

Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter



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This Sunday, we celebrated the start of Advent. We have four Sundays to prepare, to get ready for the celebration of Jesus' birth. We were reminded in Sunday's Gospel that we don't know when He might actually turn up to see us and want us for His glory.

In our worship today we are reminding the children what a beautiful time of preparation Advent is in the Church and why it is important not to get distracted by presents, lights and trees but take time to reflect on the real reason we are celebrating and preparing for the true miracle of Christmas.

As we start a new week at St. Anthony's, let us be ever-reminded of the importance of preparing ourselves for the second coming and reflecting at this special time of year.



This Week:

Another busy week at St. Anthony's this week. Thank you for all your cake donations and for joining us for our coffee morning on Thursday; we raised nearly £600 to go towards new books for our school. We have already had our first meeting to look at new books and some have been ordered! On Friday, Christmas began for the children as they got very busy and creative making Christmas decorations for the school, their classrooms and to sell in a couple of weeks at our Christmas Fair. There were lots of smiles all around school and the sound of Christmas music everywhere!



On Sunday we celebrated Father Nicholas' 12 years of Ordination. Mass was celebrated at Church with Bishop Peter and then there was a party afterwards. It was fantastic to see so many of you there for such a happy event. Thank you to everyone that came, helped out and donated food; it was a truly special way to start Advent.

The WORD of the Week:

Each week we would like to share a scripture with you to share and discuss with your children.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up

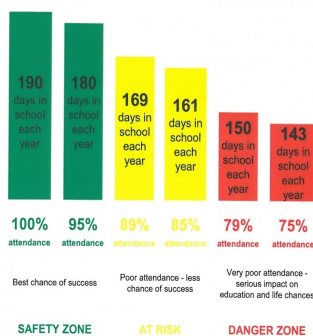
Galatians 6:9

Learning, Growing and Living With Jesus

Attendance

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS.....

being in school at least 95% of the time or between 180 and 190 days



May we remind you that NO holiday will be authorised at any time during term time and 5 days of absence or more will incur a penalty notice (fine) from Slough Borough Council.

A Prayer for the week

Loving God, as we begin this holy season of Advent, help us to truly prepare for the celebration of the birth of your Son.

Amid the hustle and bustle of the commercial, worldly Christmas, help us to make time to stop and invite you into our hearts, so we can welcome you whole heartedly into our lives in the coming weeks.

O come, Emmanuel.

Amen



Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will take place on the **16th of December 3.30-5.30pm**. The children have made Christmas decorations to sell at the school Christmas Fair. Please make sure you come along and see the beautiful decorations that the children have made, making sure you snap up the decoration made by your child!



Breakfast club

Breakfast club is open from 8.15am. Children are not to be left on the school site unattended. If children are on site before 8.45am, they must attend Breakfast club or early morning groups.

Choir and After School Clubs

Choir will be running until the last week of term and will be running both Monday and Tuesday until the O2 event in January.

Other after school clubs will be available to book by the end of this week.

School Uniform

Please make sure that all uniform worn and brought into school is clearly labelled with your child's full name. The lost property bunks are getting full again. Thank you.

Jewellery

Please remember that jewellery should not be worn at school. Stud earrings are allowed unless your child is participating in P.E. that day.

The Book People

With Christmas approaching you may be buying your children books. If you do purchase books via : www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost please choose us as your school. For every £10 spent the school will be given £1 to spend



Year 3 and 4 Choir

On the 10th of December, members of the Year 3 and 4 Choir will be singing carols at St. Joseph's Catholic High School at 6pm. Parents are welcome to come along. Children singing should return the reply slip to Mrs Mills as soon as possible and arrive at 5:15pm to St. Joseph's. The concert will be approximately an hour.

If you would like to watch please collect a ticket before the event; it is FREE but tickets are given out so that we know how many are likely to attend.



Local Events

- Ticket price - £30 per adult
- (Groups discount available)
- 3 Course Meal
- Unlimited Soft Drinks
- Christmas Decor
- DJ - Desired Events
- Cash Bar



6th, 7th & 14th Dec 2019
Christmas Joiners

At Haveli Banquet - 277 High Street, Slough, SL1 1BN

Time: 7:00 PM Onwards

01753517744/07545390057

Tickets also available from www.eventbrite.co.uk
OR
Goto our facebook page @HaveliBanquetSlough

Growth Mindset:

Our quote for this week is:



Calendar Dates for your diary:

