



# St Antony's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

8th January 2018



## Important School Dates:

Dates	Events for Spring Term 2018
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Staff & Governor's Inset: Our Disciplinary Policy and Procedures-being in compliance
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Full Governors' Extraordinary Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	School Resumes for all staff and pupils
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Epiphany Mass- whole school in Church
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Launch of Citizenship/SMSC Month
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 Parents Meeting-SATS Updates
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	GPS and Comprehension observations
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Primary/Secondary Initiative Meeting Deadline for classroom displays
19 <sup>th</sup>	Walnut Class Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	RE/SMSC Observations
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Full Governing Body Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Beech Class Assembly-9:30 Hall
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Visiting Head & SIP doing Learning Walk
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Maths Observation
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents Maths Workshop-school hall 9am
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Deanery Heads & Governors Meet this week
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb Spring 1 ends	Cedar Class Assembly-CAFOD fund Raiser Non-Uniform Day-Last Day of Spring 1
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mrs Moore @ Houses Of Parliament to participate in Primary School Review
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6 Half Term Booster Classes Begin
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6 Half Term Booster continues
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6 Half Term Booster Continues
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Resumes for all
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Whole School Mass 10am in Church

### Half Term Dates & Events To Remember:

- 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February Half Term Break For All
- 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Moore Invited to the Houses of Parliament to participate in The Parliamentary Review for top performing schools nationally.
- Year 6 in for Half Term Booster – booster sessions begin 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 9am
- School resumes for Spring 2 on 19<sup>th</sup> February

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### From The Head Teacher's Desk

This week we celebrate the Virtues and Values Of :

## KINDNESS

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the Feast of The Epiphany  
Yet many Catholics and non- Catholics alike wonder...

Why as Catholics we continue to celebrate Christmas after everyone else has taken down the decorations & lights? The answer is that for Catholics and many other Christians, Christmas is a season. The Christmas Season begins on December 25<sup>th</sup> –the day we celebrate The Birth of Jesus (we do not debate whether this is His actual date of birth as the important fact is that He was born). The season ends January 6<sup>th</sup> on the Feast of the Epiphany. It is these twelve days between Christmas Day and Epiphany that we celebrate Christmas.

The Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly and were severely persecuted-many were imprisoned and even lost their lives for practicing their faith. A clever Catholic Cleric during that era wrote The Twelve Days of Christmas carol as a catechism for young Catholics to remember important aspects of their faith. It was a way of professing the faith openly without worrying about the persecutors understanding what the deeper meaning was. Today many sing the song without any knowledge of its deeper meaning. Here are the Faith Facts hidden in this song:

### Symbols in the song Doctrine/Teaching/Meaning

First Day Of Christmas.....December 25<sup>th</sup>/Birth of Christ

My True Love sent to me..... God Sent Jesus His Son to us

A Partridge in a pear tree..... Jesus who died on the cross for us

Two Turtle Doves.....The Old and New Testament

Three French Hens.....Faith, Hope and Love- Core Virtues

Four Calling Birds..... The 4 Gospels: Matthew to John

Five Golden Rings..... The First 5 Books of the Bible-Torah

Six Geese a-laying..... The Six Days of Creation

Seven Swans a- swimming..... The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

8 Maids a- milking..... The 8 Beatitudes (in Matt. 5)

9 Ladies Dancing..... The 9 Fruits of the Spirit

10 Lords a- leaping..... The 10 commandments (Exodus 20)

11 Pipers Piping.....The 11 faithful Disciples/Apostles

12 Drummers Drumming....12 Core Tenets of Our Faith captured in the Apostles Creed which we affirm each Sunday in Mass

During the Holy Season of Christmas we all try to be a little bit kinder; why not extend this effort all year long? A Moore

## School Clubs Timetable



### After School Clubs & Out of Hours Learning Programmes

All 45 Afterschool Clubs are on as usual and all parents are asked to be prompt with pick-up at 4:30pm. This term children left late repeatedly without valid reason and contact to the school to inform us (especially those who **do not** belong to MAE) **will continue to be charged £5 per hour or any part there of** for the afterschool wrap around service provided by the MAE Team who work so brilliantly!



Teach Your Child Their Times Tables-All Need to Know Them By Heart by the end of January-class & school challenge coming soon will your child be number one?



### Golden Book Achievers 2/1/18

Class	Pupils	
Beech	Adeola	Kaecee-Leigh
Pine	Aaron	Ranveer
Olive	Anaiah	Esther
Palm	Izu	Jessica
Aspen	Vinnie	Kaira
Cedar	Leah	Angela
Sycamore	Sam	Dream
Willow	Acsha	David
Chestnut	Ed-Raphael	Jakub
Hazelnut	Lyra-Mae	Ana
Almond	Beyonce	Rebecca
Walnut	Fatima	Brian

### SATURDAY SCHOOL & ONE TO ONE TUITION



Our weekly Saturday Classes began again last Saturday and runs from 10am to 12 noon weekly offering both 1 to 1 Tuition and small group support for pupils from year 1 to 6<sup>th</sup> form in English (Reading, Writing and GPS) as well as Maths and Science-Year 2 and 6 SATs, GCSE and A Level... preparation and Tuition is covered by our excellent teachers. If your child needs additional support-send them to St Antony's Saturday school-open to all not just St Antony's. Call Miss Olivea: 07946092467



## Attendance and Punctuality

(All attendance and punctuality is strictly monitored by the school & Newham)  
For Week Ending 2/1/18

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
Beech	90	Pine	95.1
Olive	100	Palm	95
Aspen	95	Cedar	96
Sycamore	96.1	Willow	99
Chestnut	95	Hazelnut	95
Almond	95	Walnut	97
School overall attendance			96.0

Well done to all classes with great attendance last term...especially Olive with 100% and Willow with 99%!  
All classes also had very high punctuality as well. Wonderful parents we've started the term well!

### Lining Up and House Points

Winners for week ending 2/1/18:

**KS2 Aspen Class - Year 3**

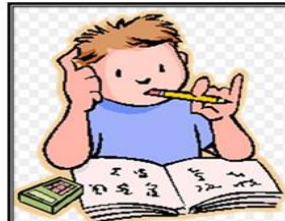
**KS1 Palm Class .....Year 2**

**House Points Champs were St Josephine**

### Coming Soon....

**Free**

**Easter Booster Classes for Years 2 & 6 Pupils 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018**



**Why worry about SATS when you can work to prepare well in advance? Let's go!**

### 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!**

### PERFORMING ARTS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR



All KS1 & 2 pupils (Years 1-6) are invited to train with Master Chan, Mrs Verdant and Mr Gomez on Saturdays from 12noon to 3pm for leading the 10am Mass each Sunday and to play leading roles in our school productions. Cost for 3 hours of Performing Arts training is £2 per child each Saturday. Children's Choir for the 10am Mass is open to any child from St Antony's Church Parish not just the school-plus we will be doing music, dance and drama for our upcoming Easter Musical Production- on offer to all. Simply send your child or come in on Saturdays at 12 noon! See You there!

