

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday, 15th March, 2024

Star of the Week Awards

Rec S	Arabella B-W			Rec T	Isaac F-B
1/2S	Tilly B	1/2T	Alana C	1/2A	Jacob T
3/4S	Kaedon E	3/4T	Theo K	3/4A	Umar P
5/6S	Ava R	5/6T	Ollie T	5/6A	Scarlett K

Headteacher Awards

1/2S	Kayden G
1/2T	Sam G

Dare I say...a fairly quiet week 😊

This week we have started our spring assessments, and everyone is working very hard in school (as always).

As we pass the halfway point in Lent, we reflect on our journey and renew our plans to grow in Jesus' way. It is lovely to see that the First Holy Communion groups are well on with the programme and Year 3 and 4 are rehearsing to lead us through their Easter reflection.

It's a very busy week next week in school – please check all the diary dates as there is a lot going on.

Have a lovely weekend!
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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

A huge congratulations to Class 1/2S who have again retained their crown for gaining the most certificates this week.

A huge well done to Jakub for receiving our first Diamond certificate



Most correct answers in Year 5/6 – Archie G

Most correct answers in Year 3/4 – Eva-Mae RG

Most correct answers in Year 1/2 – Jack L

A huge well done to our two teams who entered the Year 3/4 Football Tournament on Tuesday. Both teams narrowly missed out on the knockouts, finishing third in their respective groups and claiming three wins. The teams represented the school with pride and their attitude was outstanding. Well done to all who took part.



World Book Day Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you for your kind donations from our recent World Book Day event. We raised £278.00 which will go towards purchasing new books to enhance our school library.

Year 3/4 Easter Reflection

The Year 3/4 Easter Reflection will take place on Wednesday 27th March, at St. Anthony's Church. There will be two performances at 10.00am and 2.00pm. Families are invited to attend either of the performances.



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 Discos - Wednesday, 20th March
Tempest Class and Group Photos - Thursday, 21st March
Year 5/6 Robinwood Assembly - Friday, 22nd March
FOSTA Easter Bingo - Friday, 22nd March
Year 3/4 Easter Reflection - Wednesday, 27th March
Easter Reflection Garden Competition - Wednesday, 27th March
Easter Lunch - Thursday, 28th March
Close for Easter - Thursday, 28th March at 1.30pm
Start of Summer Term - Monday, 15th April
Year 6 SATS - w/c 13th May



PE DAYS

NEW ARRANGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING 19TH FEBRUARY:-

Please don't forget, Reception children should 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



This year, Fairtrade is celebrating its 30th anniversary year of the Fairtrade Mark in the UK and even more significant for us, it is the 20th year anniversary of Preston being a Fairtrade city!

To continue to raise awareness of Fairtrade in school, we have recently had a visit from a Fairtrade representative. Janette Fletcher delivered a presentation all about Fairtrade. She talked to the children about the Fairtrade products we can purchase and those products using Fairtrade composites; alongside information about the history of Fairtrade and a breakdown of how much of the purchase Fairtrade price, Fairtrade farmers actually receive once everyone else takes their cut!



We have been invited to support Preston's 20th year anniversary project by designing Fairtrade eggs that will be displayed in Preston during the Easter break, so our Fairtrade Warriors are currently busy being very creative! We look forward to sharing these creations with you!

School Hoodies

We have had a number of enquiries about hooded tops. To clarify, hooded tops, including those with the school logo, are permitted in school but cannot be worn for PE lessons involving invasion games and tag games for safety reasons. As indicated in our PE policy, children should wear a blue/black hoodless jumper/sweatshirt on PE days so that they can keep warm during PE lessons when the weather is cold. Hooded tops can be worn for the rest of the day when children are not involved in a tag/invasion activity.

We have never requested or given permission for school suppliers to use our logo on hooded tops and have requested that these are withdrawn from sale. Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance – Friday, 8th March – Thursday, 14th March

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	89.1%
Rec T	95.9%
1/2S	94.7%
1/2T	87.7%
1/2A	87.0%
3/4S	94.0%
3/4T	75.7%
3/4A	86.3%
5/6S	85.0%
5/6T	72.6%
5/6A	95.2%
<i>Whole School</i>	87.3%
<i>Whole School Target</i>	96.0%

Attendance

Well done to our Reception T children who this week have achieved the highest percentage attendance of 95.9%. The children will be awarded an extra playtime or treat of their choice. Our overall percentage attendance this week is 87.3%.



