



July 2022 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you

As we come to the end of this academic year I would like to say a huge thank you to all members of our school community – staff, parents, carers, governors and in particular our fantastic children. It has been lovely to spend another year as part of such a wonderful community.

Year 6 Leavers

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish our Year 6 Leavers every success as they move on to their secondary schools. They have been a lovely group of children to work with and we will miss them very much. We look forward to them coming back and popping in to see us in the future to tell us of all their achievements and success. Good luck Year 6 – remember to continue to *Grow and Learn with Jesus*.

Staffing

Laura Sugrue, our Year 3 Lisbon teacher, will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term. I am sure you will all join me as we wish Laura all the best for a safe, healthy arrival of her baby at the end of July. As mentioned in the June newsletter Natalie Grimshaw, our Year 5 Lisbon teacher, leaves on Friday 8th July to begin her exciting new teaching career in Colombia, South America. Three new teachers are starting in September. Izabella Torrano, Orla Reilly and Bella Fuller. We are really looking forward to welcoming them as part of St Anthony's team. We are also very pleased to be welcoming Adriana Szuba in September to our staff team as a Teaching Assistant and Welfare Assistant. We hope they will be very happy in their new roles. Below is the list of staffing for September:

Nursery	- Katy Laws (Early Years Lead)
Reception Lisbon	- Aimie Peacock
Reception Padua	- Shannon Kelly
Year 1 Lisbon	- Frankie Fairlie
Year 1 Padua	- Ann Power (Key Stage One Lead)
Year 2 Lisbon	- Amy McMahan
Year 2 Padua	- Megan Brogan
Year 3 Lisbon	- Corinne Bygrave
Year 3 Padua	- Izabella Torrano
Year 4 Lisbon	- Abbie Clark
Year 4 Padua	- Orla Reilly
Year 5 Lisbon	- Bella Fuller
Year 5 Padua	- Catherine Elliott and Hannah Mitchell
Year 6 Lisbon	- John McGinn (Key Stage Two Lead)
Year 6 Padua	- Martin McDermott (Assistant Head) and Sarah McCabe

Cover for teachers' PPA time, continuing professional development and co-ordinators' release time will be provided by Rachel Smith, Frances Nicholson, Eva Thomas and Maria Madden (HLTA).

Melanie Brimicombe, our Assistant Headteacher, will continue in her role as Inclusion Co-ordinator (INCo).

Martin McDermott, our Assistant Headteacher, will continue to help raise standards throughout the school. He will have a shared class responsibility so that he can work closely with all classes across the school.

Melanie and Martin will also continue in their roles as Designated Safeguarding Leads.

New to Year 3

Parents of children in **Year 2** are invited to a New to Year 3 meeting in the school hall on **Tuesday 19th July** at 9.15am.

Summer Reading Challenge

It's almost time for this year's Summer Reading Challenge, the annual reading engagement programme delivered by The Reading Agency.

The Summer reading challenge aims to tackle the summer reading 'dip' by encouraging children aged 4 - 11 to read for pleasure over the summer holidays by setting a reading target and receiving rewards and incentives along the way. The theme for this year's Challenge is 'Gadgeteers'. Developed in collaboration with the Science Museum Group, the Challenge will show children that science is all around us every day and inspire them to unleash their curiosity and creativity.

I look forward to seeing to seeing many 'Gadgeteers' certificates in the Autumn term.

Reports

You will receive your child's annual report and any statutory assessment results on Thursday 7th July.

Annual Questionnaire

Every year we consult with 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. Please find below the link you will need to complete this year's questionnaire. The questionnaire will be open for views until Wednesday 21st July. Many thanks in advance.

<https://forms.office.com/r/fh3pNcSDN4>

Sports Day

Below is a list of the dates for the Sports Days for all classes. We have included reserve dates in case of cancellation due to bad weather. Parents are welcome to spectate at these events. Please do not cross over any running tracks to see your child as this will cause problems. Parents/visitors need to stay in the spectator areas. If there is bad weather and a need to cancel, parents will be notified as soon as possible via email.

Fri 8th July	Nursery Sports Morning
Mon 11th July	Lisbon classes -Rec, Y1 and Y2 Sports Morning 10-12pm Lisbon classes – Y3,4,5 and 6 Sports afternoon 1.30-3.30pm
Tues 12th July	Padua classes -Rec, Y1 and Y2 Sports Morning 10-12pm Lisbon classes – Y3,4,5 and 6 Sports afternoon 1.30-3.30pm
Wed 13th July	Reserve date for Lisbon classes – same timings as above.
Thurs 14th July	Reserve date for Nursery sports morning
Fri 15th July	Reserve date for Padua classes- same timings as above

Art Project

The children in Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 were involved in some fabulous artwork using recyclables recently. We would like to sincerely thank one of our parents, Victoria Culf, who kindly provided all the resources and her time, to lead the sessions. The artwork produced will be on display in Watford High Street over the weekend of 16th July. We hope you will be able to see the results of the children's efforts when you visit the town centre!

Attendance Update

The whole school attendance has been **94%** from 2nd September until Wednesday 5th July. Unfortunately, this is still below the **96%** minimum target set by the Government. Class attendance can be seen below. Well done to Year 4 Lisbon and Year 5 Lisbon who achieved the highest attendance during this time.

	89%	
	Lisbon	Padua
Nursery		
Reception	92%	91%
Year 1	93%	94%
Year 2	94%	94%
Year 3	94%	94%
Year 4	96%	94%
Year 5	96%	95%
Year 6	95%	94%

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Reception Padua

Rhys M received a medal for 'Footballer of the Week'

Year 1 Padua

Evelyn A-T received a certificate for Filmmaker of the Week from her Performing Arts Academy.

Mikaela Y was awarded Level 8 of the Gymnastic Proficiency Awards.

Year 2 Padua

Lorcan K was awarded a Croxley Green FC medal for taking part in a tournament and two trophies for U7's team participation and also the Manager's player of the season.

Year 3 Lisbon

Bobby N was awarded a trophy from Titans FC U8's for Players' Player of the season.

George S was awarded Stage 4 of the Learn to Swim Awards.

Year 4 Lisbon

Tai D-A was awarded a trophy from Titans FC U8's for the season. Tai also received two medals for a football holiday club.

Year 5 Lisbon

Sofia B-N took part in the Watford Colour Run raising money for the Peace Hospice

Year 5 Padua

Lotti L-P took part in the Watford Colour Run raising money for the Peace Hospice

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6th July	School closed – staff training day.
Thursday 7 th July	Year 5 and 6 performance of Treasure Island.
Thursday 7 th July	Nursery Coffee morning 11am- 12pm
Friday 8 th July	Reception classes Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm – 3.25pm
Monday 11 th July	Reception Padua visit Hudnall Park Y3 Padua visit to Reveley Lodge
Tuesday 12 th July	Year 1 Padua to visit Wenzels head office to experience baking.
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 6 children's disco 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
Monday 18 th July	Leavers' mass for Y6 children and parents -2pm
Tuesday 19 th July	Drum performance for Y3 Lisbon parents at 1.45 -2pm Y3 Padua parents at 2.30- 2.45pm Year 1 Lisbon to visit Wenzels head office to experience baking.
Wednesday 20 th July	Leavers' assembly for Y6 children and parents -9.15am School finishes for summer Y1-Y6 2.30pm finish. Reception classes 2.25pm finish.
Thursday 1 st September	INSET day (school closed).
Friday 2nd September	Term begins

I wish you all a wonderful summer - I hope you will find time to relax and spend time with your family.

I look forward to seeing you all in September for a new school year.

God bless,

Elaine Harrold

Headteacher

