



St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers

I have now been in post for four months and I cannot believe how fast time is going and the amount of different activities that have been organised in and out of School again this term, from baking to sporting events, SATs exams and, most recently, First Holy Communion.

Below are some of the many highlights from the weeks following the Easter Holidays and also a few dates for your calendar for after the Summer Half Term break. I hope you will enjoy reading about it all.



Nursery News

Dive into Nursery's under-water world with giant octopus, fascinating sea creatures and a sparkly Rainbow Fish!! The children have been learning all about life under the sea. They have been using magnifying glasses to explore the shells

and starfish in our rock pools, and they have visited our beach with a fishing pool to catch fish and identify numbers painted on them.



The children have enjoyed super-speedy sounds in Read, Write, Inc., and they are happily quoting the rhymes to aid their letter formation. All children are working hard to write their names correctly and we encourage parents to help them practise at home, too. Children are also developing well in Maths groups, where they are working on numbers, shape, length, weight and capacity.

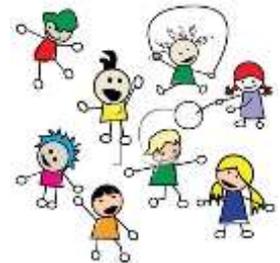
Year 2

As April was Poetry Month, Mrs Shaw's class spent time learning about a variety of poems, such as tongue twisters and nonsense poems.

They took their knowledge home and wrote their own versions of poems they had learnt in school and shared them with their class with great enthusiasm.

Miss Bell's class has been focusing on positive behaviour and enhancing social and communication skills.

The children have been learning traditional playground games, including "What time is it, Mr Wolf?" and some circle games, like "In and Out the Dusty Bluebells".



Year 3

Pupils in Year 3 have been working extremely hard, exploring the work of Roald Dahl in our Literacy lessons. Looking at "The Twits", we have been creating our very own 'nasty tricks' in the form of instructions.

In History, our new topic is The Romans, and back in April we had the wonderful opportunity of meeting two Roman soldiers who visited school. We were able to gain great insight into what life was like over 2000 years ago and appreciate why people often refer to this period as 'The Ruthless Romans'. This was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for the children and staff, all of whom are enthusiastic and incredibly excited to delve into the topic further for the remainder of the term.

*"Journeying together with Jesus Christ
We learn to love and love to learn"*



Pictured left are our valiant Year 5 football team members together with Alex Williamson, former goalkeeper at Manchester City, who does a huge amount of work with children in the area.

Captain Finley Whyte and team members Brandon Lu, Aleks Myszk, Rylan Griffin, James Best, Sean Doyle, Mason Cooke and Taylor Lowe.

The team is coached by Mr Glynn who teaches in Year 5.

Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about World War II through the story of Rose Blanche.

The children are working hard this year, getting ready to become super sensible Year 6s in September. Mrs Delves' class marked St George's Day and the Queen's birthday with a lovely celebration assembly which included a very fierce dragon! We are all looking forward to a celebration in June for the Queen's official birthday. Also in June, we will be 'talking politics' to link in with the EU Referendum which will include campaigning and voting. Here's to a great summer term!

Congratulations to our **Year 5 Football Team** who have beaten off all the competition to be crowned **champions of Manchester**. After a closely fought final we beat St Catherine's 3-2 on penalties to claim the trophy. We will now represent Manchester in the Greater Manchester Finals in July.

We wish the boys the best of luck!

On Thursday 5th May our **Cheerleading Team St Anthony's Angels** attended the South Manchester Cheerleading Festival at the Forum, Wythenshawe. The girls brought their loud voices and huge smiles to the stage as they performed a fantastic routine filled with crowd-pleasing stunts and tumblers. The three judges were unanimous in their agreement to award

them first place in the Cheerleading division and invited them to perform at the School Games Opening Ceremony!

