

St Anthony's Newsletter

Christmas Fair

A big big thank you to everyone who helped on a stall and spent their money at this year's Christmas Fair. We raised £5816.34—topping last year's amount.

Years 3 & 4 classes will join the parishioners for Mass at St Thomas More at 9:30 on Tuesday. Parents are welcome to join their children's class.

St Patrick's class will lead the assembly next Friday.



St Julie and St Joseph classes

Reception held a wonderful fundraising concert for parents yesterday to raise some funds for equipment and raised an impressive £335—very well done! This will be added to by FOSTAS to make up to the exact amount. The children wrote invitations to their families, baked biscuits to sell and had an opportunity to show off all the learning they have done in class this term.

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House Points

1st place—Zeus

2nd place—Hera & Poseidon

3rd place—Aphrodite



Well done to all the children who received a house point this week.

Maths

Southwark have issued a booklet of Mental Calculation Strategies for Y1-6 which parents might find useful. If you have any questions, please speak to Ms Malherbe who is the maths leader.

Safeguarding online safety

Social media is undeniably a significant part of young peoples' lives, whether they use it as a source of information or as a place to connect with others around the globe. But, when they fill in their details and join a new platform, do they actually know what they are signing up to? As adults are notoriously bad at reading the terms and conditions, can we really expect young people to be trawling through jargon-filled fine print?

Please take time to follow these links to help keep your children safe. Online safety can be a minefield so no matter how young your children are, it's not too early to make sure that you are fully informed and that good habits are established.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Parental-controls/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/live-streaming-responding-to-the-risks/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides>

In this final hyperlink, by clicking on each social media provider which appears, guidance notes for parents are available which also state the minimum age (normally 13).

If parents become aware of their children receiving inappropriate messages from other pupils within the school, I urge you to speak to either myself or Mr Croft so that the school can address these issues.

Attendance and punctuality

Well done to St Bernadette who have been the best class for attendance and punctuality in the school this week.



Good news

Y6 visited the Globe Theatre on Tuesday and received two compliments from members of the public. Mrs Bennett was approached by a family who commented how well behaved they were and when they found out what school they went to they said it was obvious that they went to a Church school because of their lovely behaviour.

The second compliment came by email to the school and I have included excerpts below:

“I just wanted to say how well behaved your pupils were on a train I was on today... I even found myself taking out my earbuds because it was just so nice to hear such polite, happy children. With the best will in the world, I think it is harder for most children to be aware of how their behaviour impacts those around them, certainly not out of selfishness, but because they are still learning. That was definitely not the case today.... They should be very proud of themselves and know that their excellent behaviour doesn't go unnoticed by others, especially in a world where people seem to find it so much easier to complain about rather than compliment others.”

How wonderful that our Year 6 children were such good ambassadors for St Anthony's—very well done.

Christmas Elves at St Anthony's!

The Christmas Elves came to school yesterday to switch on the tree lights which was very exciting for the children. Sometime during Wednesday night a small doorway magically appeared in the hall next to the Christmas tree and we think this must be the elves' doorway. If your children haven't told you about it yet, ask them about it!



East Dulwich Christmas Cracker

Jigsaw Performing Arts School in Dulwich is performing at the East Dulwich Christmas Cracker which is an outdoor Christmas festival where local performers perform to the general public. They will be doing a musical theatre medley (covering Wicked, Annie, Hamilton, Phantom, Lion King, Les Mis and others) as well as a Christmas tune. The event takes place on Saturday 2nd December with a performance slot is around 3.30pm.

Hand hygiene

We have been encouraging children to wash their hands thoroughly in an attempt to reduce the number of bugs going around the school. It would be great if parents could practise with their children at home this weekend please.

<https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/homehygiene/Pages/how-to-wash-your-hands-properly.aspx>

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair has arrived at school and will be open every morning and afternoon until Wednesday.

The school receives books from Scholastic linked to the number of sales so please support us rather than bookshops and online retailers wherever possible!

KS1 Nativity

You are invited to "Little Angels" on Tuesday 12th December at 9:30 and 2pm.

Please note that the rest of the school will also be watching the Nativity at the 9:30 performance so space will be at a premium.

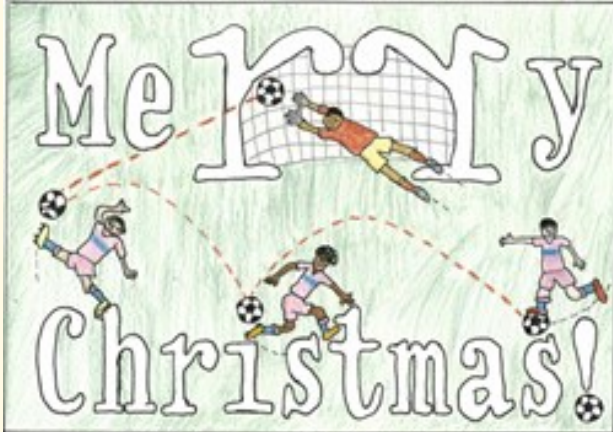


Christmas Card design winner

A few weeks ago, I advertised a Christmas card competition in the newsletter which was being run by Dulwich Hamlet Football Club. I was delighted to hear that one of the entries submitted from St Anthony's has been selected as the winner of our competition.

Klara (St Thomas) was selected as having sent in the best entry this year.

Congratulations!



As a result, Klara's card will be printed and sent out as their official card and St Thomas' class will receive a free coaching session in new year from the ASPIRE academy.

In addition, our whole school (pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers) are invited to attend DHFC v Brightlingsea FC on Saturday 9th December 2017. To gain free entry, you will need to let Mrs Squire know so that she can print you a ticket.

Headteacher Awards

Our Lady's—Cecily & Korede

St Joseph—Laura & Jamie

St Julie—Eva & Ishmael

St Francis—Eleanor & Ismael

St Thérèse—Chidalu & Ella

St Agnes—Betty & Neveh

St Anne—Seren & Tobias

St Bernadette—Ziah & Paolo

St Peter—Katie & Liam

St George—Niamh C & Sonny

St Patrick—Lola & Noah

St Clare—Connie & Michael

St John—Zoe & Matthew

St Paul—Kate & Max

St Thomas—Klara & Natalie

Well done to these children for keeping the school values - CARE

Consideration, Achievement, Respect, Effort

Admissions Consultation

A revised admissions policy for 2019-2021 is being consulted on and can be viewed on the school website.

Any comments on the consultation should be sent to the Admission Committee via the school office by 12th January.

Farewell

We wish Karolina (Our Lady) and Julia (St Anne) the best of luck in their new school.

Year 5 trip

On Monday, some of our year 5 students were invited to the House of Commons! A few weeks ago the pupils entered a competition hosted by The Voice newspaper for Black History Month. They were asked to write a 500 word essay on their "favourite black inventor." They were so good that 16 of them were shortlisted out of 300 pupils across the UK. But a special shout out to Lina who won "the most inspirational" essay, and Raya who won overall winner (and an Amazon Fire 7) But well done to everybody who entered, you are all winners! (Jermica, St John's)

RIP

Please pray for Miss Zanelli whose mother died yesterday.

May she rest in peace.

Mass

There will be a Mass for parents, pupils and staff next Friday (8th) at 3:45 in St Thomas More followed by refreshments in the John Paul Centre. I hope you will be able to join me.

Chaplaincy Team's thought for the week:

Dear Lord,

Please let us remember and prepare for Jesus' birth and his second coming in glory. Amen.

Thank you to Annie for writing this.

