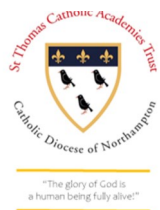


Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter



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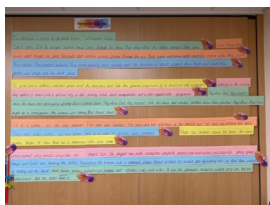
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Sundays Gospel tells the parable of a merchant. Before going on a trip he calls three of his servants and gives each of them amount of money or gold, called a 'talent'. To the first he gives five; the second receives three and the third is given one. The first invests his money and doubles it; the second does the same with his. However, the servant who receives one piece of gold simply buries it in ground. The merchant returns and calls in his servants. The first gives back the five talents plus the five he made. The second also gives back the three he received plus the three he had made. The last servant dug his one up and gave back exactly what he received, no more no less. The merchant is overjoyed with the first two servants; to both he says, *'Well done good and faithful servant.'* However, with last servant he is simply disappointed that he did nothing with what he was given. On the face of it, this is a simple parable, but a closer look reveals that it contains a much deeper challenge from Jesus to each of us. A parable is offered like a mirror into which we are called to look so that we can see and learn something new about ourselves. We are being asked to see ourselves in this parable. The point is not to argue that God gives more gifts to some than others, but to accept that God gives each person *different* gifts. The gifts and talents that I have been given have not been given to anyone else. The question being asked is whether or not we are using them to the best of our ability or are we simply burying and refusing to use them. Like those in the gospel, we have a choice to make with the gifts we have been given. We can develop and use them to help ourselves and others grow or we can bury and hide them in the dark where they will do no one any good. The choice is ours, but we will be held accountable and responsible for whatever decision we make, just like those in the gospel.



Last Week



Another fantastic week of learning for all our children. A special week also as we gathered virtually for a mass on Remembrance Day. Year 6 are getting better by the week with their writing and finished the week by writing their independent stories. Year 3 produced some beautiful Poppy art work as a reflection on their learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to adapt to new Government guidance. This week you will be receiving information about our virtual Parents evening, so please keep a close eye on your inbox. Please do get in touch if you need help or support with anything in during this difficult time. We are here to help and listen.

The WORD of the Week:

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

'But in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,'

1 Peter 3:15

Learning, Growing and Living With Jesus

Timings

Year group	Start of the day	End of the day
Nursery	Morning- 8.20 Afternoon- 12.15	Morning- 11.30 Afternoon- 3.15
Reception	8.35	2.50
1	9.05	3.20
2	8.15	2.30
3	8.55	3.10
4	8.25	2.40
5	8.45	3.00
6	9.15	3.30

Stars of the week!

Reception:

Year 1: Iga,

Year 2: Kayla, Victor.S

Year 3: Maya. B, Rory.L, Iliana.B

Year 4: Roman, George, Igor

Year 5: Sara, Charlotte, Julian

Year 6: Sarah.A, Nikodem, Franek



Timings

It is more important no more than ever as we enter into a second lock down that all parents/carers adhere to the pick up and drop off times. Please do not wait on the school site for later finishes, please leave via the one way system and reenter when needed.



Winter Uniform

Children should be wearing their winter school and P.E uniform now. School uniform can be ordered from www.st-anthonys.re-uniform.co.uk Please have black or blue jogging trousers for P.E these can also be bought from most supermarkets.

Growth Mind-set

Gratitude
helps you see
what's there
instead of
what isn't

Face Masks

We are asking all visitors to the school site to wear a face mask or visor. This includes when parents drop off or pick up during the school day. Please make sure your face covering is covering both your nose and mouth. We want to keep everyone safe dur-

HOW TO WEAR A MASK?

Use surgical masks instead of N95 masks.



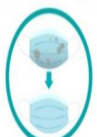
It should COVER YOUR MOUTH, NOSE AND CHIN, with the coloured side facing outwards.



PINCH THE METAL EDGE OF THE MASK so that it presses gently on your nose bridge.



Remove a used mask HOLDING ONLY THE EAR LOOPS.



To be effective, CHANGE YOUR MASKS REGULARLY OR IF SOILED OR WET.



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER after disposing the soiled mask properly into a bin.

Prayer for the week

I love you God.

Thank you for sending salvation through Jesus, which is the name above all names.

Let every word that I speak and every thought that I think be pleasing to you.

Let my entire life be my act of worship. I dedicate all that I am, and all that I do, to you.

Help me to live according to your ways. Living an upright life is how I express my deepest gratitude to you.

Amen



Attendance

A HUGE well done to 3 Jonah for getting 100% attendance last week. As a prize you can wear your own clothes on

Friday!



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.