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Word of the Week



Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Psalm 150

This week at St. Anthony's



Welcome back to a busy and exciting September!

We are delighted to have the children back at school and have lots of new things for them to enjoy and experience. We have set up new nurture spaces in the school and we are setting up our new library at the moment.

It has also been wonderful to meet our new starters and their families, our new little ones are settling beautifully!

We have also had some new members of staff start with us this September: Miss Barkauskaite, based in Reception and Miss Abeysekera, Mr Brown and Mr Gardiner, all based in Year 4.

It has been lovely that we have been able to return to some normality and we hope that this continues. We are urging and encouraging families to continue to be cautious and vigilant.

As a welcome back at the end of last week and this week, we have been talking about being inspired by positive role models around us and by being the best that we can be. We talked about some of the wonderful Olympians and Paralympians that we have been amazed by over the summer. We also used the Gospel reading from last Sunday to encourage children to have faith and courage to do what is right, to persevere and to dream big! We also remember Our Mother Mary on her feast day last Wednesday, 8th September, with the courage that she showed with trusting in God.

Our children are inspirational and we can't wait to see what brilliance we will from them this year.

Thank you for your continuing support, as we adjust to new systems and practices, whilst also being mindful of safety changes and guidance.

May God bless you, have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Oppé



1 - Ms Barkauskaite



2 - Miss Abeysekera



3 - Mr Brown



4 - Mr Gardiner

After School Clubs



Asia's Heartbeat *arirang*

These are now live on ParentPay, however spaces are limited and strictly first come first serve.

We have also emailed out flyers for Little Tanks drama club, Magical Maths and Slough Football coaching course which are all run by independent companies. If there is a club that your child would like to see running at our school, please let us know!

We are also looking at holiday club provision for the future. If you are interested in this, please do express an interest in the office.

Nursery & Reception



Our Nursery is thriving and we have an excellent team of dedicated staff. We have spaces for 30 hours and are exploring our options for two year-old spaces. Please contact the school office for more information, or to express your interest for two-year old spaces.

We also still have some spaces left for Reception commencing September 2021. If you are interested or know somebody who is, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Virtual prayer group & Prayer of the week



At St Thomas Academy Trust, we are running a virtual prayer group, anonymously praying for our children, families and staff in the community. All staff, governors, parents/carers and parishioners are invited to be involved. If we have enough volunteers, it is hoped that each person would be asked to join the group twice a year. The group will meet at 7pm (lasting appx. 20minutes) on the first Monday of each month. If you would like be part of this prayer group, please email Nikki Tew at ntew@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk

Prayer of the Week:

Lord Jesus,

Keep us always conscious that we are empowered

To choose to love as you have loved.

Help us to translate that consciousness into action.

Amen

Messages and Reminders



RAPID COVID-19 TESTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE

Whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, are now able to test themselves twice every week from home.

Rapid testing detects cases quickly – in under 30 minutes – meaning positive cases can isolate immediately. This can be the difference between children being able to stay in school, or a class being sent home due to an outbreak. It could also be the difference between a workplace having to close for a period, or being able to stay open and running.

How do I get home testing kits?

There are 3 different options on how you and your household can get tested: 1. Order kits to test your household by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> 2. Find a local site to get tested at by visiting <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites> and entering your postcode to find your nearest testing site 3. Find a local site where you can collect tests by visiting <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> and entering your postcode to find your nearest collection site.

Please do not contact the school for home testing kits as they are only available by these 3 options. We do not hold any testing kits on school premises for our families.

Breakfast Club

If you have signed your child up to breakfast club please ensure you arrive promptly at the Stafford Gate for 8:00am. The gate will close at 8:05am and re-open at 8:15am for the staggered start.

We would love to hear your feedback! It is so nice to talk to you on the gate and hear positive feedback.

Please email: catchup@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk with feedback and messages for our school, children, learning and community and it will be shared via Twitter on feedback Friday!

Bridging Club

When collecting on a Friday, please be reminded to either collect at 1:30 or at 3:30 if you have registered; please do not try to collect in between times, as it is very difficult for staff to plan activities.

Meet the Teacher

We have decided to run our Meet the Teacher sessions over Zoom again this term.

You will receive a schedule today and the joining details for Zoom early next week; they will be on Wednesday 15th September and will be at either 4:00pm, 4:30pm and 5:00pm and will also be recorded.

Contact us



We always welcome your feedback and hope we can answer any questions you may have. Although the office is currently closed, we will still answer emails and phone calls.

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