



St Anselm's Catholic Primary

School Newsletter

Learning and growing together through prayer, belief and love

22nd November 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Maths Workshop for EYFS & KS1 classes on Tuesday. The information shared at the workshop is on the website for parents to view. Some parents with children in EYFS asked about a follow up. We will get back to you shortly with more details about this.

Governors' Fund – St Anselm's is a Voluntary Aided school and as such the governors are responsible for the school buildings. This includes upgrading and maintaining the condition of the buildings. In order to have the financial resources for this, the governors' of catholic schools must operate a governors' fund. This is the reason why all parents are asked to pay their governors' fund contribution each year. Many of you will be aware that we are planning to build a music room at the rear of the school building where the Bicycle Shelter now stands. This means that we need to raise a significant amount and therefore we are reminding parents of the importance of paying their governors contribution of £80. Within the next week, parents will receive a letter from the governors explaining the purpose of the governors' fund in more detail and instructions on how to pay it via Parent Pay.

Attendance – the school attendance target for this year is 97%. **As at the end of this week attendance is 97.50%.** Thank you to all our children and parents for your support as we continue to meet our target.

Assemblies: Last Wednesday, Class **4 Pine** presented a wonderfully creative assembly combining their History topic and linked to their study of the Journal of Iliona. Yesterday Class **2 Cedar** presented their assembly on their topic of The Great Fire of London. They showcased their learning beautifully through drama, song, music and prayer. Congratulations to both of these classes for these fantastic achievements.

Trips: On Wednesday **Year 4** visited the Verulamium Museum to enhance and impact on their learning about the Romans in Britain. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and got to handle real Roman artefacts and learnt how people of Roman Verulamium lived.

'I really enjoyed the day especially when I got to dress up as a Celt because I found out about different clothes.' Francisco.
'I enjoyed making mosaic designs using real tiles.' Nancy. *'I enjoyed finding out about what was used in kitchens during Roman times'* Danny

Year 3 This morning, **Year 3** were taken on a journey back in time to the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age! Through drama and role play, they discovered how life changed through the ages and explored key aspects of those times such as how Stonehenge was made, how people in the Stone Age gathered and collected food and the process of creating bronze.

"I was learning lots about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age but having fun at the same time!" – Joseph

Road Safety Week - Congratulations to Ava Gollings, 6 Yew, whose competition entry was selected as the winning entry in Harrow. She was presented with her trophy and winning banner at Monday's assembly. The banner has been displayed on the main school gate. Each child in the school has also received a reflective gift in addition to the banner. Road Safety workshops took place for the whole school on Thursday afternoon where the messages of road safety were conveyed in a fun interactive manner.

Sporting Achievements - We are delighted to share with you that due to her success in the Harrow Cross Country competitions, Kitty Norrington was one of eight girls selected to run for Harrow in the London Youth Games. She came in the top half of over 300 runners and was the third of the Harrow girls to cross the line. Well done to Kitty!

SPA Events: Tickets for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November are now almost sold out, so please buy now if you haven't already done so. On Friday 29th the children have a **'Mufti Day'** on which they should bring a bottle for the very popular Bottle Stall. Staff will be outside the main office reception to collect and sort your donated bottles. Classes are busy creating their enterprise stalls, competing with each other to raise the most funds in order to win goodies for their class!

Change of date for May Bank Holiday - the Government has announced that the early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May in order to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs A Monahan, Head Teacher





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Safeguarding—The person responsible for Safeguarding including Child Protection is Mrs O'Connell, Deputy Head Teacher. In her absence Mrs Monahan, Head Teacher, and Mrs Marotta, Assistant Head Teacher share the responsibility. The safeguarding governor is Mrs Ailish Healy. Chair of Governors.

Flu Catch up clinic

If your child was absent for the recent flu vaccination in school, we have listed below dates and details of flu catch up clinics (walk in) that your child may attend. These are on: 3 December 2019 3.30pm to 5.00pm 17 December 3.30pm to 5.00pm
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At Alexandra Avenue Health Centre, 275 Alexandra Avenue, Harrow, HA2 9DX

September 2020 Primary School Admissions

Applications are now invited for children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016. You can make a primary school application (also known as a common application form CAF) to Harrow Council online using the following link: www.eadmissions.org.uk. Being a catholic voluntary aided school you will also need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which can be found on our website www.st-anselms.harrow.sch.uk A Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) from your Parish Priest will also be required. Please return these to the school office before the closing date (15th January 2020).

Family/parenting course - The following courses are available from HOPE Harrow who offer support for parents and families in Harrow <http://www.hopeharrow.org.uk/content/aboutus.html>.

To book a place call HOPE Harrow on 0208 863 7319 or email info@hopeharrow.org.uk

Course	Dates	Cost
Motivating our children to learn	Tuesday 3 December (7.00-9.00pm)	£15/£7.50 concession
Effective Parenting	30 Jan to 26 March (8 sessions) 7.00-9.00pm	£60/£30 concessions
Parenting with positive discipline	3 June 2020 (7.00-9.00pm)	£15/£7.50 concession
Effective parenting – Anger management	11 May 2002 6.30-8.30pm	£15/£7.50 concession

Parking – A big thank you to the 201 families who have signed up to the **St Anselm's Parking Pledge**. Can I just remind car drivers who drive up to the school to drop off their children to please be considerate of our neighbours when parking.

Dates for your diary:

28/11/2019	6 Yew Class assembly 9am in the School Hall
28/11/2019	EYFS and Year 6 height and weight measurements taken
29/11/2019	Year 2 Headstone Museum
29/11/2019	SPA Mufti Day for bottle stall tombola
29/11/019	Author visit for EYFS and Y1
30/11/2019	SPA Christmas Fayre
02/12/2019	Penitential Service (years 4-6)
03/12/2019	African Drumming performance for Y5 parents 2.30pm
05/12/2019	5 Poplar class assembly 9am in the School Hall
05/12/2019	Year 4 to Harrow Arts Centre 12.30 – 2.30 pm
09/12/2019	Y6 to Ryan Theatre Harrow on the Hill 12.30pm – 3pm
10/12/2019	Reception Nativity Concert 9.30am
11/12/2019	Christmas Lunch for the children
12/12/2019	Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Performance 2pm
13/12/2019	Staff Inset Day
16/12/2019	End of term mass 10.45am
18/12/2019	Wizard Theatre performance
19/12/2019	KS2 Carol concert for parents 2pm
20/12/2019	End of term School finishes at 1.30pm (OSC 4.15pm)

