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21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents,

What a busy half term. We have had lots to celebrate:

**Wolves in Wolves:**



A number of our pupils took place in the Mini Wolf art project – which can be seen in Wolverhampton Art Gallery. Using symbols and images that represent St Anthony's, pupils in Y1-Y6 worked together to create a mini wolf, seen at the front of this picture. Please go and visit it if you are in town.

*'I felt proud to be picked for the Wolves in Wolves team and felt good when the other members helped me. I'm happy that our work is in the Art Gallery for the whole of Wolverhampton to see.'* (Millie Y5)

**Children's University Graduation:** This year we saw 70 pupils with Bronze or Silver Certificates and 10 with Gold Certificates or Bronze Awards. These certificates are gained by an accumulation of points earned through after school clubs or external extra-curricular activities.



*'The graduation ceremony was wonderful. To see and hear of what the children had done to achieve their awards was brilliant. As a Dad I was proud to watch my daughter graduate. It is really brilliant that St Anthony's does this for the children. Well Done.'* (Proud Dad of a Y2 pupil).



**Sports Day:** The weather was kind to us this year, with only one attempt needed at Sports Day. It was lovely to see our pupils of all ages trying their best and supporting each other. The whole school community had a fantastic Sports Day as Nursery, Reception, Key Stage 1 and then Key Stage 2 all displayed their sporting talents in front of hundreds of parents who came to

support the children. We particularly enjoyed watching the very competitive Egg 'n' Spoon racing parents (even if there was a bit of cheating!).

**The Summer Fete:** A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising a very successful summer fete. This year we made a record £1402.47. This money, along with other funds raised across the year, will go towards paying for new equipment on the KS1 playground and the Nursery play area. Thank you to all of you who attended, donated and entered the fun of the event. Due to the challenges on school funding, these types of purchases cannot be managed from the main school budget, so we are entirely grateful.

**The Digi Awards:**



This year we entered two classes digital art work for the Local Authority Digi Awards, held at the Grand Theatre. We were proud to have three pieces of work selected – two at KS1 and one at KS2. We had winners in both categories. Well done girls and thank you to Mrs Heath and Mrs Charles for taking them.

**Sporting competitions:**

The children have continued to enjoy extra-curricular sport this half term with Karate, Yoga, Multi-skills and Cricket clubs all offering opportunities for fitness, development and fun.

The school Athletics Team have had a successful season as they were crowned Wolverhampton Catholic Schools Champions for the third year running- a fantastic achievement and team effort. Following the regional trials, our Athletes also qualified for nine individual events at the City-wide finals. At those finals, they produced some superb performances with five 4th places, one bronze medal (Ciaran), one silver medal (Lauren) and one gold medal for Erin.



**Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat:** Joseph was performed by the Theatre Club and was a great success. Thank you to all of the parents for your lovely comments – it makes the hard work worthwhile to see you enjoying your children performing. We are very proud of the children as it was a big production to achieve and they all gave 100%, no matter what part they played. We look forward to seeing some of them come back to us for the 2018 performance of ... (watch this space).



**Forthcoming:**

It is with sadness that we see Miss Basche, teacher of St Joseph's Class, leave us this summer. She can no longer manage the commute from Birmingham each day, with such a young child. She is going

to teach in a school the other side of the arduous M6 journey. We wish her the very best and thank her for all that she has done for our pupils over the past few years.

We have been very lucky to recruit an excellent teacher, Miss Jackson, who will be the Class Teacher for St Joseph's early next term. Parents of pupils in this class will receive a detailed letter at the start of next term.

**MarvellousMe:** In September you will receive a personalised letter explaining how to sign up to the MarvellousMe app. This will require an email address (rather than a telephone number) and will therefore enable you to have a number of users to one account – i.e. both parents can receive the same message at the same time. Through this app you will be informed of curriculum topics, homework, rewards, newsletters and administration messages. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please come in and ask. Otherwise, they will all be electronic. Letters requiring signed consent will still come out via paper, although you will receive a text message to tell you to look for it. This app has been sought due to parental request- I hope that it provides the level of communication that you require - we will be seeking feedback.



**Carpark alterations:** We have invested in car park improvements this year, including speedbumps and bay lines, due to a number of issues that have arisen with some parents driving too fast and poor parking. You may have seen the temporary barriers at the front of the school – these are to stop pedestrians from walking off the path into moving traffic. These will be replaced with permanent fencing during the holiday. This means that there should only be children on the carpark if they are on route to a car or coming out of a car and they **MUST** be closely accompanied by an adult.

Any parents who currently use the front carpark due to accessing Nursery who have children moving to Reception in September will no longer be able to park at the front after the end of the school year. Please respect this – passes will be issued to the new cohort of Nursery parents. Disabled bays are legally assigned for those with blue badges and no-one else. Please obey the rules. Thank you,

**Defibrillator:** We are pleased with our fundraising efforts - we have raised £683 to date towards a defibrillator. We are hoping to have this fitted early next term. We will be holding another fundraising activity as we need another £155 before electrician fees to achieve this.

**Dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Mass ('Leavers' Mass) 9:15am – parents welcome
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer 2:10pm (Including Nursery)
26/7 – 1/9	SUMMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to school

**Term dates:** term dates can always be found on the school website and the council website. Next years' dates are on the council website, but we would not know our INSET dates until July 2018.

## Autumn Term 2017

- **Term Time:** Monday 4 September 2017 to Friday 20 October 2017  
**(MONDAY 4/9 and FRIDAY 20/10 INSET)**
- **Half Term:** Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
- **Term Time:** Monday 30 October 2017 - Wednesday 20 December 2017

## Spring Term 2018

- **Term Time:** Tuesday 2 January 2018 to Friday 16 February 2018  
**(JANUARY 2/1 and FRIDAY 16/2 INSET)**
- **Half Term:** Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February
- **Term Time:** Monday 26 February to Thursday 29 March 2018

## Summer Term 2018

- **Term Time:** Monday 16 April to Friday 25 May 2018
- **Half Term:** Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June
- **Term Time:** Monday 4 June 2018 to Friday 20 July 2018  
**(MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE INSET)**

And so we say goodbye and good luck to another wonderfully spectacular Year 6 cohort. May you all go on to achieve, be happy and be ambassadors of St Anthony's on the next part of your educational and faith journey. We will miss you all.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Davis  
(HEAD TEACHER)

## A word from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents,

It is with pleasure that I write to you to share our KS2 SATs results with you this year. Yet again, St Anthony's pupils and teachers approached these exams with confidence and control. The results for those achieving the expected standard and above are as follows:

	St Anthony's	National
Reading	74%	71%
Writing	82%	76%
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	85%	77%
Maths	74.3%	75%

Further details of our results across the school can be found on the school website. The new site has the same address as the previous site: <https://www.stanthonyscatholicschool.co.uk/>

The Governors are very proud of the achievements of our pupils this year and recognise the hard work of all of the school staff in helping them to develop their potential.

We will continue to work with Mrs Davis and her staff in the next academic year to build on this success. Well Done.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G Aston  
(Chair of Governors)