



# St Antony's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> September 2016



## Important School Dates:

Dates	Events for Autumn Term 2014
1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Staff & Governor's Inset- <b>BACK TO BASICS</b> - 'Policy is Practise!'
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	School Resumes for all staff and pupils
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>Breakfast Club, Viridis &amp; MAE all start</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>Year 6 Parents Meeting 5:30pm-Hall</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yr6 Boosters & After School Clubs begin
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Literacy Day
14 Sept. Wednesday	<b>Parents Information Evening for EYFS &amp; KS1</b> at 5:30 pm- School Hall
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Whole School Mass 10am</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Thursday	<b>Parents Information Evening for KS2 (years 3-5)</b> 5:30 pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Saturday	<b>Governors' Strategic Planning Day 2pm-5pm at the school-Conference Room</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>SEND WEEK-with Parents Workshops</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Full Governor's meeting 6:30pm</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Willow Class Assembly 9:15am</b>
3rd Oct.	<b>Black History Month Launch Assembly</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Parents History Workshop
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Almond Class Assembly-BHM Theme
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	<b>Parents Consultation Evening 3:30-6pm</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	BHM Choral Performance Poetry FS/KS1
20th Oct.	<b>Parents Consultation Evening 3:30-6pm</b>
21st Oct.	Olive Class Assembly
	BHM Inter –Class Performance Poetry Competition KS2 9:15am -Hall
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Last Day Of School-MID TERM BREAK
<b>31st Oct.</b>	<b>Staff &amp; Governor Inset Day-No School</b>

**HALF TERM BREAK will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> -28th OCTOBER \*School resumes November 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 for all staff and pupils**



## From The Head Teacher's Desk

### Our Virtue This Week is: **ENTHUSIASM!**

**Welcome back to a brand new academic year!** All the children from years 1-6 have settled very well in their new classes and have begun to adjust to the necessary changes that they have to make in order to cope with the new levels of challenge that they will now be faced with. Thanks to all the parents/carers and staff who aided with the transition.

**We warmly welcome our new Reception and Nursery classes to school this week and next** as they begin to come in on a phased basis. As these little ones begin to find their way around their new classrooms and the school, they will be kindly assisted by our hardworking and experienced EYFS staff-so we ask all our understanding parents in this phase of the school, to assist the staff with getting the children settled as quickly as is possible each morning by leaving the teachers to take charge of our precious little angels –and taking their leave as quickly as is possible. Some will settle right away and others will need a little more time-this is normal. In a few weeks they will all be racing in unassisted!

**I would like to invite all parents to attend their designated Parents Information Evenings as listed under our 'important dates' section of the newsletter.** On these evenings, I will be giving parents an overview of what we achieved last school year and what will be happening over the current year in the school - discussing with you the expectations of the school for this academic year in terms of behaviour, work ethics and compliance with school procedures. The second part of the evening will give you all an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher in their respective classrooms to be briefed on the National Standards that the children all need to work to meet by the end of the year.

**I look forward to seeing you all. Until then, let me wish you a very positive, productive and progressive new school year!**

Angela Moore

## ENTHUSIASM



**"To approach life with ENTHUSIASM is a choice that we should make on a daily basis as it helps us to see the possibilities instead of the pitfalls, to focus on our potential and rise to challenges rather than shun the pain of even trying to make the effort to adapt and adjust"** Serenity



## THE SCHOOL BELL AND GATES

Parents and carers please be reminded that the bell is rung at 8:45am sharp each morning and that the children are then led inside to class to begin early work. All the school gates are then closed at 9am on the dot! Please leave home in good time to get your children to school early each day. Please cooperate with staff on the gates safeguarding our children each day –they need your help and support as they strive to keep all our precious little ones safe.

## School Clubs Timetable



### After School Clubs

After School Clubs will not begin until the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Our OOHL/PE team have tried to ensure places have been allocated fairly to all new pupils but please note that not every child will get their choice of clubs as most clubs have a quota for health and safety and management reasons. All children, including year six pupils are asked to join at least two clubs as our aim is to make our pupils optimally rounded, balancing academic prowess while fully developing all their latent talents and skills in a range of areas as "To be truly educated is to be multi-faceted!". Our staff generously give their time to run clubs so we require all our children in clubs to behave appropriately or this privilege could be lost.



### Golden Book Achievers

As we begin our first full week of school we will be continuing our Golden Book rewards for two pupils in each class weekly. Their names will be published here each week. So, please encourage your children to work hard and behave well at all times-this will help them to work towards winning the **HEAD TEACHER AWARD** at the end of the year! Good Luck!

### Junior Leaders:

All our new student leaders will be elected and appointed from among our new year 6 pupils. We will be selecting pupils for a range of roles inclusive of: Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies, House Captains and Vice Captains as well as Prefect with a wide range of responsibilities and portfolios. All the new leaders will be following in the footsteps of Jesus and St. Anthony in their service to the school and the wider community.

### Mary As Example (MAE)

is a new service on offer at St Antony's as of this week. Children whose parents are in full time work can join up and stay until 6pm at school. Managed by Miss Hayward and led by Brother Stephen and a team of staff and volunteers. Children are helped with home work and taught many skills for a small daily fee of £5. See Miss Hayward for details.



### Attendance and Punctuality

(All attendance and punctuality is strictly monitored by the school & Newham)  
Congratulations to almost all our classes that achieved almost perfect attendance & punctuality on the first day! Parents please remember to contact the school if your child is absent and to complete a written confirmation sheet explaining why they were absent. Also, be reminded that the London Borough of Newham tracks attendance and punctuality half termly and will be in contact with you if your child's attendance and punctuality falls below expectations. The school's expectation is 100% for attendance and punctuality.

**VIRIDIS@St Antony's** is our new Two Year Old Provision held over the road on the site formerly known as Kid's World.

**Oak Grove** - our new Therapy Centre in the beautiful wooden building & run by Jeremy who is part of our Inclusion Team.

### Lining Up and House Points

Our classes lined up beautifully for the first day of school. Our lining up competition begins this week so classes get ready! This week we will begin allocating house points as usual and details will be published here on a weekly basis for the best classes-on initial observation... it will be very difficult to judge as all the classes were fantastic with lining up so far!

### Booster Classes for Yr. 6

Our booster classes will be held for all year 6 pupils each week from 8:00 until 8:50. Pupils are asked to go straight to their booster groups and get to work and at the end have a quick snack. As usual, we ask all our year 6 parents to get their children to booster classes on time. Entrance is via the main office.



### THE PARENTS TEACHERS & FRIENDS OF ST. ANTONY'S (PTFA) NEWS

Invites all parents of the school to get more actively involved with the association. Every parent of the school actually belongs to this body and many participate wonderfully on occasions and for special events. If you can, please attend our first open meeting on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 @2:00pm @VRIDIS

