

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday, 8th March, 2024

Star of the Week Awards

Star of the Week Assembly hasn't taken place this week

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1/2S		1/2T		1/2A	
3/4S		3/4T		3/4A	
5/6S		5/6T		5/6A	

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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 two of the Autumn/Winter menu

What a week! We have many moments of pride during the school week, but World Book Day filled us all with joy. We are so lucky to have so many wonderful people in our school and the 'buzz' was amazing to feel/see. The highlights were the 'wild' readers and children sharing their reading across school.

Thank you to all who made the day special, and I hope the children came home having had a wonderful day. We already have a passion for reading at St. Anthony's but hopefully it has inspired/reignited the love.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Berry

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 Ola, Jakub, Harrison, Lena, Zuzanna, Hugh and Alfie who have all received Emerald Certificates



Most correct answers in Year 5/6 – Archie G

Most correct answers in Year 3/4 – Ali E

Most correct answers in Year 1/2 – Jack L

Preston School Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, a group of our children represented St. Anthony's in the annual Key Stage 2 Swimming Gala at West View Leisure Centre. All the children competed extremely well and did the school proud finishing third in the medley relay and in the individual boys' front crawl. Well done to our outstanding swimming team, Fearne, Kristina, Amira, Zach, Lucas, George, Oliver and Borys!

Summer Term Milk and Key Stage 2 Breaktime Snack

Advance Notice – We will be placing next term's milk and key stage 2 toast/fruit toast orders before we break up for our Easter holidays. If you wish your child to have milk and/or toast/fruit toast, payment will need to be made in advance through your Parent Pay accounts no later than Friday, 22nd March. Orders can be placed from Monday, 11th March.



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
Easter Reflection Garden Competition - Wednesday, 27th 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 had a visit from a Fairtrade representative on Monday last week. 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!

Weekly Friday Mass

On Friday, 15th March, all children from Year 3/4 will be attending the 9.15am mass and it would be lovely to see parents/grandparents at this mass if commitments allow.

Tempest Class and Group Photographs

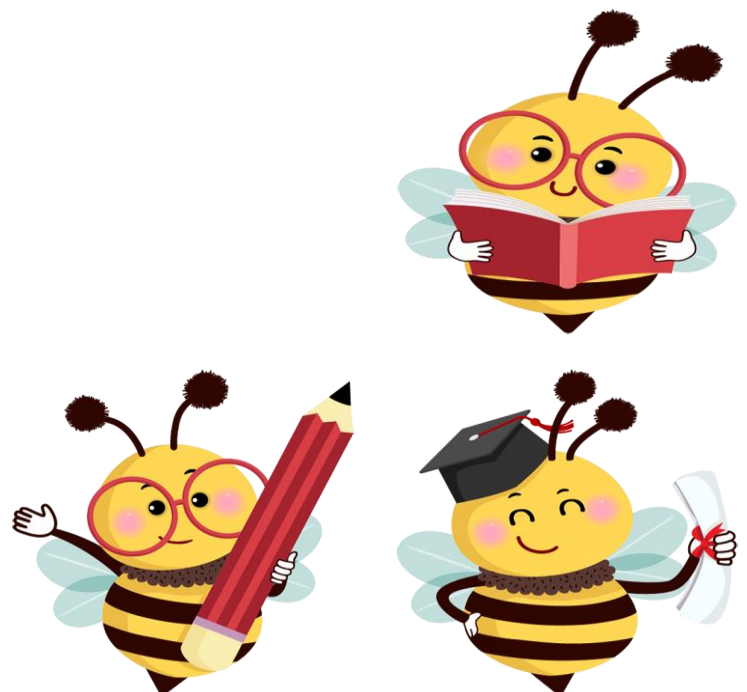
Tempest will be in school on Thursday, 21st March to take class and group photographs. Please email the school office by Friday, 15th March if you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO WEAR THEIR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM TO SCHOOL ON PHOTOGRAPH DAY.

Attendance – Friday, 1st March – Thursday, 7th March

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	95.2%
Rec T	100.0%
1/2S	94.7%
1/2T	94.3%
1/2A	92.3%
3/4S	98.0%
3/4T	86.7%
3/4A	91.3%
5/6S	94.1%
5/6T	92.3%
5/6A	96.8%
<i>Whole School</i>	94.0%
<i>Whole School Target</i>	96.0%

Attendance

A huge well done to our Reception T children who this week have achieved the highest percentage attendance of 100.0%. The children will be awarded an extra playtime or treat of their choice. Our overall percentage attendance this week is 94.0%



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.

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.

World Book Day 2024

Reading is a priority for both children and staff at St. Anthony's and World Book Day provided an opportunity for the whole school community to come together to celebrate this. Thank you very much for your engagement and support with this from home into school. We have gathered some fantastic photographs of the children that will be live on the website soon. From the parade at 9.00am to class swap at 2.30pm - the day was full of joy, laughter and opportunity - exactly what reading brings to a child's life. You are still welcome to help yourself to preloved books in the school office and donate your costume/s for a child to use next year.

Joanne Moore

All staff and children would like to send a huge 'thank you' to Joanne Moore for coming into school and reading her wonderful new book to us. We can't wait for the next book already!

'Floss the Wobbly Flamingo' can be ordered on Amazon for £7.99, or Joanne is willing to discount any books that are ordered through her to £7.00. Books can be ordered, signed and delivered into school to then be brought home in your child's book bag (these can take up to two weeks to arrive).

FOSTA Easter Disco

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 a Family Easter 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.



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

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.

