



St Antony's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

For Week Beginning 20th February 2023



Important School Dates:

Dates	Events for Spring Term 2 2023
20 th Feb	School Resumes For All Staff and Pupils
21 st Feb	LBN Cycling Training for Year 5 begins
22 nd Feb Lent Begins	Whole School Mass-ASH WEDNESDAY with St Bonaventure's 6th form attending. Newham Speech & Lang Training begins
23 rd Feb	EYFS MAT Network Meeting @ St Francis
27 th -28 th Pupil Progress	Pupil Progress Meetings, Phonics & Intervention Review/Re-Group- EYFS, KS1&2
1 st March	BOOK MONTH Begins-MARVELOUS MARCH
2 nd March	KS1 OLOG MAT Writing Moderation @St Eds. Gov. Education& Standards Meeting @6:30
3 RD March	BOOK MONTH LAUNCH-ASSEMBLY-Yr. 6 MAT CSEL Visit- Deep Dives with Subject Leads
8 TH March	LBN Speech & Lang Training continues Gov. R&R Committee Meeting @6:30pm
10 th March	BEECH CLASS ASSEMBLY -Hall 9am
13 TH March	Science Observation Wk. & Progress Check
16 th March	Parents' Science Workshop in school hall 9am
17 th March	PINE CLASS ASSEMBLY- Hall 9am St Patrick's Day-Patron Ireland & Nigeria
20 th March	Assessment Week-whole school NFER Tests
21 st March	PARENTS' EVENING 1-Parent and Pupil Survey
23 rd March	PARENTS' EVENING 2-Parent and Pupil Survey
24 th March	CEDAR CLASS ASSEMBLY-Hall 9am
29 th March	STATIONS OF THE CROSS-WHOLE SCHOOL
30 TH March	Geography Peer Review Day
31 st March	BOOK MONTH CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY
3-14 th Apr	EASTER HOLY DAYS- SCHOOL CLOSED

Term Dates & Events To Remember:

- February 22nd ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 10am
- April 3rd-9th 2023 Is Holy Week & Easter
- School Resumes on Monday 17th April 2023
- **MOCK SATS EXAMS 24TH TO 28TH APRIL 2023**

This Term Our Focus Will Be On **Lent & Easter**



During this term, we will be reflecting on the significance of **LENT** -and how it helps us prepare spiritually for celebrating **EASTER**. Many of us make Lenten Promises or A Personal Sacrifice to **GIVE More** or **TO GIVE UP something in Lent**. This can be meaningfully linked to our personal Lenten journey as we strive to walk just a little closer with Jesus for the 40 days of Lent.

DURING LENT THERE WILL BE REFLECTIONS ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



From The Head Teacher's Desk

This week we celebrate the Virtues of

LENT: Courage And Determination

WEDNESDAY 22ND IS ASH WEDNESDAY- LENT BEGINS

Lent is a time of Spiritual Transformation: Let's



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. We will gather as a school along with our brothers and sisters at St Bonaventure's 6th Form to celebrate this Holy Mass together with you, our parents and faith community members who come out to worship with the children and staff of the school to mark the beginning of this most solemn season. *During Lent we are reminded of Jesus' love for His Heavenly Father and for us all. We recall his encounter with the devil at a point when he was at his most human (tired, weak and hungry). We know that He did this to show to us that we too can overcome any temptation that the devil places before us even in times of weakness. If we remain strong in our faith in God and in our knowledge and faith in the Holy Scriptures, we have the fuel to strengthen our spirits.*

Jesus went into the wilderness to fast and pray to model for us how we should prepare ourselves for any major mission or ministry that we will undertake in our lives as Christians.

There is a caution that we should not fast merely out of obligation or ritual but rather for strengthening our bodies, minds and souls. We can fast for a purpose or we can fast from bad habits, attitudes and thinking.

What Shall We Fast From This Season Of Lent?

Let us reflect on the advice of Pope Francis.

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill you heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to other
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

School Clubs Timetable



After School Clubs & Out of Hours Learning Programmes

Afterschool Clubs are on as usual this term. Parents and Carers please be 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. 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- it is only fair!



Attendance and Punctuality

(All attendance and punctuality is strictly monitored by the school & Newham) For Week Beginning 6/2/23

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

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

HAVE YOU SET UP YOUR PARENTPAY 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

Teach Your Child Their Times Tables- by the end of March we have another class & school challenge coming up. Will your child be number 1 in their class?
All Year 4 Children Sit A National Test in Times Tables!
Please Read to your child/children daily or listen to them read to you-build up their skills.

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 and select which items you want to add to your basket then make your payments...Just like shopping on-line! It could not be easier.**

APPLICATIONS FOR NURSERY PLACES 2023:

Applications For Nursery Places at St Antony's Catholic Primary School



For children to start in September 2023

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

Closing date for applications is: 31st March 2023

Parents May Collect Application Packs from the Main Office Daily Between 10am and 2pm

APPLICATIONS FOR VIRIDIS
OUR 2YR OLD PRE-SCHOOL IS ALSO OPEN

Closing date for applications here Is also 31st March 2023

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR Half Term Booster Classes for Year 6 Pupils This February, 2023



WE COVERED A LOT OF GROUND & HAD A LOT OF FUN LEARNING TOO!

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUND (SIF)

All parents are urged to pay their **SIF** each year. It is only £30 per family. By doing this you are helping the school with making needed up-grades and improvements for all our children. Please make all payments via **PARENTPAY**. Thank You.

THE PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS OF ST. ANTONY'S

Are saying thanks to our parents who came out to last week's **Parents' Coffee Morning on 9th/02/2023**. All 52 of you who were in attendance learned a lot about how **HEALTHY EATING SUPPORTS HEALTHY LEARNING**. Thanks to our Well-Being and Sustainability Team!