

# St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer. We would like to welcome those of you who are new to St Anthony's. We also welcome Ms Russon, who joins us as a Teaching Assistant in Nursery and we celebrate the birth of Miss Breakwell's baby girl; Ms Heads is the Teaching Assistant covering her maternity leave. This weekend has also seen the early arrival of Mrs Smith's baby. We remember them all in our prayers.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a couple of details regarding safeguarding your children:

**Children with permission to walk home** – this will only be allowed if a letter has been provided to the new class teacher.

**Collecting your children** – if you or the usual person is unable to collect your child and you wish for them to go with another parent or individual, you **MUST** inform us on the day – either when you drop off or by telephone. If another parent asks for a child and this has not been confirmed, we would not let them go without confirming with you by phone. If it is an adult that is unknown to school, you will be asked to give them a password known to us and this will be requested of them when they arrive. Thank you for your cooperation with this – this was much improved during the summer term

**Mobile phones** – The school is a mobile-free zone; this is a requirement of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018. Therefore, you must not enter the school using the telephone. Rules have also changed regarding taking pictures at school events and these details will be shared with you when relevant.

**Traffic management** – Please be patient and courteous to others whilst seeking parking. Whilst it is challenging due to the volume of traffic, the facilities for parking are better than many other schools. There have been some dangerous behaviours seen on the carpark including parking on the pedestrian crossing area and blocking of the entrance/exit. The carpark is clearly not big enough for everyone; however, we are exceptionally lucky to be granted the use of it. A change of priest or poor driving behaviour could easily result in this being removed. Please consider walking if this is something that is possible for you – especially when the weather is as it is currently. You may want to park beyond the school grounds. The extra time taken to walk will be outweighed by the time taken to exit our carpark. Please be aware - parking is a challenge for all schools. We will not let your child go without you so please take the time to make safe decisions.



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**KS2 supervision before school** – The playground entrance for KS2 is opened at 8:30am, however, allowing your child to access this playground is your choice to leave them unsupervised. Adults are not allowed on this playground. The doors to the building do not open until 8:45am. Therefore, if you do not wish for them to be unaccompanied, then please do not allow them through until 8:45am.

Later this year, the NSPCC will be visiting school to conduct assemblies with the pupils and workshops with the older pupils. This is to build on the work that we have done, making them aware of some of the safety issues they need to be aware of and how to respond to these.

### Calendar:

Again, the calendar is busy for the year. Dates already decided for the term are included here. Please make sure that you diary these. We are constantly asked about dates that have already been provided to you via letter. The newsletters can also be found on the school website at:

<http://www.stanthonycatholicsschool.co.uk/> as well as in your MarvellousMe archive. Class newsletters will be sent to you via MarvellousMe. Please sign up to this as soon as you receive the joining letter if you are not already signed up. If you have any difficulties, please let us know.

For parents of Year 6 pupils, open evenings for secondary schools start this week. Applications need to be submitted online – the deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. It is essential that you do not miss this deadline. You will have received a brochure that explains the process, but if you need support, please ask. We cannot however, advise on school choices. Visits to other schools during the school day are permitted and encouraged; however, you will need to provide a brief note to explain the reason for the absence. These will NOT count as an absence mark from school. I also encourage parents of Year 5 pupils to attend open evenings – the more time you have to consider this important decision, the better.

School photographs – these will be taken on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Please come to school from 8am if you wish for a sibling to be included that is not yet attending the school – otherwise, sibling photographs are taken during the school day.

### Uniform Standards

We are very proud of our uniform standards; thank you to all of you for your commitment to this. Please ensure that the uniform policy is also followed in relation to the detail: earrings must be studs only and a maximum of one pair. Simple watches may be worn – please no phone watches/expensive sports watches. Hair must not be dyed or patterns cut into the hair. Accessories must be discrete – no large bows, headbands or bandanas. No jewellery – i.e. necklaces, bracelets or rings. No make-up or nail varnish. Socks should be grey or white for girls; black, grey or white for boys. Girls tights must be grey or black. Long hair must also be tied back. Thank you.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and I look forward to all that we can achieve together this year, to continue to support your children on their educational journey.

Mrs T Davis  
(HEAD TEACHER)



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 11/9	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 12/9	Class Mass St Stephen and St Cecilia 9am
Thursday 13/9	<b>Stay and Play</b> resumes in the Community Room 9-10:30am
Tuesday 25/9	PTFA AGM 3:15PM all welcome
Wednesday 26/9	Class Mass St Maximilian and St Mary Magdalene 9am
Friday 28/9	St Stephen's Class Assembly
Friday 5/10	St Cecilia's Class Assembly
Wednesday 10/10	Class Mass St Bernadette and St Patrick
Wednesday 10/10	Harvest Festival 1:15pm
Friday 12/10	St Maximilian's Class Assembly
Tuesday 16/10	School Photographs (8am for siblings that are not in school)
Wednesday 17/10-18/10	Y2 Kingswood residential
Friday 19/10	St Mary Magdalene's Class Assembly
Friday 19/10	Barmy Bingo PTFA event 7-10pm
Wednesday 24/10	Class Mass St Stephen and St Cecilia 9am
Thursday 25/10	Parents' Evening 3:30pm+
Friday 26/10	School Closed INSET
Monday 29/10- Friday 2/11	School Closed – Half Term
Friday 9/11	St Bernadette's Class Assembly
Monday 12/11	Anti-bullying week
Wednesday 14/11	Class Mass St Maximilian and St Mary Magdalene
Friday 16/11	St Patrick's Class Assembly
Friday 23/11	St John Bosco's Class Assembly
Wednesday 28/11	Flu Vaccination day Y1-5
Wednesday 28/11	Class Mass St Bernadette and St Patrick
Friday 30/11	St Gregory Class Assembly
Thursday 6/12	Carol Service 2pm (1 of 2) Years 2,3,5,6
Friday 7/12	Carol Service 9am (2 of 2) Years 2,3,5,6
Tuesday 11/12	Parishioners' Christmas Meal
Wednesday 12/12	Y1/4 Nativity 2pm and 6:30pm
Friday 14/12	Christmas Fete 3:30-6pm
Tuesday 18/12	Reception Nativity in Church 1:45pm
Wednesday 19/12	Reception and KS1 disco 3-4:15pm; KS2 disco 4:30-5:45pm
Thursday 20/12	Nursery Nativity – time yet to be confirmed
Friday 21/12	Whole school Mass 9:15am
Friday 21/12	Break up 2:10pm
Monday 24/12 – 4/1	School Closed Christmas break
Monday 7/1/19	School Closed – INSET
Tuesday 8/1	Back to school



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## Autumn Term 2018

- **Term Time:** Monday 3 September 2018 - Friday 26 October 2018
- **Half Term:** Monday 29 October 2018 - Friday 2 November 2018
- **Term Time:** Monday 5 November 2018 - Friday 21 December 2018

## Spring Term 2019

- **Term Time:** Monday 7 January 2019 - Friday 15 February 2019
- **Half Term:** Monday 18 February 2019 - Friday 22 February 2019
- **Term Time:** Monday 25 February 2019 - Friday 12 April 2019

## Summer Term 2019

- **Term Time:** Monday 29 April 2019 - Friday 24 May 2019
- **Half Term:** Monday 27 May 2019 - Friday 31 May 2019
- **Term Time:** Monday 3 June 2019 - Monday 22 July 2019

### INSET DAYS:

Monday 3/9/18  
Friday 26/10/18  
Monday 7/1/19  
Friday 15/2/19  
Monday 22/7/19



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