



St Antony's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

For Week Beginning 4th January 2023



Important School Dates:

Dates	Events for Spring Term 2023
4 th Jan	Staff Inset & Governors' Day of Reflection
5 th Jan	School resumes for all staff & pupils
6 th Jan	Whole School Mass-Feast of the Epiphany
9 th Jan	After School Clubs begin & OLOG MAT SMSC/Citizenship Project Launch 2023
9 th Jan	Phonics & Intervention Groups Assessment, Review & Re-Grouping across EYFS, KS1/KS2
9 th Jan	SLT Meeting- Spring Term Overview
16 th Jan	GPS Observation and Book Look week
16 th Jan	Subject Leaders- Mentoring & Coaching Session
20 th Jan	Hazelnut Class Assembly- British Values
23 rd Jan	RE Observation and Book Look Week
23 rd Jan	SLT Meeting- Assessment/Pupil Progress Rev
25 th Jan	School Council Led Assembly-Pupil Voice
27 th Jan	Olive Class Assembly
30 th Jan	Subject Leads Mentoring & Coaching Session
3 rd Feb.	Cedar Class Assembly
6 th Feb 20 th Feb	Geography Project Weeks 6th -24th Feb Geography Observation Wk- Prep. For Peer Review
10 th Feb	Wear Red Non-Uniform Day-Food Drive For St Martin's Church Food Bank- Pre-Valentine's Fun
13 th -17 Feb	HALF TERM BREAK
13 th Feb	Year 6 Half Term Booster Classes Begin
14 th Feb	Year 6 Half Term Booster continues
15 th Feb	Year 6 Half Term Booster Last Day
20 th Feb	School Resumes for all/Geo Observations
22 nd Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass in Church at 10am

Term Dates & Events To Remember:

- **13th-17st February Half Term Break For All**
- **13th-15th Year 6 in for Half Term Booster SATS Booster sessions starting 13th Feb. 9am-3pm**
- **School resumes for Spring 2 on 20th Feb.**
- **February 22nd ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 10am**



When we approach Jesus let us offer Him the **Gold of Charity**, the **Frankincense of Prayer and Praise** and the **Myrrh of Repentance and Reconciliation**.



From The Head Teacher's Desk

This week we celebrate the Virtues and Values Of

GOD'S LOVE...Manifested At Epiphany

Sunday 8th Jan. we celebrated the Feast of The Epiphany



The word **EPIPHANY** comes from a Greek word meaning manifestation or revelation. For many Christians, Epiphany refers to the revelation of the **Divine nature of Jesus** to all and is marked by a Feast day celebrated on January 6th annually across the world. For many Christians in Eastern Europe, Latin America, East Africa and the Mediterranean the Feast of The Epiphany or Feast of Kings is their Christmas! Additionally, the word "Epiphany" has another popular meaning: **a sudden burst of understanding or insight**. When the Magi visited the Christ Child they had an Epiphany-the Holy Spirit revealed the importance and significance of Jesus for the world to them and they were filled with awe. They went away to teach others these Truths:

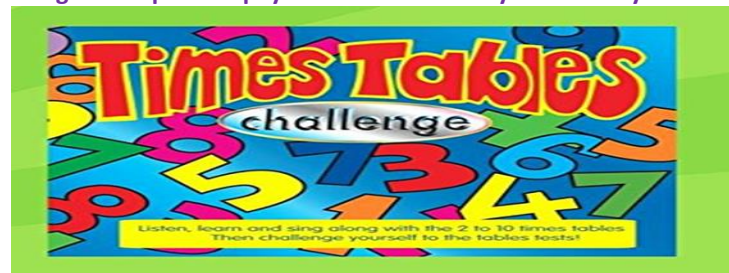
- >Always seek God who is the truth and the light
- >If you follow the light of Christ you will never be lost
- >Do not be deterred by those who would lead you astray-some have their own agenda- like Herod did when he asked the Wise Men to come back to him so that he too could go and "pay homage" to Jesus
- >Pray for the spirit of discernment so that you will always act in line with God's plans for you
- >Do not miss the message that God is revealing to you daily-messages come in many forms via: the Holy Scriptures, Good Advice and Example, Visions & Nature
- >**Once you have found Jesus...walk closely with Him daily and you won't go wrong!**
- >Wise men, women and children still seek Jesus today. Are you seeking his hope, joy and peace? During the Holy Season of Christmas we all try to be a bit kinder to family and friends; why not extend this effort all year long in 2023?

School Clubs Timetable



After School Clubs & Out of Hours Learning Programmes

All Afterschool Clubs are on as usual this term **starting on the 9th January 2023**. Parents and Carers are reminded that this service is **not statutory** but voluntary on the part of staff running each club. Parents are therefore asked to be respectful to all staff running clubs by being prompt with pick-up at 4:30pm and kind and understanding when discussing any matters raised by parents or staff. Children left late repeatedly without valid reasons or contact to the school to inform us -especially those who **are not registered with MAE will be charged £6 per hour**. All registered parents pay for this service daily- so it's only fair!



Teach Your Child Their Times Tables-all need to know them by heart by the end of January as class & school challenge are coming soon. Will your child be number 1?

Read to your child daily or listen to them read

Help your child become
a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading
fiction text.

- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?

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Attendance and Punctuality

(All attendance and punctuality is strictly monitored by the school & Newham) For Week Beginning 12/12/22

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
Beech	96	Pine	97
Olive	95	Palm	93
Aspen	95	Cedar	100
Sycamore	95	Willow	97
Chestnut	98	Hazelnut	98
Almond	99	Walnut	99
School overall attendance		97%	

Well done to all classes with great attendance and high punctuality as well. Wonderful work parents!

Have You Set Up Your PARENT PAY ACCOUNT?

- > **User Names and Passwords** were sent to all parents via School Ping in October... so please go back and check.
 - > Use these to activate your Parent Pay Account by visiting: www.parentpay.com
 - > Next provide all the necessary information requested including your e-mail address so you can be sent receipts and reminders.
 - > Don't forget to change your usernames & passwords
 - > **Once your activation is complete go straight to items for payment**
- Select which items you want to add to your basket then make your Payments...Just like shopping on-line! It could not be easier.

Coming Soon....

Half Term Booster Classes for Year 6 Pupils in February, 2023



Why worry about **SATS** when you can work and prepare well in advance? Let us get working with our children on Reading Comprehension, Grammar Punctuation and Spellings (GPS) and Maths!

Top Tips For Further Supporting Your Child's Learning & Progress

- > Help your child learn their **times tables (Yrs. 2-6)** and **number bonds (Rec. to Yr 6)** this will help them with problem solving skills in maths.
- > Ensure your child **completes their home work** as well as they do their class work.
- > **Praise your child & encourage him/her to do their best daily.** Reward them for doing well.
- > Ensure your **child is always in school-** unless really ill. Each day absent =6 lessons missed! **Each lesson missed is lost learning.**
- > Ensure your child gets to school on time & is never late without good reason. Start right!
- > **Read to your child daily or listen to him/her read.**

