

# St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you have all had a good holiday time.

Thank you for your excellent return to school – we have had good attendance and it is good to see many of the sickness bugs that we had in school have died down this term. The children have returned to school refreshed and positive for a new start.

Messages of appreciation have been coming in to recognise the charitable giving that took place before Christmas. The church raised approximately £1400 with their raffle, with around £300 of this coming from your kind contributions. There was one winner from school who has been informed today. Other winners can be found on the church bulletin via their website or at the back of church.

The Brothers of the Good Shepherd were overwhelmed with the offering that you gave to the homeless. The British Values Ambassadors/School Council representatives took these on the school's behalf. The Brothers, currently based at the Methodist Church on School Street in the town centre, will be moving opposite the Molineux. I will update you with the details once they have moved, in case you would like to make any direct donations.

## **Academy Conversion update**

In previous communication I informed you that we would be converting to an academy from 1<sup>st</sup> February. However, due to issues with the heating system, this conversion has now been put back until 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. Please ask me if you have any queries regarding this.

## **Cashless payments**

At the end of the financial year, we are altering contracts with service level providers. Arrangements for petty cash and banking will be changing from the end of March and therefore, if you are not yet on the SIMS Pay system you will be contacted, as these will be the only arrangements for payments from April 1<sup>st</sup>.



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## Snow procedures

In the event of very poor weather condition, Marvellousme and the text message system will be used to inform you of school closure or alternative arrangements. The Wolverhampton Today Facebook site also displays the names of any schools affected by closure. Decisions are made regarding closure between myself, the chair of governors and the Local Authority and they are due to concerns with Health and Safety. Messages are shared as soon as a decision is reached. Therefore, please wait patiently for information in these circumstances – it is sent as quickly as it can be.

## School mobile phone policy

The policy regarding children having mobiles phones in school is that they must be handed in at the start of the school day and collected at the end. They are not only a distraction and a security risk for them to have them in school, but they can be a safeguarding risk due to the use of cameras, etc.

This is also true of smart watches. We have seen a couple of these in schools this January. Please can these be left at home due to the same security and safety concerns. Fitbits are acceptable as the risks are more limited.



Adults should also not use their mobile phones when they are coming into school.

## Parents' e-safety session

With the accelerated growth of social media apps, we are trying to keep you one-step ahead of the children. Please see if you can find the time to attend one of the two sessions, either Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 9-10am or Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2-3pm. Please use the booking system via the text message sent today to book your place.

## Safeguarding arrangements – collection of pupils

Please can you endeavor to inform us **BEFORE 2:30pm** if there is to be a change of arrangements with the collection of your child. There are occasions where we get many last minute calls and it is difficult to get them to the relevant classrooms before the bell.

## Dementia Friendly

This year we are working to become dementia friendly. As part of this process, KS2 pupils will be involved in workshops with external visitors, in order to inform them about the difficulties and changes that people and their families experience in regards to this condition. We will be learning how we can help people in this situation by being more aware. These sessions will take place in February.



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## RSE

The planned lessons for the teaching of RSE for this term will be shared via Marvellous me in a fortnight's time. There are no scheduled RSE lessons until after this date.

## Diary dates

Please see the very busy calendar – the only new dates are the e-safety session and dementia friendly workshops.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. T Davis  
(Head Teacher)

## Funding plea from Mrs. Smith

*To all of St Anthony's Parents, friends and our local community. My name is Mrs Lynsey Smith and I have taught in St. Anthony's Nursery since 2016. I have recently returned from maternity leave and have decided what better way to get healthy and fit and and raise money for a very worthwhile charity but to run the London Marathon! I will be running this iconic event in aid of Myletis charity - a neurological disorder that affects the spinal cord and can present itself in sufferers from 5 months to 80 years old. I would really appreciate your support and any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you choose to do so, please send your donation into the school office, in an envelope marked 'Marathon Donation'. Next year will definitely be my biggest challenge yet and one I'm looking forward to. Donations can be made up to the marathon date – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Thank you once again. Mrs Smith.*



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Mass 9:15am all welcome - (Bambinelli presentations and homeless donations)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up 2:10pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Carol Service in Church – School Choir singing - all welcome
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas Holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School mass 9:15am – all welcome
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Class Mass St Stephen’s and St Cecilia’s
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	E-safety for parents 9-10am (book on-line)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 begin swimming today for the term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices – Y5/6 Choir
Time/Date to be concluded (around this time)	Music Concert performed by Y4 pupils
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis Class assembly
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	E-safety for parents 2-3pm (book on-line)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9:15am Class Mass St Maximilian and St Mary Magdalene
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	St Joseph Class assembly
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Dress-down day – Colours of Nature £1 donation to ‘Plant a Tree’ project. (Each £1 = one tree planted)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Dementia Friendly workshops C6,8,11
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	PTFA Barmy Bingo night
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	St Stephen Class assembly
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	9:15am Class Mass St Bernadette and St Patrick
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents’ Evening
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY – School Closed
17/2/20 – 21/2/20	Half Term – school closed
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Dementia Friendly workshops C7, 9, 10
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday – Whole School Mass 9:15am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – dress-up as a book character
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	St Cecilia Class Assembly
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am Class Mass St Stephen and St Cecilia
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	St Maximilian Class Assembly
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Mothers’ Day shop available this week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	1pm Netball/Football Catholic Schools Tournament Our Lady and St Chad’s
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	St Mary Magdalene Class Assembly
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	St Bernadette Class Assembly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9:15am Whole School LENT Mass – all welcome
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	School closes at 2:10pm – break up for Easter



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<b>6/4/20 – 17/4/20</b>	EASTER HOLIDAY – School Closed
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Back to school
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Y5 begin swimming today for half a term
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	St Patrick Class Assembly
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Y3 Holy Communion Service 11am
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS1 SATs week
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed – VE Commemoration
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y6 SATs week
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St Veronica Class Assembly
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y6 Towers residential
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	2pm Crowning Mary Service
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	HALF TERM – School closed
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y4 Bikeability
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Y6 swimming starts today for the half term
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y1 phonic check week
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Class Mass St Bernadette and St Patrick
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	St John Bosco class assembly
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	PTFA Fathers’ Day Shop starts today
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y6 receive Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	St Gregory Class Assembly
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	2:30pm Catholic Schools Athletics Tournament at OLSC
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	St Stephen and St Cecilia Class Mass
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	St Francis Class Assembly
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day Nursery 8:45am; Reception 9:45am; KS1 11am; Ks2 1:30pm
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	St Joseph Class Assembly
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Dress-down day – bring a bottle for Summer Fete
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Class Mass St Maximilian and St Mary Magdalene
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Annual School reports
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer Fete 3:30-6pm
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9:15am Y6 Leavers’ Assembly
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Theatre Club performance of Aladdin 6:45pm
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leavers’ Disco 7-8:30pm
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School closes 2:10pm – break up for summer holiday
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9:15am Whole School Mass – Leavers’ – all welcome
<b>20/7/20 – 31/8/20</b>	SUMMER HOLIDAY – school closed
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September 2020</b>	New term begins (INSET DAYS yet to be determined)



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