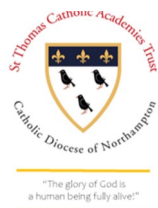


Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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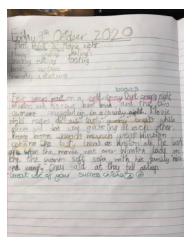
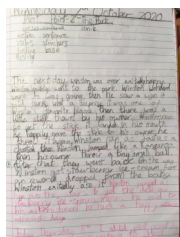
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Date: Monday 2nd November 2020

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of All Saints. These men and women to whom we look as examples of how to follow Jesus weren't born saints. They became saints slowly and gradually over the course of their lives. These are the Holy Ones of God, the Communion of Saints to whom we are connected through our prayer and the celebration of the sacraments. It was because of how they lived and in many cases how they died that they became saints. They are now held up to us as roles models of how to follow Jesus. Many of these saints date back to the earliest beginnings of the Christian community, the Church. Many are famous, well known and whose name and story we know well. We may even have our own favourite patron saint after whom we ourselves have been named. Sundays Gospel was the Sermon on the Mount; the Beatitudes. Jesus describes clearly the qualities that are required to follow him. We are to be poor in spirit; that is we are to depend humbly on God. We are to be gentle and to work for justice and for what is right. We are asked to be merciful, pure in heart and to be peacemakers. There will also be times when we will be attacked and even persecuted because we are followers of Jesus. This is the job description of a saint! We remember Maximilian Kolbe who freely gave his life for a man in a concentration camp on August 14 1941 and who was canonised on October 10 in 1982. We recall Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador, who was murdered while saying mass on March 24 1980. He was canonised on October 14 2015. You and I may never be asked to give our lives so radically, but we are never the less called to live our daily lives as best we can, believing we are called to be saints. As St. Paul reminds us; *'You are God's chosen race, his saints, he loves you and you are to be clothed in compassion, kindness and humility.'* (Col. 3.12)



Last half term



All the children had a very busy last week of term, which was finished nicely with whole school poetry day! The children looked fantastic in their costumes and thank you to all of you who were able to join in over Zoom. Year 3 produced some fantastic writing following the same sentence stacking format we started this year. Year 6 have been studying war poetry and had a live virtual talk with Mrs Blackiston's Mum who was able to share with them all her memories from her childhood. **A huge well done to John in Year 1, who won a prize in the Slough Horticultural Show 2020 virtual event for best recycled milk carton.**

We hope that you have had a fun and restful half term and are looking forward to the new term ahead. We understand that this is a very changeable time at the moment and we will do our best to keep you well informed of any updates and changes. Please continue to work with the school and keep the office updated of any changes in personal circumstances.

The WORD of the Week:

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

For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 7:6

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

Slough Services

Although Slough Services are not able to offer support in the normal face to face way, they are still operating and looking at ways they can support you. Please take a look at their website to sign post you to the help that you need.

www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk

Book Amnesty

Please have a look at home for any school reading and library books and return them to your child's class teacher. Lots went missing over lock down and the Summer holidays.

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 during this difficult time.

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

Lord, as we prepare for the coming of a new term make us ready, attentive and available to hear you.

Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us.

Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use.

May all that we are today, all that we try to do today, may all our encounters, reflections, even the frustrations and failings all be place in your hands.

May the work we do and the way we do it, bring new hope, new life, and courage to all we come in contact with this term.

We thank you, Lord. Amen



Reception Places

For a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 Reception applications for September 2021 closes on Friday 15 January 2021. Please visit

www.slough.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/

Meet the teacher Zoom

Year	Date	Timing
Year 4	02.11.20	4:30pm
Year 5	02.11.20	5:00pm
Year 2	02.11.20	5:30pm
Year 6	03.11.20	4:30pm
Year 3	03.11.20	5:00pm
Re-ceptio	03.11.20	5:30pm
Nurse-ry	05.11.20	4:30pm
Year 1	05.11.20	5:00pm

Secondary School Places

All Year 6 parents must visit:

slough.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions.aspx...

In order to register for their child's Year 7

Growth Mind-set



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.



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Shaggy Calf Lane, Slough, SL2 5HW

Required ASAP (Fixed term contract initially)

ATTENDANCE AND WELFARE OFFICER

37 hours per week, term time + 10 days

Monday – Friday 7.30am – 3.30pm

Level 5 Scale 19 £25,673 p.a. FTE

The suitable candidate must have:

- O level/GCSE A-C Grade/9-5 Grade in Maths and English minimum
- Experience of working in busy office environment
- Confident telephone skills
- Experience of Microsoft Office to an intermediate level
- Experience of working with working with children/public

For more information and an application pack please visit the

school website www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

01753 524713

e-mail: c.toombs@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

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