

BACK TO SCHOOL @ST ANTHONY'S

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RIP Queen Elizabeth II

We have been saddened by the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. As a school, we have prayed for her and her family. We also recognise that this is a significant event in history that we are all part of and living through. We will keep the Royal Family and our new King, Charles III in our thoughts and prayers over the next 10 days. We will also be signing a condolence book to send and invite parents to sign it with us to show our heartfelt sympathy. The book will be in the entrance area from Tuesday next week.



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SCHOOL DAY

All classes begin at 8:55am
– doors open from 8:45am

School ends at 3:15 pm

LUNCHES

We provide school meals –
Free to children in EYFS
and KS1.
KS2 meals cost £2.35 and
payment should be made
through parent pay
accounts.

WELCOME

A warm welcome back to children and parents on Monday 5th September. The weather has been fantastic and I hope that you have all had some time for a break and some precious family time.

Congratulations to Miss Quarmby who is now Mrs Shaw. She had a wonderful wedding day!

Good luck to Mrs Carlton who will be having another baby very soon!

We welcome a few new staff this term, Mrs Howlett who will be at our front desk in the office. Miss O'Sullivan who is supporting in Y5/6S, Miss Ball who is supporting in Y1/2T and Mrs Dancer who will be supporting in Y3/4T.



EYFS

Over the summer period we had had our EYFS department renovated and purchased some lovely new furniture. Our new reception children are lucky indeed to have such a fantastic environment to start their journey with us. We have very happy staff too who are looking forward to teaching with their new resources. We look forward to seeing the children when they start school.

Summer School

Also, over the summer and for the first time ever, we have held a summer school for one week. This has been for specific children this year. I am grateful that a number of our teaching team gave up time of their holiday to support this. We worked on basic skills of reading, writing and maths in the morning and went on some lovely adventures in the afternoons, such as Worden Park, Flower Bowl for curling, Clip & Climb and the cinema. We are grateful to Our Lady's Catholic High School for the loan of their Minibus to take the children to various places. We feel that this has been beneficial to the children's confidence and attitude to school and hope that they are looking forward to coming back on 5th September.

Teachers' Training

1st and 2nd September have been INSET days for teachers. We have covered Safeguarding, Phonics, Maths and we looked at our mission statement.

Charity of the Year

We normally choose a charity of the year where we collect money from our productions over the year. This year we have decided to fundraise for a minibus and we are hoping that FOSTA will be able to help us with this also. Charities will not miss out as we are planning activities over the year, with the pupils, to support the good work that many charities do.

Dates for your diary



Monday 7th October - Parents' Eve – this will be offered as online or face to face.

Open Day/Evening

Please put out the word to family and friends that we will be having an open day/evening on **Monday 7th November**. We will have a number of our pupils involved in this.

Wednesday 23rd November - Tempest photographs will come and take individual and family photographs of the pupils.



PE DAYS

EYFS - Thursday

1/2S Miss Clarke – Wednesday (extended session)

1/2T Miss Noblett – Wednesday & Friday

1/2A Miss Martin – Monday & Wednesday

3/4S Mr Martin – Wednesday & Friday

3/4T Mrs Shaw – Tuesday & Friday

3/4A Mrs Eshborn – Monday & Friday

5/6S Mrs Gunson/Mrs Boardman – Monday & Thursday

5/6T Miss Davies – Tuesday & Thursday

5/6A Mrs Noonan – Monday & Friday

- Times subject to change – please keep PE kits in school.



Uniform

At St Anthony's we appreciate that financially times are getting harder for families and we want you to be able to source uniform from the places that are affordable to you. We have two branded item that are essential and that is the jumper and tie. The rest does not need to be branded. We do appreciate you helping the children to feel part of our school community and look smart in their uniforms.

Please don't hesitate to contact our Pastoral leader, Mrs Alty, if you feel we can help in any way in the future.

s.alty@st-anthonys.lancs.sch.uk or ring school and our office staff will put you through.

Earrings

No earrings are allowed for KS1 pupils. If you have had their ears pierced please can you use the spaces that you can buy cheaply. This is for H&S reasons. In KS2 they may wear earrings but only a small, silver or gold stud. If we feel that the earrings are not appropriate we will ask your child to take them out. This applies to girls and boys.

Hair

Please don't let your child persuade you into having a haircut that is extreme, such as lines, shaved too close or unusual colours. Your child might have to be taught in isolation if you can't get it sorted in time for school.

Long hair should be tied back with a simple hair band or ribbon in school colours (purple, black, white or yellow).



SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

IN CLASS

- Book bag
- Water bottle
- **NO** pencil cases
(we will provide all you need).

PE KIT

- White t-shirt
- Navy shorts
- Plain, dark-coloured joggers
- Plain, dark-coloured sweatshirt (no hood)
- Trainers
- School PE bag
NO LOGOS

Players Drama Club

Players drama school create fresh, fun, diverse workshops. Whilst concentrating on building confidence, communication skills and creativity, the children will learn all aspects of the arts, culminating in an end of term performance where all families and friends will be invited to watch. Our 6 week course starts at St Anthony's school this Monday, 12th September for one hour after school.

We still have a few places left, sign up now via the link below

<https://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk/players-in-education/>

Ten:Ten Resources



Whatever the summer holidays were like for you and your family, the beginning of a new school year is always a busy time for parents, pupils and school staff alike. Taking a moment to pause amongst the busyness can seem impossible, but when we do, it provides a valuable opportunity to reflect and recommit to the things which are important to us.

PRAYER

At the start of this new school term, why not pray together with your child this prayer of recommitment to following Jesus:



You also might like to pray together the Hail Mary:

Hail Mary,
full of grace the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

AMEN