



St Antony's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

4th December 2017



Important School Dates:

Dates	Events for Autumn Term 2 2017
30 th October	Staff & Governor's Inset-'RE: The Most CORE of All Subjects -It Changes Lives!'
31 st October	Staff & Governor's Inset-Safeguarding is Everybody's Business -'Policy is Practise!'
1 st Nov.	School Resumes for all staff and pupils
2 nd Nov.	All Saints and All Souls Mass-Whole Sch.
9 th Nov	Full Governing Body Meeting 6:30pm
10 th Nov	Drama Club & Choir Remembrance Assembly- Jr. Leaders to Armistice Day
13 th Nov	Literacy Week Launch
15 th Nov	EYFS (Viridis/Nursery/Reception) & Yr. 1 Parents PHONICS Workshop-Hall 9am-AHT
17 th Nov	Aspen Class Assembly-9:30am
20 th Nov	English & Phonics Observation Week- JB
21 st Nov	GPS Parents' Workshop 9am Hall- JB & OH
24 th Nov	Hazelnut Class Assembly-9:30am Hall
27 th Nov	Assessment Week For Core Subjects
29 th -1 st Dec	Core & Non- Core Book Scrutiny in all Phase Groups Head & SLT/Subject Leads Check
8 th Dec	Nursery Christmas Concert 10am
12 th Dec	Reception Christmas Concert-Hall 10am
13 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Concert-Hall 10am
15 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Concert-Hall 10am Class Parties 1:30pm-Christmas Jumper Day
18 th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert- In Church 1:45 -3:15pm
19 th Dec.	Whole School Mass 10am in Church
Last Day Of Half Term	Whole School Christmas Lunch 11am-1:30pm in the main Hall

Next Half Term Dates To Remember:

- 2nd January Inset Day –No School for Children
- 3rd January School Resumes for children& staff



From The Head Teacher's Desk

This week we celebrate the Virtues and Values Of :
CONFIDENCE

Yesterday we celebrated the first Sunday
Of ADVENT.

St Mark's Gospel reminded us all to: *"Stay awake, be on guard, because we do not know the time nor the hour that the Master will come!"*

It's Advent...so we need to prepare our hearts for Jesus. During Advent we light the advent candles which are placed in a circular wreath of evergreen. The candles symbolise the light of Christ and the circle of evergreen represents everlasting life which Jesus brought into the world for all through his first coming-His Advent. During this season we also look with joyful, confident hope towards Christ's second coming. The first candle is therefore the CANDLE OF HOPE or EXPECTATION. Throughout the four weeks of Advent we will explore together the meaning and significance of all the symbols of Advent. Please take the time to pray and share these insights with your children this Advent season.

CANDLES



- Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son.
- The four outer candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ.

Angela Moore

IMPORTANT DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

8 TH Dec	Nursery Christmas Concert @10am and 2pm in the Nursery Class Room
12 th Dec	Reception Christmas Concert @10am - Hall
13 Dec	Year 1 Christmas Concert @ 10am- in the Hall
15 Dec	Year 2 Christmas Concert @ 10am -in the Hall
15 Dec SCHOOL DISCO	PTFA Run Fund Raiser: National Christmas Jumper Day for all staff and pupils £1-Non-Uniform Day for all SCHOOL DISCO 6-9pm - in the Hall
18 Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert-Church 1:45pm
19 Dec	Whole School Mass 10am -Church Viridis Christmas Concert-11:30am School Closes for Christmas Holiday

THE ADVENT WREATH

An Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches, with four candles that represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, reminding us to pray and offer up little sacrifices to help prepare the way for Jesus. The candle for the third week of Advent is rose, reminding us to be joyful since the birth of Jesus is drawing near. Some Advent wreaths include a white Christ candle which is lit at Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day, symbolizing Jesus, the Son of God and son of Mary, born to be our Savior and Lord.



School Clubs Timetable



After School Clubs Congratulations Anaiah of Year 2!



WINNER OF THE TFL NATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2017- LOOK OUT FOR HER CARD ON THE TUBE AND AT ALL TRAIN STATIONS!

Well done Art Club for producing 2017's winner!

**Parents please be informed that there will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:
Friday December 15th (School Disco Day),
Monday December 18th and Tuesday 19th/12/17.**



Golden Book Achievers 1/12/17

Class	Pupils	
Beech	Sara	Israel
Pine	Ken	Dorcas
Olive	Anainah	Samantha
Palm	Ashwine	Sofia
Aspen	Myah	Precious
Cedar	Esther	Caleb
Sycamore	Renee	Leo
Willow	Sasha	Anthony
Chestnut	Ana Maria	Michael
Hazelnut	Lyra Mae	Toby
Almond	Luiza	Kaye
Walnut	CJ	Fiona

****FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 2017 IS**
NATIONAL CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!**



We participated last year with great success and we will do so again this year to raise funds for the Charity:

Save The Children. This is the same day as our School Disco so our children will be asked to wear a Christmas Jumper to school and bring a £1 for this worthy cause on the 15th for NON-UNIFORM DAY. But also...we will have a

BEST CHRISTMAS JUMPER COMPETITION

@ the DISCO in the night with great prizes for the winners from: EYFS, KS1 & KS2! We will have a best Family Christmas Jumper Prize as well!

The same company that was selling the Christmas Jumpers for the Dominica Fun Day on the 21st of October will be advertising so you can purchase your jumpers right here at school! Come in and speak with Mrs Costa in the office.



Attendance and Punctuality

(All attendance and punctuality is strictly monitored by the school & Newham)
For Week Ending 1/12/17

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
Beech	99.3	Pine	95.0
Olive	96.3	Palm	95.0
Aspen	98.2	Cedar	96.1
Sycamore	99.3	Willow	96.4
Chestnut	98.3	Hazelnut	100
Almond	100	Walnut	97.4
School overall attendance			98.0

Well done to all classes with great attendance last Week...especially **Almond and Hazelnut** with 100%! Most classes also had very high punctuality as well. Keep it up parents!

Lining Up and House Points

Winners for week ending 1/12/17:

KS2 Aspen Class – Year 3

KS1 Pine ClassYear 1

House Points Champs were St Francis

FLU Vaccines –Nasal Spray will be given to all pupils of years 1-4 on Wednesday December 13th 2017 by the NHS Nurses. Letters have gone out to all relevant parents. So, please be reminded.

Our School Nurse

Hannah Straker comes in every Thursday between 1:30pm & 3:30pm for drop in, group or class sessions. Contact her via the SENCO or Mrs Samuel should you need an appointment.



Here to help you!



The PTFa President Mrs Lucia De Sousa wishes to ask all parents and friends of the school to donate any of the following for the **SCHOOL DISCO** which will be held on Friday December 15th 2017:

- **Food** (hot dogs, burgers & burger buns, chicken, rolls)
- Drinks-fruit, fizzy, squash, Ribena & **Ice Cream**
- **sweets & snacks:** crisps, cookies, candy canes
- **Cakes:** fairy cakes, cup-cakes, homemade or bought
- **Pop-corn:** sweet or salted (Micro wave or pre-made)
- **Prizes.... for our raffle and spot prizes** (check your attics, closets, cupboards) **Also** disposable cups & plates
- **Giving your time** to run stalls or help with Decorating before and clean up after.