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 if you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken. PLEASE NOTE THAT NONE OF OUR CLASSES WILL BE HAVING PE SO ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO COME TO SCHOOL IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM.

Years 3,4,5 and 6 Before School Dancercise Club

Advance Notice – Unfortunately, we are having to cancel our before school Dancercise Club next Thursday, 21st March, with the hall being used by Tempest. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Weekly Friday Mass

On Friday, 22nd 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.

Year 5/6 Robinwood Assembly

Year 5/6 will be holding a short Assembly on Friday, 22nd March, at 1.30pm to share some of our experiences from Robinwood. Parents/carers of children in Year 5/6 are welcome to attend.

St Anthony's Easter Reflection Garden Competition

On Wednesday, 27th March, we are holding an Easter Reflection Garden competition with all proceeds raised going to the Mary's Meals Charity. Mary's Meals serve nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. Entry is £1.00 which is payable through your Parent Pay accounts. More information can be found on the flyer on the newsletter section of our website.

Thank you from our FOSTA Team

Thank you from our FOSTA Team for your generous donations of chocolate, alcohol and toys sent in for last Friday's own clothes day. Your donations will be used as prizes for the forthcoming FOSTA Easter Family Bingo and other FOSTA fundraising events throughout the year. FOSTA are raising money towards our mini bus fund so thank you for all your support.

FOSTA Easter Discos

FOSTA's Easter Discos will take place on Wednesday, 20th March at the following times:-

Reception and Year 1/2 disco – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Reception and Year 1/2 children will go straight from class to the disco.

Reception children may come to school in their party clothes. With Wednesday being a PE day for our Year 1/2 children, please can they come to school in their PE kit and bring their party clothes with them in a bag with their name and class clearly marked on it.

Reception children will need to be picked up from class and Year 1/2 children from the KS2 playground.

Tickets are £4.50 which includes a drink and sweets.

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 disco – 4.45pm – 6.00pm

Drop off for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 children will be through the hall door by the car park.

Pick up will be from the KS2 playground. No child will be allowed to walk home without extra permission for the disco.

Tickets are £3.50 and drinks and sweets will be available to buy at the disco.

Please pay through your Parent Pay accounts.

****No mobile phones are allowed into the disco***

FOSTA Easter Family Bingo

FOSTA are holding an Easter Family Bingo night at St. Anthony's Social Club on Friday, 22nd March, to raise money for our mini bus fund. Doors will open at 6.00pm with Bingo starting at 6.30pm. We hope you will join us for a fun evening. (Please see separate flyer with further details about the Bingo).

Tickets for the Bingo are £1.00 per person and can be purchased through Parent Pay accounts. Spaces are limited to 100 so it is advisable to buy early to avoid disappointment. This is a family event so everyone needs a ticket and all children must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Easter Lunch

Attached to this week's newsletter is a flyer advertising our Easter Lunch which is taking place on Thursday, 28th March. There is no need to book in advance for your child to have the lunch, just make the £2.50 payment in advance through your Parent Pay accounts under the school meal item. As well as the Roast option, there will also be an alternative choice of Jacket Potato with the usual fillings. Payment is only applicable to Key Stage 2 parents who pay for school lunches.

Outstanding Balances on Parent Pay Accounts

Please can we request that all outstanding balances on Parent Pay accounts be cleared before we break up for Easter on Thursday, 28th March. Failure to do so WILL result in you being asked to provide your child with a packed lunch when we return to school after Easter until your outstanding balance is cleared. Many thanks

Lancashire County Council's Road Safety Event

Lancashire County Council's Road Safety Team are holding "Child Car Seat Check" events at the following venues:-

Asda, Fulwood, PR2 9NP

Monday and Tuesday, 25th and 26th March –
10.00am-3.00pm

Smyths Toys, PR1 4HZ

Wednesday and Thursday, 27th and 28th March
– 10.00am-3.00pm

This is a free service and is purely to support parents with advice and an independent check on their child's car seat. There is no need to book, just turn up at the venue of your choice at a time convenient to yourself.

