



St Anselm's Catholic Primary

School Newsletter

Learning and growing together through prayer, belief and love



29th March 2018



Dear Parents,

Today, as we finish for the Easter Holidays, I would like to thank you all for the support that you have given to the children and school this term. The spring term was short, yet busy and I'm sure you will agree very cold! Everyone in school has worked really hard and we are proud of the children's great work and dedication to their learning.

Being in school during Holy Week allowed us complete our Lenten preparations with some special and spiritual liturgies for Easter. On Monday we were blessed with lovely sunshine as we re-enacted a beautiful Palm Sunday procession starting in the quiet area leading into the back playground and finishing in the front playground. Fr Guy celebrated our end of Term Mass for us yesterday in thanksgiving for the blessings of the term. It was also very fitting that today on Holy Thursday Year 6 presented a performance of Our Lord's Passion for their parents and the pupils. It was a truly beautiful experience –spiritual, emotional and reverent.

Once a term, R.E. teaching is dedicated to Catholic Social Teaching. Our topic last week was 'Family and Community'. The Chaplains launched this topic with an assembly on Monday to inspire the children to think widely about how to live their lives thinking of others. In response, Year 5 visited the Laurels nursing home and brought along a range of their learning activities and some gifts to share with the residents. Some of the pupils also played the piano for the residents. Mrs Ponnaganti also took the choir to the Laurels on Friday to sing a repertoire of their beautiful songs. The visits were a highly rewarding experience for the children, teaching staff and the residents of the Laurels.

We also had a successful fundraising 'Wear a Hat Day' on Friday which so far has raised the sum of £346 for Brain Tumour Research. Thanks to everyone for supporting this worthwhile cause and to Molly Harrington and the School Council for their suggestion to hold this fundraising event for the Brain Tumour Charity. The CCS Lenten Charity Boxes should be returned to school after the Easter Holiday.

Assemblies – On 15th March, 3 Maple presented a super and most enjoyable assembly on St Patrick for their parents and KS2 pupils and last Thursday, 1 Aspen treated their parents and the KS1 children to a wonderful assembly based on their R.E. topic, 'Following Jesus'.

Sports Update- On Tuesday 13th March the Year 6 A and B netball teams participated in the last competition of the year, in the 'Harrow Saints' Schools Netball Rally'. The teams played really well together, showcasing all their netball skills. The level of team work and encouragement was fantastic, with both A and B teams finishing in third place in their categories! Congratulations and well done to the teams and their coaches; Miss Mazzi and Mrs Redmond.

The Year 5/6 Football Team also took to the pitch on Wednesday in the Harrow Primary Football League playoff finals. The boys played extremely well finishing 4th place in the Harrow Schools League. Congratulations to the team and to Mr Scannell and Miss Lucas for training the team.

Music Performances – Our KS2 choir did us proud at the recent Harrow Choir Showcase. They gave an outstanding performance with two beautiful songs before joining other Harrow schools for a final number. Seven violinists from Years 5 & 6 took part this week in the recent Harrow Music String Festival and performed many and varied pieces of music to a large audience. Well done to all these children for representing St Anselm's so well.

The staff and I wish you all Holy and Happy Easter with your children. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 16th April**.

Mrs A Monahan,
Head Teacher





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We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Collyer, Assistant Head Teacher last week from Maternity Leave. Today we said goodbye and thank you to Miss Lucas, Teaching Assistant in Year 2 for all her great work. We wish her all the best for the future.

Designated Safeguarding Lead - The person responsible for Safeguarding including Child Protection at St Anselm's, is the Head Teacher, Mrs Monahan. In her absence, Mrs O'Connell has this responsibility. The governor with responsibility for Safeguarding is Mrs Ailish Healy, Chair of Governors.

Main School Entrance

In the interest of safeguarding, all parents must use the main entrance via the carpark to the school at all times. The entrance adjacent to the hall is strictly for staff and pupil

Playground Improvement Works During the Easter holidays, the soft area along the fencing in the front playground will be re-surfaced with Tarmac. In addition to improving the appearance of the playground it should make this area of the playground more accessible for the children's use. It will also provide a safe walkway for children to walk their bicycles and scooters to and from the cycle and scooter racks. Other minor repair works are also planned for the back playground.

Uniform - A reminder that children in Years 1 – 6 should be wearing their school ties. Please also to collect any lost property before the end of term. Thankyou

School Uniform - The school uniform supplier is a local company, Angels, 317 Rayners Lane. You can choose to order online at www.angelsuniforms.co.uk or buy directly from the shop in Rayners Lane.

Dates for your diary:

29/03/18	Last day of term – school finishes at 2.45pm OSC 5.30pm
16/04/18	Term begins children in school
26/04/18	Class Assembly 1 Beech 9.00am
27/04/18	SPA disco (R, Yr 1 & Yr 2) 5pm – 6.30pm
02/04/18	Yrs 4, 5 & 6 'Healthy Travel Choices' Theatre in school
03/05/18	Class Assembly 2 Elm 9.00am
07/05/18	Bank Holiday – school closed
17/05/18	Y3 to Roald Dahl Museum
28/05 - 01/06/18	Half term
11/06 - 15/06/18	Y6 School Journey to Kingswood
15/06/18	SPA Father's Day Present Room
22/06/18	SPA Father's Day coffee morning
27/06/18	Y4 to Affinity Water
07/07/18	SPA Summer BBQ
10/07/18	KS2 Sports Day (pm)
11/07/18	KS1 Sports Day (am)
19/07/18	Y6 Leavers Mass
20/07/18	Last day of term for children – school finishes at 2.45pm OSC 5.30pm

Term and holiday dates for **2018-2019** are now available on the school website.

