at 8.50am. Children need to be on the playground by this time in order to line up and enter school. The children then need to reach their classrooms, change their coats and shoes, sort packed lunches/water bottles, give in letters/money and be sitting down in class ready to do their morning challenge by the time the bell rings at 9.00am. If they are not in class by then, they will be marked as late.

### Building Works

Until further notice the IT room door is now out of use. **All** before and after school clubs should use the Y1 door at the front of the school. Thank you for your patience.



## Cleaners

We are urgently looking for someone who would be interested in cleaning our school and joining our staff team. We can offer either five or ten hours a week (1 or 2 hours a day, ideally from 7.45am to 8.45am or from 3.30pm to 5.30pm). Please contact the school office if you are interested or know of someone else who is interested in applying for this role.

## Catholic Children's Society

This week we welcomed a speaker from the Catholic Children's Society. This charity supports families and children who are in need throughout the Diocese of Westminster. Our fundraising day will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. This will be a 'Golden Day' where the children may wear yellow/gold clothes for a donation of £1.

## Y4 Charity Day

The children had fun raising £586.66 for Great Ormond Street hospital Charity and learned a lot about their work. Thank you again for your support.

## Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are collecting the 'Active Kids Sports Vouchers'. If you receive any vouchers with your shopping we would be grateful if you would please send these in with your child. These vouchers are exchanged for sports equipment which we use during playtime and PE lessons.

## Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

### Reception Padua

Florence B who achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for Level 6.

### Year 1 Lisbon

Oscar K who achieved stage 1 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

### Year 1 Padua

Alex C who achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for Level 7.

### Year 2 Padua

Julia P who received a 'Star of the Day' certificate for Street Dancing.

Ronny A who received a medal and certificate for football.

Andres SMB who received a certificate from his supplementary Spanish school for excellent achievement across the year.

Daniel S who achieved Stage 4 of the ASA Learn to swim award.

Oli P who won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place football medal.

Deborah D who won a 'player of the match' trophy and wristband for Garston Ladies FC.

### Year 3 Lisbon

Adam W who received a medal from Chess Valley Rugby club.

### Year 3 Padua

Mia F who won the 'student of the week' medal from karate club.

Luca S and Louie S who each received a skiing medal for achieving Level 2B.

### Year 4 Padua

Haydan E who won a 'man of the match' football trophy.

### Year 6

Jakub S who achieved 8<sup>th</sup> Kup, yellow belt, in Tae Kwon Do.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Early Parents' evening for KS1 and EYFS classes 3.40 – 6.30pm 10.00 Mass (Ash Wednesday) Y3-6. Parents Welcome
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Literacy Booster Class after school
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Tag Rugby Festival
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Maths Booster class after school
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Class photographs
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school History Day – details to follow
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Height and Weight checks for Y6 children
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> March	KS1 and KS2 Gym competitions Y6 Literacy Booster class after school
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Reception classes visit to Radlett Theatre
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Mother's Day assembly – 9.15am – Parents welcome Mother's Day secret room PFA. Details to follow.
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Local Geography Canal trip Y4 classes visit to Northwood Synagogue Y6 Booster Class after school
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 classes visit to Willows Farm Family Bingo 3.45 to 5.30pm PFA details to follow
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Y5 Station of the Cross assembly at 9.15am – parents welcome <b>Term ends at 2.30pm</b>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> April	New Term begins Y6 Literacy Booster class after school
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception Lisbon Easter retreat session
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery class and Reception Padua Easter retreat sessions