

# St Anthony's Newsletter

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## It's a testing time...



At this time of the school year, teachers begin to assess children's attainment and measure their progress. For most year groups this information informs parents and teachers about how a child is doing at school and what future learning will be.

There are some year groups, however, where a more formal measure of attainment is obtained and the data is then submitted to the Department for Education. These formal measures are taken at the end of Early Years (Reception), Year 1 (Phonics Screening), Year 2 (Key Stage 1 'SATS') and Year 6 (Key Stage 2 'SATS').

Not all assessment is test-based; indeed teachers have a much better idea of how well a child is doing than any test can measure. Any tests that children take are to inform the teacher's judgment, not to determine it. Teachers have been carefully tracking and monitoring children's progress over the entire year and their judgments have been moderated by their colleagues in this school and in schools across the local authority.

If your child is currently taking tests (or is about to begin) we want them to make the most of the opportunity they have to demonstrate their abilities. While test conditions are always strictly observed, we make every effort to ensure that it is as stress free as possible. Tests take place either in the classroom or a smaller room elsewhere in the building. Children are given refreshments after the tests and plenty of time for recreation.

Parents can help also. Make sure children get to bed at a good time and arrive in school refreshed and ready (Year 6 children can have a breakfast when they arrive at school next week). At the end of the day, allow children to play and do things that are not school-related.

Whatever our views on tests, they are a part of life and we should do all we can to give children the best possible chance in them.

## Attendance and Punctuality

The best classes this week are St Julie's and St Clare's

## Good manners cost nothing

St Anthony's has a reputation for good manners and it is always a pleasure to hear that those good manners are evident outside school. A member of staff who was travelling home by bus the other day, overheard a member of the public comment to the driver how nicely one of our pupils had spoken to him when he boarded the bus. When the child had reached his stop, he turned and thanked the driver before alighting.

That well mannered pupil happens to be George in Year 6. Well done George for being such a good ambassador for our school!



## Data Protection

From the 25th May 2018, new regulations will be introduced which affect how our School handles people's data. This is called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Compliance with the regulations will be an ongoing process and the School have appointed a data protection officer to advise and manage compliance with the regulation. Full details of our data protection officer can be found on the school website.

We will be publicising policies and procedures and notices that are compliant with the new regulations in the coming months and will keep you informed of any developments. For the time being, your child's data will be handled in the same manner in accordance with legal principles.

In the meantime we thank you for your patience whilst we take the necessary steps set by the new legislation and guidance with handling data.

## Faith Life

◆ **Assembly:** St John's class will lead the assembly next Friday at 9.00 am

◆ **Fr Joe** visited nursery and Reception this afternoon, he also prayed with Year 6 (who will be starting their SATs on Monday)

◆ Ss Peter and Patrick classes will be joining parishioners for **Mass** at St Thomas More Church next Tuesday

◆ **Chaplaincy Team's** thought for the week:

*He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father*

(from the Creed)

## Ascension Day Mass

Fr Gerry celebrated Mass in school this week. It is the first time in several years that we have been able to mark this great feast, having been moved to Sundays some years ago. The children were well prepared and gave good responses during the homily.



## Clean Teeth

Thanks to Nanette's (nursery) mum who came in to talk to children about dental health this week.

## Last Weeks Solutions and Winners

2 apples

No. He will only burn 46 calories



Congratulations Donnelly and Mudia who are last week's winners.

## Headteacher Award Winners

Congratulations to the following pupils for good manners and hard work this week:

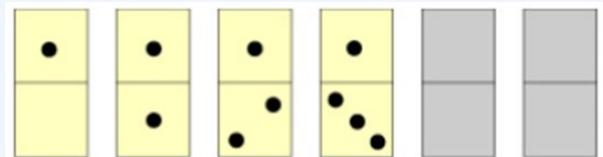
Our Lady's Nursery:	Cecily and Onyx
St Julie's:	Blessing and Ayden
St Joseph's:	Darcy and Gabby
St Francis':	James S. and Sofia
St Thérèse:	Isla and Malakhi
St Anne's:	Seren and Jasper
St Agnes':	Tilyan and Anna
St Bernadette's	Keannah and Nathan
St Peter's:	Rory and Amanda
St George's:	Paulo and Niamh S.
St Patrick's:	Jake and Amberlie
St Clare's:	Charlie and Asha
St John's:	Pia and Onateri
St Paul's:	Jane and George
St Thomas':	Eula and Daniel

## Maths Problems

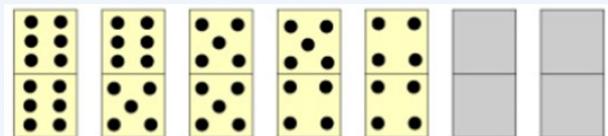
### Domino Sequences

What might the next two dominoes be in each of these sequences?

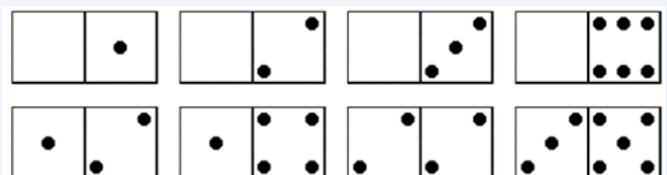
Can you explain why you chose those two dominoes?



What about this?



If you solved those then try this:



Using the 8 dominoes, make a square where each of the columns and rows adds up to 8.