

St Anthony's Newsletter

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Friday 9th February 2018

Spelling—a no nonsense approach!

We all agree that spelling is a life skill and that teaching it should be a non-negotiable part of the school timetable. To meet the needs of the National Curriculum (introduced in 2014), the school has invested in a spelling programme for children from Years 2 to 6. It is called 'No Nonsense Spelling' (Raintree publishers, 2016) and teachers will be using it to teach daily spelling lessons with clear progression across the year.

No Nonsense Spelling

There is a high expectation within the National Curriculum that pupils will learn increasingly complex words. Learning at home needs to be an extension of the practice in school and teachers will be sending out guidance on how you can support your child.

There is little evidence that the traditional practice of learning spellings (usually 10) at home and being tested on them (usually on a Friday) is effective. Be assured, however, your child will continue to be regularly assessed so that progress in spelling can be measured.

Leadership at St Anthony's

The Governing Body of St Anthony's will inform parents after half-term about the future leadership of our school.

Term Dates 2018—2019

Autumn term

Monday 3 September to Friday 19 October 2018

Half term: Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October 2018

Monday 29 October to Friday 21 December 2018

Spring term

Monday 7 January to Friday 15 February 2019

Half term: Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019

Monday 25 February to Friday 5 April 2019

Summer term

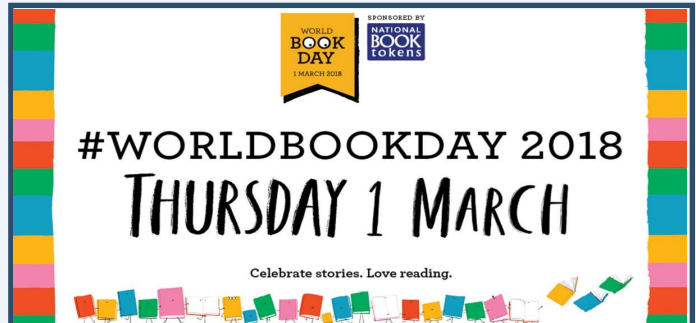
Tuesday 23 April to Friday 24 May 2019

Half term: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019

Monday 3 June to Friday 19th July 2019

Inset Days (School closed to Children)

Mon 03/09/18, Fri 19/10/18, Mon 03/06/19



To celebrate World Book Day, children may come to school that day, dressed as their favourite book character (no football strips!)

Reminder All entries for the 500 Word competition must be submitted via class email or to class teachers by Tuesday 20th February.



Disco Fever

St Anthony's School Disco was a roaring success last Friday. The children had a great time and funds were raised for FOSTAS. Many thanks to all who helped to organise the event.

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Faith Life

♦ **Mass** The children from St Patrick's class will be joining the parishioners for Mass at St Thomas More Church at 09:30 on Tuesday, 20th February.

♦ **Assembly** St Agnes class led a lovely assembly this morning which finished with a lovely rendition of 'If you love me and you know it' (it's St Valentine's Day next week)

♦ **Fr Joe** visited nursery today. He is looking forward to helping us observe Lent.

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

Repent and believe the Good News.



Next Wednesday (14th February is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent)

Ash Wednesday Mass at St Thomas More Church:

09:30

19:30

♦ **The Wednesday Word** this week is: **Compassion**

Headteacher Award Winners

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

Our Lady's Nursery:	Vwede and Cait
St Julie's:	Rosanna and Mark
St Joseph's:	James and Michelle
St Francis':	Ayse and Joel
St Thérèse:	Sorcha and Mudia
St Anne's:	Chidinma and Kobby
St Agnes':	David and Mark
St Bernadette's:	Adriel and Ziah
St Peter's:	William and Elizabeth
St George's:	Bruno and Sebastian
St Patrick's:	Sam and Emilia
St Clare's:	Dermot and Alessia
St John's:	Jermica and Andrew
St Paul's:	Violet and Paolo
St Thomas':	Daniel and Klara

Maths Puzzles

Early Years

Red Riding Hood was taking some treats to her poorly grandmother. She packed a sandwich, an apple, a cake and a drink in her basket. How many treats does Red Riding Hood have for her grandmother?



Infants (KS1)

Basketball Challenge

Choose 3 balls and add them together. You can use each ball more than once.

What is the highest score you can get?

Which balls can you add together to score:

7 points?

10 points?

What other scores can you get?



Juniors (KS2)

16 more than -4 is -12 . True or false? Explain your reasoning.

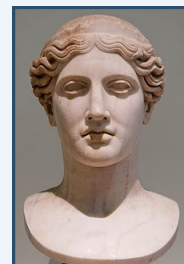
Solutions to Henry in St John's (or Ms Malherbe) by Thursday 22nd February.



Congratulations Sarah and Amelie who are last week's winners.

House Points

1st	Hera	326
2nd	Zeus	273
3rd	Aphrodite	240
4th	Poseidon	212



Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to St Anne's Class for having the best attendance and punctuality this week.