



'Growing in God's love'



Happy New Year

Welcome back to the spring term at St Anne's. We hope that everyone enjoyed their Christmas holiday and that this was a special time for all your families. We will conclude our school Christmas celebrations on Monday with a liturgy to mark the feast of the Epiphany. The wise men are currently journeying around the classrooms en route to their meeting with Jesus.

We start the new year with a short newsletter. At the end of last term, there was a very long newsletter, sent to parents via ParentMail for the first time. You can always find our newsletters on the school website, with a link to the most recent one on every page.

This newsletter is accompanied by the RE newsletter for this term (also available via the website).

Statements to live by

Over the next few weeks the children will be working together to experience a sense of belonging within a range of communities, including the local Eucharistic Community, and play an active role as members of society.

Please take the opportunity to discuss this theme with your child at home and support them as they learn about each week's statement:

- I try to love others as I love myself (*next week*);
- I try to follow our school and classroom rules (*week beginning 15th January*);
- I know I belong in a community that includes my school (*week beginning 22nd January*);
- I know we are happiest when we are united (*week beginning 29th January*).

What are the rules and expectations of our family at home?

Mrs Robinson-Browne, RE leader



Governors' day

On Wednesday 24th January, our governors will be spending the whole day in school, experiencing first-hand all aspects of school life. One or two governors will be attached to each year group and they will spend a large part of day discovering what it is like to be a member of that year group. This will include spending time with the children in their classrooms, joining them at breaktime and lunchtime and talking to the staff who work with them. At the end of the day, they will meet as a governing body to share their feedback and contribute to the school's on-going self-evaluation.



As part of the day, governors would very much like to hear parental views about the school. At last year's governors' day they met parents informally at the beginning of the school day and there was also a formal meeting. The informal meetings proved far more useful as

they allowed more parents to voice their opinions. Consequently, this year all the governors will be available at both the beginning and end of the school day. Please look out for them - they will all be wearing identification - and be ready to talk to them about the school.

Governors will give feedback to parents about their day through the school newsletter.

Mission Together

Thank you again for all your support for our Mission Together fundraising during Advent. Hopefully you have continued to fill the red collection boxes at home over the holiday. Please could you now return them to school so that we can count all the money and see if we have managed to reach our ambitious target of £2,500.



Coming soon!



Notices from the school office

- 1) All parents should have all received a registration email for **ParentMail**. If not, please contact us in the school office and we will be happy to help.
- 2) All **clubs** will start the week commencing Monday 15th January. We will send a message via ParentMail to advise you all when the information has been uploaded to the website and onto ParentPay.
- 3) A reminder to all parents/carers to advise the school office before 9am if your child is **absent** from school. There is an sickness absence option on the school phone line allowing you to leave a message (child's name, class and reason for absence). If your child is coming into school **late**, please can you bring them to the school office so we can mark them into the registers.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 10th January at 2:30pm - Mass for Year 6 with Fr Richard (parents welcome)

Wednesday 11th January at 3:15pm - Year 3 parent pop-in session

Tuesday 16th January at 3:15pm - Year 5 parent pop-in session

Wednesday 17th January at 8:45am - Combined feast day liturgy for St Anthony's & St Nicholas' classes (parents welcome)

Thursday 18th January at 3:15pm - Year 4 parent pop-in session

Thursday 18th January at 7pm - Meeting for Year 6 parents about end of key stage 2 assessment

Sunday 21st January at 10am - Choir singing at Mass at St Ann's Church

Monday 22nd January - Start of Writing Week (whole school learning journey)

Monday 22nd January at 3:15pm - Reception parent pop-in session

Tuesday 23rd January at 3:15pm - Year 6 parent pop-in session

Wednesday 24th January - Governors' day (see separate article for details)

Thursday 25th January at 7pm - Meeting for Year 2 parents about end of key stage 1 assessment

Sunday 28th January at 10am - Choir singing at Mass at St John's Church

Monday 5th February between 3:30pm & 5pm - Individual parent-teacher consultation meetings

Thursday 8th February between 3:30pm & 6:30pm - Individual parent-teacher consultation meetings

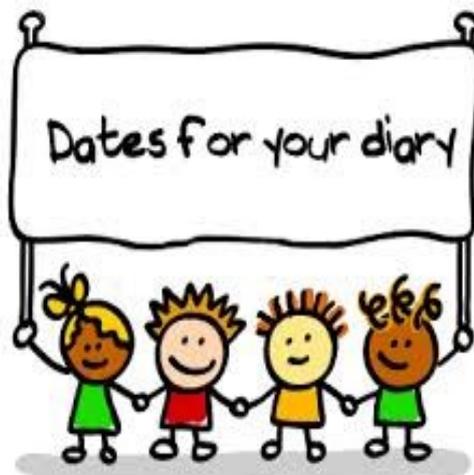
Friday 9th February at 8:45am - St Bernadette's class feast day liturgy (parents welcome)

Friday 9th February at 3:10pm - Children break up for half term

Tuesday 20th February at 8:35am - Children return to school (NB Monday 19th February is an INSET day)

Monday 26th February - RE day (whole school learning journey)

Thursday 1st March - St David's class feast day liturgy (parents welcome)



You will find an up-to-date calendar for the whole year and all the term dates for the next two school years on our school website (with a link directly from the home page).