

# Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> January 2023



St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School- [www.st-anthonys.bromley.sch.uk](http://www.st-anthonys.bromley.sch.uk)

## Parent Pay

As many of you have requested we will be moving to cashless payments via Parent Pay in September. In order to plan and ensure an effective transition all debts must be cleared in advance. Payments for school dinners, breakfast club and after school club must be paid in advance. This has always been the case but we have been very flexible with you. This advanced notice gives you enough notice to clear any owed payments and start afresh in September.

## Punctuality

There are still too many children arriving after the bell in the morning. It is important to be on time to start the day with everyone else, take part in the morning routine and start learning.

Being on time is also a life skill. If we have an appointment or a meeting it is respectful to be on time. It demonstrates that you care and that the meeting or appointment matters.

Your child's education matters and I know you care so please if you have been regularly late last term make a decision to do better this term.

Arrive at school by 8.45am in order to have a good start to the day.

## Thought for the Week

Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable. Be honest and transparent anyway.

Saint Mother Teresa

## Office Opening Hours

The school office will be open to take payments etc. on Mondays and Thursdays from 8.45am. If you wish to order uniform please either do so online or email the school with your request.

## Attendance

You may or may not be aware that schools have a statutory duty to monitor attendance and to follow up when attendance levels are low. Many of you will be receiving letters or will be asked into meetings to discuss. Please do not be offended as we have to do our job in this respect. To give you some context for this, in 2019 we had 5 children in the school with attendance below 90%. Last term we had more than 30 in the same category. I understand that children were genuinely ill and that bus and train strikes had an impact but we still have to follow up with you. In the first instance you will have received a letter with the information or you will have been invited into a meeting.

Over the next few weeks Bridget Kennedy, from our Inclusion Team may make contact with you. She will treat you with kindness and respect so please do the same. She is doing her job.

## Dates for your Diary

We stop for half term on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February and return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

School stops for Easter on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and we return to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May are bank holidays.

## School Dinner Payments

Our catering company will be raising the cost of school dinners after the Easter break. Dinners will cost £2.70 per day from 17<sup>th</sup> April