



June 2022 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Sympathy

On behalf of our whole school community I would like to take this opportunity to pass on our love, support and sympathy to the Konopnicka family who have recently suffered a bereavement. I know they have been part of the prayers of all who know them, in particular, our Year 1 Padua families. Please keep Lukasz Klementowski and all the family in your prayers at this very sad time.

Feast Days and Holy Communion

St Anthony's Feast Day was celebrated with all the children on Monday 13th June. The children completed a trail around the school answering questions about our very special school saint. Key Stage Two children took part in a Corpus Christi assembly on Thursday 16th June.

We are really enjoying hearing from children in Key Stage Two who have recently made their First Holy Communion. It sounds like they have celebrated with very special days. If these children could bring in a photograph of themselves in their Holy Communion dress or suit we would like to add their photo to our school display.

There is a special mass for children in Year 3 and 4 on **Friday 24th June at 2.30pm**. If parents of these children would like to attend please telephone or email the school office so we can ensure enough seating.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We raised £801 during our Platinum Jubilee afternoon celebrations. We also raised £229.95 from the commission of the School Jubilee tea towels. I would like to thank Megan, our Y2 Padua teacher, for organising the making of the tea towels with all the children. I would also like to thank Mr Kielty, one of our grandparents, for his fantastic donated prize of House of Common goodies and signed memorabilia.

Thank you to everyone for your participation and continued support of all fund-raising events, it is very much appreciated. The money raised will be put towards the new trim trails for the children.

Reminder of Staff Training Day – school closure

On **Wednesday 6th July** there will be a training day for staff to implement a new systematic synthetic phonics teaching programme. This training is vital for staff and the training requires a whole day. Therefore, school will be closed for all children. The school will reopen for children on **Thursday 7th July**.

Staffing Update

We are very sad to announce that Natalie Grimshaw, our Y5 Lisbon teacher, will be leaving St Anthony's as she has been given a wonderful opportunity to work in a school in Colombia, South America. Natalie has been part of St Anthony's for many years now and we will all miss her greatly. I am sure you will join me in wishing Natalie every success in her exciting new role. We are hoping Natalie's new school will become linked to St Anthony's so we can learn about life in Colombia. So watch out for updates! Natalie's last day will be Friday 8th July.

Scooters and balls

Please can I remind all parents that children need to dismount from scooters and bikes as they enter the school grounds. Can I also remind parents that children must not play ball games on the front or back playground before or after school. Both of these school rules are to help keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Uniform

Now it looks like summer is finally here can I remind you that children need to wear summer dresses/shorts with red socks. It is also useful for children to have a named cap/hat to protect them from the sun. Sandals may not be worn. Trainers or school shoes are the best footwear for our playground surfaces. Water bottles are essential every day.

Attendance Update

The whole school attendance has been **94%** from 2nd September until Friday 17th June. Unfortunately, this is still below the **96%** minimum target set by the Government. Class attendance can be seen below.

Nursery	88%	
	Lisbon	Padua
Reception	92%	90%
Year 1	94%	94%
Year 2	94%	94%
Year 3	94%	94%
Year 4	95%	95%
Year 5	96%	95%
Year 6	95%	93%

A particular well done to **Year 5 Lisbon** who achieved the highest class attendance during this time.

Year 5 and Year 6 Production – Treasure Island

Year 5 and 6 will be performing Treasure Island for the parents on **Thursday 7th July**.

There will be an afternoon performance (2pm) and an evening performance (7pm). Numbers for the evening will need to be restricted so we will be sending home two tickets for each family to bring home.

The afternoon performance will not be ticketed. All school age children will have seen the play so please do **not** bring them to the evening performance. Children below school age should be brought to the afternoon performance and **not** the evening performance.

Please organise babysitters in advance as all children who attend our school as well as pre-school children will not be able to come into the evening performance. It is very upsetting for parents to miss their child's performance because they have not made appropriate arrangements. And it is also very difficult for staff who have to turn them away

Tickets for the evening performance will be issued to Year 5 and 6 children on Monday 27th June.

Sports Days

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. 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 22 nd June	Y2 Lisbon to visit Pizza Express. Year 3, 4 and 5 Lisbon disco. 5.30 pm to 7.30pm. Tickets on sale via The Gateway.
Thursday 23 rd June	New to Reception Parents meeting 9.15am
Friday 24 th June	Y3 and Y4 Holy Communion Mass 2.30pm. Parents welcome.
Tuesday 28 th June	Y2 classes visit Bucks County Museum – Roald Dahl exhibition Y1 classes take part in a Singing Festival at The Clarendon Muse, Watford School of Music
Wednesday 29 th June	Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul Year 4 visit to Cassiobury Farm Year 3, 4 and 5 Padua disco. 5.30 pm to 7.30pm.
Thursday 30 th June	Y3 Lisbon visit to Reveley Lodge
Monday 4 th July	Nursery visit Bekonscot Model Village Y2 Classes to take part in a history workshop
Wednesday 6th July	School closed – staff training day.
Thursday 7 th July	Year 5 and 6 performance of Treasure Island- see information above.
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
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
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.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Nursery

Alex C was awarded a British Proficiency Award for pre-school 2nd badge.

Reception Padua

Maria S was awarded a Theatre Ballet Award for dance.

Year 2 Lisbon

Lorcan M achieved the Learn to Swim Stage 2 Award.

Year 2 Padua

Laura T was awarded Level 8 of the Gymnastic Proficiency Awards.

Oskar M was awarded a medal for a running race in a holiday sports club.

Benjamin J and Jotham G were U7 Watford Youth Sport Summer Tournament winners. They won a trophy.

Year 4 Padua

Christian R won a trophy for Football Icon Academy Player of the Week.

Year 5 Lisbon

Emmanuel A received a medal from Xtra time for saving penalties during their holiday club.

Year 5 Padua

Eryk M was awarded a medal for goalkeeping in a holiday sports club.

Venice G won a medal for Jubilee Challenge meal.

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless and take care,

Elaine Harrold