

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday, 23rd February, 2024

Star of the Week Awards

Rec S	Arthur B			Rec T	Harry B
1/2S	Helen D, Phoebe R	1/2T	Ethan J	1/2A	Ethan S
3/4S	Charlie B	3/4T	Simon M	3/4A	Darcey H
5/6S	All children	5/6T	All children	5/6A	All children

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SCHOOL DAY

School starts at 8:45am with doors opening from 8:40am

All children should be in class for 8.45am prompt in readiness for morning registration

School finishes at 3:15pm

SCHOOL MEALS

All Infant children are entitled to universal free school meals

Junior meals cost £2.50 per day unless a child has a free school meal entitlement

All meals must be paid for in advance through Parent Pay accounts

AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

Next week will be week three of the Autumn/Winter menu

What a busy start to the new half term.

It was lovely to see so many happy faces returning from the Year 5/6 Robinwood residential, a thoroughly great time was had by all 😊 A huge thank you to our amazing staff for supporting the visit and going above and beyond (as always) to give our children the best experiences. Thank you to all the parents who have sent messages of thanks.

As we come to the end of the first full week of Lent, we reflect on a time of challenge. Today, we are supporting those less fortunate than ourselves through the CAFOD family Fast day. If you would like to donate to charity, there is a link on Parentpay. This year CAFOD is helping fishermen in Liberia to stay safe when they go out to sea in their small canoes by providing them with lifejackets, compasses and other equipment.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Berry

Well done to Class 1/2S who have retained their crown for gaining the most certificates this week. They were closely followed by Class 1/2T who were only one certificate away.

A huge well done to Ola, Jakub, Harrison and Alfie who have all received an Emerald Certificate



Most correct answers in Year 5/6 – Sean L

Most correct answers in Year 3/4 – Simon M

Most correct answers in Year 1/2 – Bertie W

Attendance

A huge well done to our Class 3/4S children who this week have achieved the highest percentage attendance of 96.5%. The children will be awarded an extra playtime or treat of their choice. Our overall percentage attendance this week is 95.3%.

Weekly Friday Mass

On Friday, 1st March, all children from Year 5/6 will be attending the 9.15am mass and it would be lovely to see parents/grandparents at this mass if commitments allow.

School Lunches

Please can we remind you, school lunches must be paid for in advance at all times and accounts should never be in deficit balances. Deficit balance accounts may result in you being asked to send your child into school with a packed lunch until the outstanding balance is cleared.



Dates for your diary

- Start of Spring Term - Monday, 8th January*
- Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs begin - Monday, 15th January*
- Reception September 2024 Admission closing date - Monday, 15th January*
- 3/4S Swimming - 22nd January - 2nd February*
- FOSTA St. Anthony's Got Talent - Friday, 26th January*
- Parents' Evening - Tuesday, 6th February*
- February Half Term - Monday, 12th February - Friday, 16th February*
- 3/4T Swimming - 26th February - 8th March*
- Author Visit - Wednesday, 6th March*
- World Book Day - Thursday, 7th March*
- FOSTA Own Clothes Day - Friday, 8th March*
- 3/4A Swimming - 11th March - 22nd March*
- FOSTA Disco - Wednesday, 20th March*
- Tempest Class and Group Photos - Thursday, 21st March*
- FOSTA Easter Bingo - Friday, 22nd March*
- Year 6 SATS - w/c 13th May*



PE DAYS

NEW ARRANGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING 19TH FEBRUARY:-

Reception children will continue to bring their PE kit to school whilst the rest of our children should wear their PE kit for school on their relevant PE days:-

Reception – Wednesday

Year 1/2S - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 1/2T - Monday and Wednesday

Year 1/2A - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 3/4S - Thursday and Friday

Year 3/4T - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3/4A - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5/6S - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5/6T - Monday and Thursday

Year 5/6A - Monday and Thursday

Attendance – Friday, 9th February – Thursday, 22nd February

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	91.7%
Rec T	95.9%
1/2S	94.8%
1/2T	96.0%
1/2A	93.9%
3/4S	96.5%
3/4T	95.2%
3/4A	95.7%
5/6S	96.4%
5/6T	95.7%
5/6A	95.6%
Whole School	95.3%
Whole School	
Target	96.0%

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday, 7th March and we hope that you will join us celebrating this special day. We celebrate World Book Day in our school because we recognise the impact reading can have on your child's future. This year we are asking for a small donation from each child/family of between £1.00 and £5.00 so that each class can purchase new books/reading resources to enhance our school and classroom library.

