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***We Grow and Learn with Jesus***

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## SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

### Staffing

We were sorry to lose three CAs (Classroom Assistants) at the end of term. Marianne left to start her first year teaching, Melanie moved to Northamptonshire and Dee to run a coffee shop. We wish them all the best of luck in their new adventures. We are pleased that Hannah (Y3 teacher) has now returned from her maternity leave.

### Welcome

A big welcome to all our new children and their families. We also welcome Alessia and Stephanie, two new CAs and MSAs (Midday Supervisory Assistant). We hope they all will soon feel part of St. Anthony's school community.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Daniel (Y5L teacher) who completed his Catholic Certificate of Religious Education (CCRS) qualification last year.

Congratulations are also due to the school the staff and children of St Anthony's who achieved the Silver Sports Mark for the first time last year. We thank Aimie (Y3P teacher), our PE coordinator, for leading us through this.

Finally our congratulations and best wishes go to Daniel and Amy (Y4P teacher) who were married during the summer holiday. Thank you to our choir who sang so beautifully throughout their wedding service. We received so many compliments about their excellent behaviour and performance on this occasion.

### Thank you

The staff would like to say thank you for all the good wishes, cards and gifts they received at the end of last term. Your kindness is appreciated.

### Leavers' Celebration Evening

We would like to thank Fr. Shaun for celebrating the leavers' mass with our Y6 children, parents and staff and governors. It was an occasion full of memories and completed the childrens' faith journey at St. Anthony's.

We would like to thank the parents of our current Y6 class who provided the desserts for our leavers' celebration evening in July. We are especially grateful to those parents who gave up their time after school to prepare the hall and dining room as well as the parents who worked throughout the evening in the kitchen and cleared up afterwards. We hope you will enjoy a similar evening with your child next July.

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## Welcome Assembly

Parents are invited to one of our Welcome Assemblies at 9.15am on;  
*Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September* – all Lisbon classes and Y6.  
*Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September* – all Padua classes

## Tissues

As usual at the beginning of the school year, we would be grateful for donations of boxes of tissues. If each family could send one box into school, it will enable staff to deal quickly with minor emergencies and allow the school's resources to be spent on other essentials for the classrooms. Thank you.

## PFA

A big thank you to our PFA for all their hard work last year. £672.84 was raised at the Mr Marvel event and the Summer Fayre made £2807.09 profit. This includes the matched funding from Barclays bank. A total of £9,358.43 was raised over the year. This is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to all our parents for supporting these events. The next meeting is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in school. The PFA would welcome new members to help with vital fundraising.

## Questionnaires

Thank you for your responses. All questionnaires have now been analysed and as a result the school intends to do the following:

### Children's views:

- Retain our inclusive ethos as we expand
- Maintain the level of charity days
- Increase sport opportunities and sports clubs at school
- Retain our insistence on good behaviour
- Continue to maintain the improved level of school trips
- Maintain the increased level of security and continue to monitor all aspects of safety
- Raise awareness of bullying and reporting it, through assemblies and work in class
- Maintain good teaching
- Reinforce with the children that there are many adults who they can choose to talk to, at school, if they are worried.

### Parents' views:

- Continue to invite parents to as many occasions as possible, to see the children and their work
- maintain the weekly surgery sessions with the INCO so that parents can raise queries as soon as they arise
- Publicise the comments we receive about the children's good behaviour
- Publicise the behaviour policy and maintain the good work done in this area
- Maintain the monthly newsletter
- Continue to provide as many sports clubs and activities as possible
- Publicise and monitor the homework policy
- Maintain the weekly class updates introduced last year as a result of this survey
- Continue our strong links with the parishes of Holy Rood and St Bedes
- Remind parents of EYFS and KS1 children that they are always welcome at school masses even if their own child is participating in a class liturgy at that time
- Raise awareness with EYFS parents that some of their home learning is directly linked to the RE curriculum.

## Harvest Festival

This will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October with Mass at 10.00am and class worships at 10.15am. In the afternoon the children will welcome, entertain and serve tea to residents from River Court and Chase nursing homes. We also welcome **all** grandparents for an afternoon tea. Please put this date in grandparents' diaries now and inform the school office if they are able to attend so that we know how many to cater for.

Morning assemblies at 9.15am have been arranged so that parents see their child's class entertainment as follows:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Y1, Y5 and Y6 classes  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Reception and Y4 classes  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Y2 and Y3 classes

Please remember that all parents are welcome to the Harvest Mass even if you have a young child who will not be attending but taking part in a class worship or liturgy instead.

A special collection for CAFOD will take place, please send your child to school with a donation, in a named envelope, for CAFOD on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## Guitar Promotional Assembly

Any parents of children from Y3 to Y6 who are considering paying for group guitar tuition for their children and who do not already do so, are invited to a promotional assembly with the children on *Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.15am* in our Activity Studio.

## School Fund

I would like to remind parents about the importance of paying school fund regularly. We ask for a contribution of £2.00 a week per child.

School fund enables us to buy materials for the children to use to support their learning, making it fun and interesting. We also subsidise visits and speakers. We use this money to buy things that our budget will not stretch to.

Please will all parents try and support the school in this way. Families with three or more children at St. Anthony's are only asked to contribute for the first two children.

Please send cash or cheques in a named envelope. Your child should place these in their class box at registration on Monday morning, if possible. Please make cheques payable to St. Anthony's Primary School. You can also pay via the 'Gateway'.