Let's give a huge "we are proud of you!" to Erin Holt, Oliwia Proficz, Zanthé Bowker, Lilly May Walsh, Skye Bowdler, Eillie-Paige Howson, Kene Anioke, Tilise McConville, Shania McConville, Pahashe Musungwa, Ruuarashe Musungwa, Tiana Ricketts and Kadie Bannister.

Sports News

What a fantastic term once again for our school sports! Our pupils have been very busy competing in a variety of sports.

The **Kwik Cricket Team** played in glorious weather at Parrwood High School. We didn't come away with the winning trophy from this one but Mr Choudary and Mr Austin are both excited about the strength and depth of talent in the cricket squad.



The boys tried their best and the coaches look forward to seeing some more new players. Keep up the super effort, boys!

The two **Rounders** teams were unlucky not to go through to the finals. The second leg of the competition was cancelled due to bad weather, and our results from the first night were not good enough to qualify. We are looking forward to showing off our talent in Rounders when we host a neighbouring schools' tournament in the last half term.



and Miss Thomas and good luck to all the boys and girls in the finals!!

It's always good to save the best 'til last: the **Netball Team**, having the most technical of players, were amazing. Over three nights of tough competition, the team qualified for the Manchester finals. Well done to their coaches Mrs Burns

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Just a quick reminder that lessons begin at 8.55am sharp.



Children who come into school at 9.00am are late, and any child arriving in school between 9.00am and 9.15am will be marked late.

Any child who arrives after 9.15am will receive an unauthorised absence mark. Please would all parents note that a number of unauthorised absences

may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to parents by the Local Authority via the Courts. The cost of the fine is £60 for each parent for each child.

A **cashless payment system** will be introduced in school very soon, initially for dinner money, but the system can be extended to include payment for school trips, clubs, etc.. Further information will be forwarded to all parents soon.



Dates for the Calendar

Second celebration of **First Holy Communion** will take place this Saturday at St Anthony's Church at 10.00am, followed by a reception in school.

Also this Saturday, a group of pupils from Year 6 will fly to Bologna, Italy, for a week. They will have an exciting time visiting Padua to see St Anthony's Basilica, Parma and Colorno, Venice and the Murano Glass Factory, Rimini and Cervia for a day on the beach, and they will also spend a morning at San Lazzaro School where they will see what they can make of lessons in Italian.

St Anthony's Feast Day will be on 13th June, soon after we return from the half term holiday which is the week beginning 30th May.

Our **Sports Day** will take place on Tuesday 14th June with Years 1 and 2 starting off at 9:30am, followed by Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 1.00pm.

The **Nursery and Reception class Sports Day** will be on Friday 10th June starting promptly at 1.45pm. The gates nearest the Black Path entrance will open at 1.35pm.

Year 1 children will visit **Styal Mill** on Friday 17th June.

Year 6 pupils will go to **London** on 21st, 22nd and 23rd June.

This year the **Summer Fayre** will be held on Friday 24th June in the afternoon. More information to follow.

On 28th June and 1st July Year 5 children are going to the **Stockport Air Raid Shelter** and they will also be visiting a **Water Sports Centre** at Salford Quays at the beginning of July. That should be good preparation for Outward Bound in November!

Transition Day at St Paul's High School will take place on Thursday 30th June.

On Saturday 2nd July St Anthony's will host a sports event inviting schools from the area to take part.

On Friday 8th July the Nursery will be closed due to new intake.

Sunday 10th July **Thanksgiving Mass** at St Anthony's Church.

Leavers' Disco on Thursday 14th July.



Induction Day on 5th July for parents who have children new to Reception.

Leavers' Assembly on 15th July and Year 6 go home at 12.00 noon, before lunch.

Details about all events will be communicated to you at the appropriate time. These notices are only intended to give you a taste of what is being planned for the last term of this academic year.

Finally, the Summer Half Term break is the week of Monday 30th May, which is a Bank Holiday, and we expect the children back in school on **Monday, 6th June!**

I wish everyone a lovely break!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs C P Fox'.

Mrs C P Fox
Headteacher