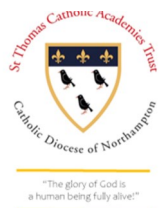


Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter



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In Sundays Gospel Jesus tell us of a King who appears generous inviting people to his sons wedding– a very special day. The king in the parable goes through a range of emotions and reactions. At first he is furious when the invited guests refuse his generosity. Then he is overcome with kindness and invites outsiders and strangers to the wedding. Finally in anger and rage he has a guest thrown from the wedding! If the wedding is a symbol for the Kingdom of God and the King is God, what are we today to make of all this today? Are we going to be treated similarly? The invitation in scripture and from Jesus is 'come to the feast, the wedding.' We read this in Sunday's first reading from Isaiah. *'The Lord will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, of fine wine.... we will exult and rejoice because God has saved us.'* So through God's gracious generosity, all people are invited to this sacred and divine party, just as in the Gospel parable. But, and there is always a 'but' with Jesus; there is a cost to this invitation. Accepting the invitation to the feast and of being a follower of Jesus comes with great responsibility. Those of us who are invited to the feast and accept the invitation are not to be careless, casual or complacent. There is nothing automatic about the invitation or accepting it. My personal invitation does not automatically mean attendance and if I do turn up, does not necessarily mean celebration. If I accept this precious invitation from God, then it comes with expectations. St. Paul himself tells us; *'You are God's chosen people, his saints, and you should cloth yourself in genuine compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience... over all these clothes... put on love..'* (Col.3.12).



Last Week



Year 2 had their thinking caps on during P.E as they thought up and practised their static balances!

We have reached the final week of term. Despite being a very different start to the school year the children have been fantastic and very adaptable and resilient. Thank you for all your continued support and we hope you have a lovely and safe half term. Please remember that this Friday is Poetry day and the children can come to school dressed as their favourite poetry character. We also have lots of fun activities taking place for the children which is payable through Parent Pay for £3 per child.

Please continue to have a good look at home for any books belonging to the school and return them as soon as possible. Clubs continue to run this week and children are expected to be in school all week.

The WORD of the Week:

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

'And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also'.

John 14:3

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

Dear Lord, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your spirit.

Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness.

Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do.

Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us.

Thank you for always going before us. In Jesus' Name,

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/school-admissions.aspx

IMPORTANT

School will now be open to all children on Friday 16th of October. As its poetry week we are asking the children to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a poem. Please log onto parent pay to make a £3 payment so that the children can attend the live performances throughout the day.



Growth Mind-set

YOU ARE
capable
OF SO MUCH
more
THAN YOU CAN EVEN
imagine

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

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

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

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