Dressing up and bringing books into school is a big part of World Book Day celebrations and is something that our children and staff particularly enjoy. We are, therefore, inviting children to dress up this World Book Day as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other. The book choice is key – even if it's just a prop or a clue, make sure your child is recommending something to read with their costume. Please also encourage your child to bring their favourite book into school to show to their class. This book doesn't need to be the book character that they are dressed up as.

We are mindful that the cost of living crisis might make this difficult for some families, so we have organised the following to make sure that our World Book Day is fun and inclusive for all:-

- We encourage you to use things you already have at home to make a creative costume. Please do not feel that it is necessary to buy brand new shop-bought costumes;
- We will be hosting a costume swap shop from **Monday, 4th March**. Please leave your preloved fancy dress costume on the clothing rail in the school entrance and feel free to help yourself to anything that your child likes the look of.

Access to books

- We will also be hosting a very special book swap shop from **Monday, 4th March**. Please feel free to drop off any unwanted books into the book swap box which can also be found in the school entrance then have a browse and feel free to take a book you would like to read;

Polite Request – Parking

We have been approached twice recently asking that we put a message on our newsletter to ask parents to be considerate and not to park in people's driveways, or on the lines on the street outside school, when dropping off and picking up their children. Please can we, therefore, ask that you be mindful when parking.

Free 'We Do Tennis' Coaching – Haslam Park

Attached to this week's newsletter is a flyer advertising free tennis coaching sessions which are taking place at Haslam Park. The sessions are for children aged 9-11 and are over a five week period commencing Sunday, 25th February.

Ribbleton Family Hub Drop in Sessions

Attached to this week's newsletter is a flyer advertising Drop-in sessions which are taking place at Ribbleton Family Hub. There will be a range of partner agencies available to offer support/advise to our families on a variety of different issues.

Play Football Sessions for Girls aged five-eleven

Walton-le-Dale Junior Football Club are hosting fun football sessions for girls from 5.00pm-6.00pm every Friday. More information can be found under the school newsletter section on our website.

Wraparound care

Lancashire County Council have asked us to send this link and ask you to complete a short survey on childcare before and after school. It only takes a few minutes.

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/vt082j>

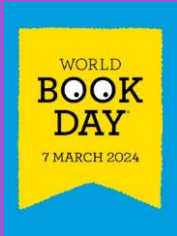


- Getting a free £1.00 book for your child is easy – simply take your £1.00 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1.00 book OR use it to get £1.00 off ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller online at:

worldbookday.com/participating-retailers

We have so much planned for our children, including an author visit, a national live book quiz, World Book Day whole school costume parade, class swaps and much more!

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day which could not happen without your support so a huge thank you.



World Book Day Themed Lunch

We are also having a World Book Day themed lunch on Thursday, 7th March and a copy of the menu can be found attached to this week's newsletter. If your child **doesn't** normally have a school lunch, but you would like them to have the themed lunch, please email the school office by Friday, 1st March. Parents of our Junior children who pay for lunches will need to make the £2.50 payment through the school lunch section of your Parent Pay accounts.

Tempest Class and Group Photographs

Tempest will be in school on Thursday, 21st March to take class and group photographs. Please email the school office by Friday, 15th March if you **do not** wish your child to have their photograph taken. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO WEAR THEIR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM TO SCHOOL ON PHOTOGRAPH DAY.**

