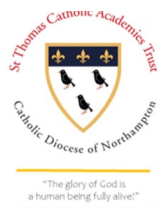


# Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter



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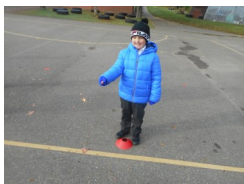
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The image of a feast or banquet is used in scripture to describe both the kingdom and the generosity of God. The gospel on Sunday presented us with one such celebration; a wedding. Jesus begins with a very familiar phrase, *'the kingdom of God is like...'* He tells the parable of the guests who were invited to the wedding. Five were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones brought their lamps but no oil. The wise brought both lamps and enough oil. When the groom was delayed they all fell asleep. On his arrival, the foolish ones had neither light nor oil for their lamps and the wise, when asked refused to share their oil with them. The foolish ones went to buy oil but on their return the wedding had started and they were turned away! They missed the feast and the celebration because they were neither ready nor prepared. Jesus finishes by saying, *'Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'* There is an almost Advent message in this gospel! We are being reminded to stay awake and be ready at all times as we prepare to welcome Jesus when he returns. When this will happen we do not know. The call is to be like the wise guests who were ready and the danger is that we will be like the foolish ones who were unprepared. Sadly, they had become casual and complacent. This is the situation in which we find ourselves today. Christ came when he was born, which we celebrate during Advent and at the Nativity. But now, these days we are called to live and wait in joyful hope for coming of our Lord at the fullness of time. This takes patience and perseverance. We are in the words of Jesus to *stay awake*. How do we do this? We stay awake and prepare for Jesus by living our daily lives as best we can as his followers and disciples. It is through the quality of our ordinary lives that we prepare for the fullness of God's Kingdom.



## Last Week



What a week of learning all the children had last week! Year 2 have been learning all about the Great Fire of London and the history behind Bonfire night. They then took all their new safety knowledge outside and had sparklers on the playground! Year 6 have been learning about the human body and how our vital organs work. Specifically the heart. They watched a live dissection and then recreated the pump system.

As we enter into week 2 of a new national lockdown, we thank you for your continued support. Please be reminded that only one parent/carer should be dropping off and picking up at the start and end of the day. Please wear a face mask while on the school site. Unfortunately clubs have had to stop and we urge parents to pick up and drop off on time.

### The WORD of the Week:

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

'So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming.'

Matthew 24:42

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](http://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

### 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](http://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.

### 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

#### HOW TO WEAR A MASK?

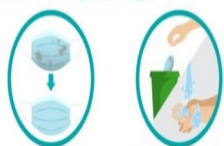
Use surgical masks instead of N95 masks.



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

We pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through his challenging season.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable to not succumb to the risks of the virus.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide, may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness

### Growth Mind-set

MISTAKES ARE **PROOF** YOU ARE **TRYING** | CORRECTING MISTAKES ARE **PROOF** THAT YOU'RE **GROWING!**

### Nasal Flu

Please complete the nasal flu form for your child by Thursday at **midday**. This form needs to be completed even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated.

### Helmets

Please make sure that all children riding a scooter bike or wear a helmet.



## 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.