



St Antony's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter

Week Beginning Monday 8th January, 2024



Important School Dates:

Dates	Events for Spring Term - 2024
4th & 5th January	Staff Inset Days – RE: Prayer & Liturgy Curriculum. Day 2: SMSC/Citizenship Project Focus
8th January Reading and Phonics Training	School Resumes: For All Pupils All before & after school clubs resume @ regular times also year 6&5 morning boosters RWI Leaders' Training @ Elmhurst: RM, JB, LW
9th Jan New MIS	Year 6@ Houses of Parliament all day Staff Meeting : Transitioning to Arbor-ICT Team
10th Jan	KS2 Moderation Standardisation YW & JB @LBN
12 January	Whole School Celebration Assembly- Miss Wade
18th Jan	Staff CPD: Prevent Agenda -Knife Crime 3:30pm Leading In A Catholic School@ St Bon's JB& LW
19th Jan	Yr. 6 SMSC Assembly: Wonderfully Made EYFS CPD RED Training@ Brentwood LW &RDA
22nd Jan	RE/SMSC Drop in Observation Week
23rd Jan	1st Year ECTs Prayer and Liturgy CPD@ Brentwood Staff ICT CPD -Curriculum & Coverage-Mr KC
24th Jan	CPD-OLOG Computing Lead Training with HDS CPD -Preparing for EYFS Inspection-EYFS Lead
25th Jan	Year 5 Theatre Visit-Stratford
26th Jan	Olive Class Assembly-Parents Invited
1st Feb	All Parents Knife Crime Workshop 9am Hall & Yr. 5& 6 Pupils PREVENT Knife Crime Workshop pm Yr.3 Pupils Visit London Transport Museum
5th Feb	Computing Observation Week-Skills& Coverage
7th Feb	Pupils E-Safety Workshop @ Wed. Assembly
8th Feb	All Parents E-Safety Workshop 9am Hall
9th Feb	WEAR RED DAY WITH INVITED CHARITIES 9AM ALL PUPILS TO WEAR RED & DONATE AID
12th-14th 14th Feb	Year 6 HALF TERM BOOSTER CLASSES ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 10AM@CHURCH
12th -16th	Half Term Break No School For EYFS-Yr. 5
19th Feb	School Resumes For All Class' Local Library Visits Days Begin
21st Feb	Governors' R&R Meeting@ 6:30pm
28th Feb	OLOG SIP David Clarke in School 9am Governors' E&S meeting @ 6:30pm
1st March	Marvellous March-Book Month Launch St David's Day-Patron Saint of Wales
8th March	Beech Class Assembly-Parents Invited
11th March	Reading Observation Week Across School
14th March	Parents' Reading Workshop in Hall 9am Full Governing Body Meeting @6:30pm
15th March	Pine Class Assembly-Parents Invited
17th March	St Patrick's Day-Patron Saint of Ireland and Nigeria
18th March	Assessment Week
19th March	Parents' Consultation Evening 1
21st March	Parents' Consultation Evening 2
22nd March	Holy Week Mass & Stations of the Cross
25th -27th 25th	MARCH EASTER BOOSTER CLASSES-YR 6 PUPILS MARCH TO 5th APRIL- EASTER HOLIDAYS FOR ALL



From The Head Teacher's Desk

Our Virtue This Week Is:

The Feast Of The EPIPHANY

“Just as the Magi travelled in search of Jesus; those who are wise still seek Him today for He is the Truth, The Light and The Way”



The word Epiphany comes from the Greek *Epiphaneia* which means appearance, revelation or manifestation. The Church's understanding and teachings of this Feast of Epiphany surrounds God's revelation or manifestation of Himself to the world in the person of Jesus Christ. This is a significant event through which God showed that He is the God of both Jews and Gentiles (Gal.3:28). After the visit of the shepherds (who were presumably Jews) to the new born Christ Child through the direction of the Heavenly Host of Angels, Wise Men from across the globe (Gentiles) also encountered the Glory of God's manifestation through Jesus Christ by virtue of the direction of the magnificent star which miraculously appeared in the sky pointing the way to Christ. Epiphany for our faith understanding, involves two important but inseparable truths: **A Divine call made by God** and **A Human Response which follows by Faith**. At Epiphany, God calls us to see and appreciate His gift of inestimable value –His Only Son Jesus (John 3:16). We respond in praise and faith for 'God's Gift' to us through Jesus... which is our salvation. How do we show appreciation for God's unconditional gift of Jesus to us? We do so by giving God our own gifts of love and gratitude...giving what is most valuable to us. The greatest gift that we could give ...is our very self and our dedication to sharing God's Love with others! Let's Celebrate Our Great Epiphany!

FINDING JESUS....LEADS TO FINDING OUR SELVES

The star led them to the place where Jesus was born.
The Wise Men all knelt humbly in homage in Jesus' presence and presented their gifts of Gold and Myrrh and Frankincense.



Jesus, receiver of the wise men and their gifts, help us to follow the light in the midst of our dark world. Fix our eyes and hearts on your light, that we might be bearers of that light to all those who walk in the dark. *Amen.*

Applications FOR RECEPTION

PLACES 2024:

Applications for Reception Places at St Antony's Catholic Primary School



For children to start in September 2024

Children must be born between: 01/09/2019 to 31/08/2020

Closing date for applications is: 15th January 2024

Parents May Collect Application Packs from the Main Office daily between 10am & 2pm

Our Great Christmas Nativity Shows!



Children & Staff On Christmas Jumper Day

Our Children Are Truly Super Stars!