03/12	Year 4 Christmas production	2:15pm
04/12	Year 4 Christmas production	10:00am
05/12	Year 3 writing workshop	9:00am — 11:00am
06/12	Non-Uniform Day	
10/12	KS2 Reconciliation service Reception Christmas Production	11:15am 2:15pm
11/12	Reception Christmas Production KS1 Reconciliation Service	10:00am 3:00pm
12/12	Y1 Christmas production	2:15 pm
13/12	Y1 Christmas production Christmas Family Disco Party	10.00am 6:00pm—8:00pm
16/12	School Christmas Fair	3:30pm —5:30pm
17/12	End of term Mass	
18/12	Christmas dinner and jumper day	
19/12	Nursery Christmas workshops	
20/12	School finishes 1.30pm	

Family Disco

Friday 13th
December

Tickets will be on
sale from
Wednesday 4th
December.

Activities

Music

Food

Lots more family fun

Santa's Grotto

Face Painting

6pm to 8pm



Don't miss out!

Non-Uniform Day for our Christmas Fair

To help us to prepare for our Christmas Fair, we would like to encourage all children to wear their own clothes on Friday 6th December 2019. We would like children to come with a donation for our Fair, ideally with the items listed below. We would also appreciate support from our families on the day to make this a huge success. Krisztina Varga is our PTA lead. Please get in touch with her or the school office to offer help with stalls, making and setting up.

Thank you for your support!



Nursery— Fill a jar

Fill a jar with anything for a stall of sweets, treats, pre-loved items. Ask Miss Knox for ideas!

Reception— Chocolate

for our Chocolate Tombola

Year 1— Stationery for our stationery stall (note pads, fluffy pens/pencils, etc.)

Year 2—Bottles (alcohol, soft drinks, etc)

Year 3— Small items for our lucky dip

Year 4—pre-loved Christmas decorations

Year 5—nearly new items and books

Year 6— Toiletries (body creams, bubble bath, nail polish, etc.)

30 Hours Funded Places for Nursery

From January 2020 we are looking to offer full-day nursery in our setting. Please register your interest by completing a form at the main school office as soon as possible.

If you are unsure if you are eligible, please visit the [Childcare Choices website](#), which is a government website that will explain your options.

If you require any further information, please speak to the EYFS team.

The deadline for applying for your 30 hours code via the website is early December.

We are also looking to offer extended sessions for those that may not be entitled to 30 hour funding. Please also let us know if this is of interest to you.

Free School Meals

Help your school and yourself - claim free school meals

Taking up free school meals has benefits for everyone:

- children get a healthy nutritious meal
- schools can benefit directly by receiving £1300 for each eligible primary school child

WHO QUALIFIES FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals are offered to children of families who receive:

- ☑ Income Support
- ☑ Income Based Jobseeker Allowance (IBJSA)
- ☑ Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(RI))
- ☑ Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ☑ Child Tax Credit (TC602) that does not exceed income of £16190.00
- ☑ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (M1000 Award Notice)
- ☑ Universal Credit and my family's net income excluding any benefit related payments is less than £7,400

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

If you think you qualify for free school meals and have an email address or mobile number then you can apply through Slough Borough Council's online free school meals form. Slough Borough Council will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

If you do not have an email address or a mobile number then you can get a 'free school meals' application form from your child's/children's school. The school will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

Once you are eligible for free school meals, you are more likely to remain eligible for up to 2 years despite any changes to your circumstances.

Not claiming benefits, but have a child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2?

There are clear advantages in pupils having a school dinner, so the Government have announced that every child in the above Year groups will be eligible for a free meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

You can apply online or pick up a registration form from our school reception.

Antz Kidz Activity Centre Presents Christmas Craft Event

14th December 12pm to 3pm
HOME Slough, High Street, SL1 1BY

Festive Fun for all the Family

Craft Activities for all Ages

Card Making

Sing along to Carols

Free Festive Refreshments

Face Painting

Flower Arranging

Make Unique Ornaments

Kids Lucky Dip

Special Guests

£2 Entry



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St. Anthony's Christmas Fair 2019

Games Raffle Prizes

Candles Arts and Crafts

Tombola Lucky Dip

Decorations

Nearly New Gifts

Cakes and lots more...

Come and join us for festive cheer on
Monday 16th December
3:30 to 5:30



THERE IS AN URGENT NEED IN SLOUGH...

FOSTER CARERS CHANGE LIVES

"My carers are like family and, because they're local, I'm still close to everything I know."

"At first my carers were complete strangers but I settled in fast and have never felt alone."

"Fostering has changed our lives for the better and we feel well supported."

"My own children are proud to be part of a fostering family."



Find out more about the generous payments and support we offer.

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