



# St Anselm's Catholic Primary

## School Newsletter

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### 19th July 2019

Dear Parents,

It's time to say goodbye to another school year! The children and staff are eagerly looking forward to their holidays as I'm sure you are too!

It has been another very successful year for St Anselm's. We are very pleased with the strong academic results that have been achieved, and the many extra-curricular Arts and Sports activities that the children were involved in during the year.

The year was topped off earlier this week with two superb performances by Year 6 of their production, 'The Circle of Life', and a beautiful presentation yesterday of African drumming, song and dance by class 5 Poplar.

Fr Stuart Seaton celebrated a beautiful Leavers' Mass for Year 6 yesterday, which was attended by their parents and KS2 pupils and staff, this morning KS1 attended Mass to mark the end of the school year. Following tradition, yesterday evening, SPA kindly treated Year 6 to a Leavers disco and pizza while parents mingled and enjoyed refreshments alfresco.

Year 6 had their grand finale this morning when they presented an emotional assembly to their parents looking back on their years at St Anselm's.

**Appreciation** - I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and everyone involved with the life of the school during the past year and the parents who volunteer in the school library. A special word of thanks to the SPA for all their amazing work and support to the school community again this year. I would also like to thank Fr Guy and the governing body for their hard work and commitment to the success of the school. Finally, I wish to thank all the school staff and the children who have worked wholeheartedly throughout the year.

**Farewells** – Today we said good bye to Miss Boyle who is following her dream and going to Drama school to study for an MA in acting. We also said good bye Miss Mazzi who is moving school. I would like to express my thanks to both teachers for all that they have given to the children whom they taught at St Anselm's. We also said goodbye to Mrs Cregg, who after 25 years' service to the school is having some well -deserved time for herself and her family. We also said goodbye and thanks to Mrs. Hilton and Ms. O'Brien for their contribution to the school this year.

**Welcomes** – We welcome our new teachers, Miss Knott, and Mr. Yiannis Pascallis and teaching assistants, Miss Barry and Mr. Williams. We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs. Garland.

**Wedding Bells** – Congratulations to Miss Mulrooney, who is getting married in Ireland during the summer holidays. We wish her and her husband to be a fabulous wedding day and all good wishes for their future.

**Planning ahead** – we have planned opportunities for parents to meet their children's teachers in the second week of term as follows:

Tuesday 10 September	Tuesday September	Year 2 Year 4	3.30 - 4.10 4.15 - 4.55
Wednesday 11 September	Wednesday September	Year 5 Year 6	3.30 - 4.10 4.15- 4.55
Thursday 12 September	Thursday September	Year 1 Year 3	3.30- 4.10 4.15- 4.55

**School Attendance** - school attendance over the last three years:

Attendance 1/9/15–27/5/16	Attendance 1/9/16-26/5/17	Attendance 04/09/17-25/05/18
96.47%	96.41%	96.41%

The school attendance target is **96.6%** for this academic year. As at the last day of the school year, our attendance is **95.8%**. **Unfortunately, due to end of term absences we did not reach our attendance target!**

Please continue to support the school for the remainder of the year by:

- Ensuring that children attend school every day that they are fit and healthy **and**
- Avoiding taking your children out of school during term time.

**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 safeguarding governor is Mrs Ailish Healy, Chair of Governors.

Finally, the staff and I wish you all a relaxing summer holiday with your children. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Mrs A Monahan, Head Teacher





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**Cycle Training** –Just in time for the summer break, The Bicycle Society, (UK's only CPD accredited provider) in partnership with Harrow Council were in school on Monday and provided balance bike training for all pupils in Ash and Alder classes. The children learnt valuable skills and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. EYFS, KS1 and KS2 also took part in a BMX display aimed at encouraging future riders and promoting road safety for cyclists at the same time. The displays were exciting and well received by all the children.

**Twitter** We encourage you to follow us on Twitter for the latest news and updates across the school.  
<https://twitter.com/StAnselmsHA1> our Twitter handle is @StAnselmsHA1.

**School Uniform** – Please note that coats and jackets should be navy blue with the St Anselm's Logo, purchased from Angel's Uniform supplier or a plain navy blue coat or anorak without commercial logos.

(**Upper KS2 pupils only** may wear black outer wear if blue is not obtainable in their size).

**Other colours are not permissible.** The school uniform supplier is, Angels, 317 Rayners Lane. You can choose to order online at [www.angelsuniforms.co.uk](http://www.angelsuniforms.co.uk) or buy directly from the shop in Rayners Lane.

### Dates for your diary:

19/07/2019	<b>End of term School finishes at 1.30pm (OSC 4.15pm)</b>
04/09/2019	Children return to school