## Messages

Please ensure that you have arranged who will be collecting your child **before** you drop them off at school in the morning and that your child and the class teacher have been informed. Please also ensure that children have all of the equipment they need for the day with them. It is becoming increasingly difficult to ensure that messages and belongings are delivered by the office staff in time and we can no longer guarantee that this will happen.

## **Surgery Sessions**

If you wish to raise any concern or query with Jennie, our inclusion coordinator (INCO) she will be available to meet with parents on a weekly basis by appointment. If you have any worries at all about your child's progress or behaviour she will try to help. Jennie will be able to work with you to help bring about improvement.

## **Nursery Parents' Meeting**

The first of three important meetings for parents of Nursery children will take place on *Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm*. We will explain learning in the Foundation Stage and cover what and how the children are taught at school. There will be ideas to help you to support your children's learning at home.

Session 2 'Early Reading and Writing – *Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm*

Session 3 'Preparing for full time school' – *Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 at 7.30pm*.

## **Reception Parents' Meeting**

Parents of Reception Lisbon and Padua children are invited to a meeting on *Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm*. This is an important meeting to help you understand how your children learn to read and enable you to help them, using fun activities. Please reserve these dates in your diaries now.

## **Y1 Parents' Meeting**

There will be a Parents' information session 'New to Y1' on *Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm*. Please put this date in your diary now.

## **Y3 Parents' Meeting**

I would like to invite you to a meeting 'Moving to KS2 – the importance of reading in Y3' on *Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm*. The aim of the meeting is to let you know what is expected of the children's reading in Y3 and how you can continue to support them at home. I hope you will be able to join us. This important meeting will be in the classrooms and should take around an hour. Please keep this date free.

## **Y4 Parents' Meeting**

Year 4 teachers will hold an information meeting for parents on *Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm*. They will explain our expectations for the children and go over class routines and the curriculum for the year. We hope you will be able to attend.

## **Y5 Parents' Meeting**

A meeting will be held for parents of Y5 children on *Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm*. Information regarding daily routines and the children's curriculum will be given.

## **Y6 Parents' Meeting**

A meeting will be held for parents of Y6 children on *Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm*. Information regarding expectations for this year group, daily routines and the children's curriculum will be given.

## Ride and Stride

Don't forget that we have an arrangement with the Premier Inn at the bottom of Whippendell Road, Holy Rood Social Club on Tolpits Lane and the new Morrison's Store. You can apply to school for a permit to leave in your car windscreen enabling you to park in either, free of charge, while you walk the children to school at 8.45am and when you collect your children at 3.30pm. This not only helps to keep the children healthy, but also reduces traffic congestion outside the school at peak times.

## Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

### Nursery

Denzel BA who achieved the ASA Puffin Award for swimming

### Year 1 Lisbon

Kasia B who achieved a certificate for performing arts  
Daniella F who achieved Grade 3 of the ASA Duckling Award Scheme for swimming.  
Gavriella C who won 4 medals at an Irish Dancing Feis.

### Year 1 Padua

Maya K who won a medal at an Irish Dancing Feis.  
Monique V who received a Performing Arts Certificate

### Year 2 Lisbon

Oliver A who received a player of the year medal from TFA FC.

### Year 2 Padua

Daniel S who attained 9<sup>th</sup> Kyu – Yellow belt – in Tae Kwando.  
Franek K who achieved his white/brown belt in Ju Jitsu.  
Nicola P who received a 'star of the day' certificate for street dance.  
Michal R who achieved his white/blue belt in Ju Jitsu.  
Shanaya F who achieved Stage 3 of the ASA Learn to swim awards.

### Year 3 Padua

Mia F who received a medal for performing in a dance show.  
Cameron McG and Luca S who each received a season's trophy from WH Youth FC.  
Ceylon P who received a certificate for completing level A2 of an English Programme.

### Year 4 Lisbon

Iona E who won two trophies and five medals in an Irish Dancing Feis.  
Mariella C who won three medals in an Irish Dancing Feis.  
Katie W who won a trophy and two medals at an Irish Dancing Feis.

### Year 4 Padua

Nina K who achieved her white/brown belt in Ju Jitsu.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Mon</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Staff INSET – school closed</b>
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	School year starts
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y6 Retreat day at Holy Rood church
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Holy Rood Feast day Y6 parents' meeting at 7.00pm
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PFA meeting at 7.30. All welcome
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y3 parents' meeting at 7.30pm
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Y5 parents' meeting at 7.30pm
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Guitar promotional assembly at 10.15am. Y3 parents
Tues	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Welcome assembly – Lisbon and Y6 classes. Parents welcome at 9.15am.
Wed	27 <sup>h</sup> Sept	Welcome assembly –Padua classes. Parents welcome at 9.15am. Y1 parents' meeting at 7.30pm
Thurs	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y4 parents' meeting at 7.30pm
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Individual and family groups photos
Mon	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival Mass – KS2 classes, 10.00am. <b>All</b> parents welcome
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest assembly – Y1, Y5 and Y6 classes - parents welcome at 9.15am Reception parents' meeting at 7.30pm
Thurs	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest assembly – Reception and Y4 classes - parents welcome at 9.15am Nursery parents meeting at 7.30pm
Fri	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest assembly – Y2 and Y3 classes - parents welcome at 9.15am.
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School closes for half term at 3.30pm as tomorrow is an INSET day
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Staff INSET for all deanery schools. School closed.
<b>Mon</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Half term – school closed</b>
Mon	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School resumes
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	All Saints Feast day. Mass at 10.00am. <b>All</b> parents welcome

