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Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Today is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own baptism; the baptismal commitment that our godparents made on our behalf. How do we keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts and the light of Christ burning brightly?

Dear Parents, Carers and Children, the staff and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome you back to the new term. We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and a restful holiday. The children have settled back into their school routines in the last few days and we are all looking forward to a busy term ahead.

Start of Term: Yesterday, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany and the start of the new term, with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr Derek with 6 Yew leading the readings.

School and Parish: It has been a joy for the staff and children to be able to worship and attend Mass in person again this week at our Parish Church and I know that the Parish is looking forward to the resumption of the Sunday Children's Liturgy in the near future. In the meantime, there will be a monthly **Sunday Family Mass** celebrated at 10am on the first Sunday of each month. The first Family Mass takes place on **Sunday 6th February** and I am sure that many of you will be pleased to attend with your children.

School Photographs: Next Wednesday we have the School Photography Company in school for the day to take individual and sibling portraits. Please ensure that your child is in their full school uniform for this day. For classes who usually have PE, teachers will allocate a different day for PE and communicate this via the home-school link book. Children taking part in the Multisports Club after school may bring a kit to change into.

Punctuality: Occasionally, unavoidable circumstances will mean that a child arrives late for school and misses registration. However, this should be the exception and not a regular occurrence. Please ensure that you allow plenty of time in the morning to bring your child to school in good time for registration at 8.55, and make every effort to collect them promptly once school is over.

Term Dates for 2022/2023: The term dates for 2022/2023 are attached with today's newsletter.

That's all for this week's newsletter; class pages and achievements will return next week. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

With kind regards,

Mrs. O'Connell



Wishing a very happy birthday to those celebrating their birthday since the start of 2022!

- Olivia - Alder
- Aurora - Aspen
- Stefan - Cedar
- Sharon & Sophia – Maple
- Amara & Leana - Pine
- Joseph – Poplar
- Olawale, Aoife & Kanaiyah - Willow
- Sofia & Austin – Yew

St Anselm's Staff & Parent Association (SPA) News & Updates

Roundups: Thank you all for supporting the creative arts at St Anselm's through donating your pennies by Roundups. Our latest update shows that you have raised **£299.85**, keep going as every penny counts!

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Notices and Dates for your Diary:

As you will see from the dates listed below, we plan for classes to celebrate Thursday Class Liturgies this term. We are happy to welcome parents from the leading class into the school to attend and for this term, this will continue be limited to **one parent only**. Parents attending are expected to **wear face-coverings** whilst inside the building. **Liturgies will take place at 9am in the school hall with the exception of the Year 1 Liturgy which will be in Church.**

Date	Event
Wednesday 12 th January	School Photography Company taking individual and sibling photographs
Monday 17 th January	Healthy Living week
Wednesday 19 th January* added today	Reception Classes Vision Screening
Thursday 20 th January	6 Willow Class Liturgy
Friday 21 st January	SPA Running Event
Wednesday 26 th January	Year 6 Drugs Awareness Workshop
Thursday 27 th January	2 Cedar Class Liturgy
Tuesday 1 st February* added today	'Ages of Man' Workshop for Year 3
Thursday 3 rd February	3 Maple Class Liturgy
1 st - 7 th February * added today	Travelling Book Company Fair
7 th – 11 th February	Internet Safety Week
Monday 7 th February	KS2 Online Safety Workshops
14 th – 18 th February	Half Term
Thursday 24 th February	3 Larch Class Liturgy
Tuesday 1 st March * added today	Dance Showcase
Wednesday 2 nd March	Mass for Ash Wednesday & Distribution of ashes
Thursday 3 rd March	4 Pine Class Liturgy
Thursday 10 th March	4 Oak Class Liturgy
Thursday 17 th March	Year 1 Liturgy
Thursday 24 th March	5 Poplar Class Liturgy
Friday 25 th March* added today	SPA Mothers' Day Present Room
29 th & 31 st March * added today	Parent Open Evenings
Thursday 31 st March	End of Term Mass 5 Rowan to lead
Friday 1 st April	Spring Term Ends

September 2022 Primary School Admissions

Applications are now invited for children born **between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018**. 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 2022**).

Covid-19: As an update to the letter sent on 4th January, it was announced yesterday that from next Tuesday 11 January, people with positive LFD test results for coronavirus will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. However, LFD testing is for asymptomatic testing and anyone with symptom of coronavirus should book a PCR test.

Term dates for 2021/22 are available on the school website

Support for Parents: For any parent in need of support with any aspect of parenting, there is help available including one to one parenting support. Hope Harrow can be contacted on 0208 863 7319 or by email info@hopeharrow.org.uk or visit their website <http://www.hopeharrow.org.uk> for further details of their work with families.

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

Safeguarding of Children is the responsibility of everyone. If you have a safeguarding concern about a child please contact **Mrs O'Connell** the Designated Safeguarding Lead or in her absence **Mrs Kelly-Keegan** or **Mrs Marotta** who are Deputy DSL's. The Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Leanne O'Brien.

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