

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday, 9th February, 2024

Star of the Week Awards

Rec S	Zuzanna K			Rec T	Arlo R
1/2S	Clodagh G	1/2T	Julia Z	1/2A	Kuba K
3/4S	Andrew S	3/4T	Jayden S	3/4A	Alice B
5/6S	Maya N	5/6T	Lucas D	5/6A	William A

Headteacher's Awards

1/2S	Harrison L
1/2T	Hope B

Half term is here! It has been a hectic, but fun filled half term, and everyone has worked really hard.

As we go into half term, we look forward to a break but also think about the start of Lent on Wednesday. It is unusual not to be in school on Ash Wednesday, but we will reflect on this when school returns.

I share with pride, but also sadness, some staffing news this week. Miss Davies has been appointed as the new Deputy Headteacher at Lytham Church of England Primary School. She will take up her new role in September. I am sure you will congratulate her on this wonderful achievement, and we wish her every success.

I hope everyone has a lovely week (and the weather improves!). A reminder that Y5/6 are heading to Robinwood on the first Monday back so please check times (8:30am leaving).

Take care!
Mrs Berry

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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

Week commencing Monday, 19th February, will be week two of the Autumn/Winter menu

Well done to Class 1/2S for gaining the most certificates again this week

A huge well done to Kuba K from Class 1/2A who has received an Emerald Certificate



Most correct answers in Year 5/6 – Archie G

Most correct answers in Year 3/4 – Dillan W

Most correct answers in Year 1/2 – Filip K

Attendance

A huge well done to our Class 3/4S children who this week have achieved the highest percentage attendance of 98.7%. The children will be awarded an extra playtime or treat of their choice. Our overall percentage attendance this week is 95.0%.

Weekly Friday Mass

On Friday, 23rd February, all children from Year 3/4 will be attending the 9.15am mass and it would be lovely to see parents 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 Easter Bingo - Friday, 22nd March
 Year 6 SATS - w/c 13th May



PE DAYS

After Half Term Arrangements:-

Reception children will continue to bring their PE kit to school whilst the rest of our children should wear their PE kit 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, 2nd February – Thursday, 8th February

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	98.3%
Rec T	94.5%
1/2S	95.3%
1/2T	96.0%
1/2A	87.0%
3/4S	98.7%
3/4T	95.0%
3/4A	97.7%
5/6S	95.0%
5/6T	97.7%
5/6A	91.0%
Whole School	95.0%
Whole School	
Target	96.0%

Lunchtime Assistant Vacancies

We have two Lunchtime Assistant vacancies in school which are ideal for anyone who is either retired or has availability from 11.30am-1.00pm each week day. The successful candidates will join our friendly team who supervise our children during lunchtime service and on the playground. If you enjoy working with children and feel that this may be the role for you, please contact our Business Manager, Mrs Cartwright, through the school office.

Author Visit – World Book Day Celebration

On Wednesday, 6th March (the day before World Book Day) local author Joanne Moore will be visiting school to read one of her new books 'Floss the Wobbly Flamingo' from her children's book collection. Joanne's stories are about differences and self-belief, and they aim to promote inclusion. Copies of the book(s) can be ordered on Amazon for £7.99, or Joanne is willing to discount any books that are pre-ordered through her to £7.00. Books can be signed ahead of/on the day of the visit. Pre-ordered books **MUST** be ordered and paid for no later than **two weeks prior** to the visit so the cut-off date is Wednesday, 21st February. Orders made after that date will be refunded and the books cannot be ordered.

For pre-ordered books, payments are to be made through PayPal:

Thebitdifferentcollection@hotmail.com

In the message on PayPal, please include **your child's name in full, St Anthony's school and class, the title of the book you would like to order** and the **name(s) of the child/children to appear in the signed message** if you want it to be signed. (E.g. *Joanne Moore, St Anthony's school, class 5/6T, 'Floss the Wobbly Flamingo, signed to Jo*).

For more information visit:-

www.thebitdifferentcollection.com

Children and Family Wellbeing Service's Half Term Events

Children and Family Wellbeing Centres in Preston are hosting a range of free fun family activities over half term. There is no need to book in advance, you are welcome to just turn up. More information can be found attached to this week's newsletter.

Preston Household Support Fund

Attached to this week's newsletter is a flyer giving information about the Preston Household Support Fund which is being administered by Preston City Council.

Players Drama School is bringing Matilda the Musical to St. Anthony's

Players Drama School's next course is taking place after school each Monday from 19th February - 20th May at a cost of £88.00. More information can be found under the school newsletter section on our website.

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.

Parish Murder Mystery Night

The parish social committee are holding a Murder Mystery night at St. Anthony's Social Club at 7.00pm on Friday, 8th March. Tickets are £10.00 each which includes a hotpot supper. Tickets are strictly limited to 100 and are available to buy through the parish or by contacting Emma from FOSTA on her mobile 07811152967. Please note that this is an adult only event.

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>