

St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents/carers,
It doesn't seem that long ago since I wrote our end of the school year newsletter and here we are celebrating the end of our first month back in school. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back for the start of the year, children and members of staff alike, and equally fabulous to see our new Nursery and Reception Class children coming into school for the very first time. All of the children have settled brilliantly back into school life and are really impressing their new teachers with their dedication to learning, embracing challenges and showing love and care for each other, something I know will continue for the rest of the year.

Catholic Schools Inspection

As you all know, we were visited last week by inspectors from the Catholic Education Service who carried out an inspection of our school on behalf of his Grace, the Archbishop of Birmingham. The inspection focuses on three main areas of Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship and they witness all aspects of school life to make their final judgements. Part of the inspection process is for them to observe lessons, child-led celebrations of the word and to interview children to find out about their experiences of our school. Throughout the two days, the inspection team commented frequently on the fantastic behaviour they saw from all of our children, their fantastic levels of engagement and how reverent and prayerful they were. They were all excellent examples of how we walk in the footsteps of Christ and how we are held in the hand of God and should

be very proud of themselves. Thank you also to all of the parents who completed the parental survey, we are very grateful to all of your support. As soon as we are able to, I shall share our report and the overall judgement.

Pupil Parliament

It gives me great delight to announce that we have new leadership of our Pupil Parliament. Each year we ask our Year 6 pupils to prepare a manifesto to share with the rest of the pupil body outlining their plans for improving the school over the



course of the year. As always, we had fantastic candidates who bravely shared their ideas during an assembly at the end of last academic year. The rest of the pupil body then voted for who they thought would be the best candidates for the job. Our new Prime Minister is Elisabetta and she will be fabulously supported by her three deputies: William, Jasleen and Nela. We are really looking forward to seeing how they move our school forward this year.

Parent's Evening

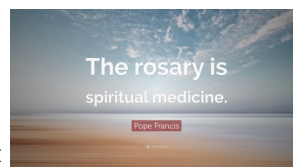
This term's main parents' evening will be on Thursday 23rd October from 2pm. Appointments for Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 are also available on Tuesday 21st 3.30-5.30pm. A booking link will have been emailed to parents. If you haven't received your link please contact Mrs Brown in the school office and she will be able to help. This meeting will be to discuss how your child has settled in to their new year group and any concerns that you may have. If you need to organise to see your child's class teacher at an alternative date and time you can either contact the school office or leave a message on Studybugs and we will try and accommodate your requests.

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to everyone who has already sent in their donations for our Harvest Festival Collection. Everything that is donated will be shared with our local food bank who do fantastic work with people in our community. If you haven't already donated or if you can't remember what your child's class is collecting, the information is on Studybugs.

Rosary Month

The month of October marks the month of the Holy Rosary. To celebrate this in school all of the children are taking part in the rosary



challenge. This is a fantastic time for us all to come together to share in the mysteries of the rosary, to hear from the scripture and to spend some time together in reflective prayer. Please talk to your children about it and what they are learning as they progress through the month as I am sure they will be very keen to share this with you at home.

Prayer Bags

Our Family Prayer bags are being sent out again this year and are a lovely opportunity for you as a family to spend some



time in prayer. The children who have already taken the bags home have shared some fantastic reflections with their classes and the books are becoming another wonderful record of our faith. Please do let us know if there is anything missing from the prayer bags so that we can make replacements as quickly as possible.

Season of Creation

For the last four weeks we have been celebrating the Season of Creation. The season began on September 1st, which is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends tomorrow on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year's theme for the season has been 'Peace with Creation' and the children have enjoyed spending time each day with OneLife Music, taking part in short celebrations of the Word to celebrate and be thankful for God's wonderful creation.



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

Parish Information

For Mass times, ways to support our Parish and information about sacraments please visit:
www.catholicleamington.org.uk/

Thank you for all of your support,
have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Edwards and all of the St. Anthony's Staff.