

St. Anthony's School

a specialist SEN-BESD provision



September 21st 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope that the holidays were relaxing for you and your children.

A very big welcome to our school to the new pupils at St Anthony's and welcome back to all returning pupils and families. I welcome families old and new into the St Anthony's School community and look forward to working closely with you all. We are very proud of our openness, so if you have questions, concerns or issues please feel free to speak to tutors or class teachers, in the first instance or Mrs Gray, our Pupil Welfare Manager. Regular communication between home and school is vital to ensure that we are all working together to ensure our pupils reach their full potential and barriers to their learning are addressed in the best manner possible.

Our newsletter is one way of sharing information between home and school. It provides me with a monthly platform to share with you my vision and values for St Anthony's. It also allows me to reinforce our schools expectations for pupils and parents/carers and most importantly celebrate the great variety of skills and talents our pupils possess. It contains news and updates regarding upcoming events and will be sent out monthly. The school website also contains the newsletter and also other information that parents/carers and pupils will find useful.

Newsletters can also be sent electronically, which means no more newsletters at the bottom of school bags. Please complete the email contact below to receive your newsletter electronically.

The school office will also use our 'text system' regularly to send home reminders about events and activities taking place. So please ensure that we have the correct contact details for you.

Senior Leadership Team

There has been a change in the roles that our Assistant Heads Abi Cranson and Dave Carden are now doing. Abi's new role is whole school support Social, Emotional, Mental Health of pupils and overseeing the range of interventions we can implement to support our pupils barriers to learning. Dave's role is overseeing the curriculum, the monitoring of teaching and learning and assessment.

Antony Curry has become responsible for the support of the ASD provision which is Pelican's, Flamingo's and Heron's Classes.

If you have questions please feel free to contact them.

New Staff

We have three new members of the school team this term. Rebecca Thomas-Read has joined the teaching staff with wide teaching experience and is leading Neptune's Class. Alison Clark who had been supporting different classes three days a week across the secondary department is now working full time in Neptune Class.

Michela Gianquinto is working alongside Abi with pupils who require Phoenix class support with their learning. Jacintha Elliott is providing support to focus pupils in primary.

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Attendance

Regular attendance at school is vital to help children achieve and reach their full potential.

As a school we are focussing on improving our attendance figures this year and with your help we believe we can do this. Please ensure your child attends school regularly and on time every day. 9 days absent from school in a year will give your child 95% attendance.

Please remember registration is at 8.50am and pupils who arrive late must enter school by the main entrance and report to reception where their reason for absence will be recorded.

If at all possible please will you request dental and medical appointments after school hours.

We will keep you updated on our percentage attendance throughout the year.

Start of the Day

The school gate opens at 8:50 am and shuts at 9:00 am. Two members of staff will be on duty from 8:45 am but can I remind you that parent and carers are responsible for their child till the gates open.

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see so many beautifully dressed pupils at the start of the new school year. Let's make sure that we continue as we have started off, wearing the correct school uniform with a real sense of pride in our school.

Finally if you are interested in joining the PTFA we are always looking for new PTFA members please come and talk with me.

I look forward to an extremely successful year – home and school working together to ensure every child at St Anthony's achieves all they are truly capable of. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Mr R. Page
Headteacher

Dates for the diary

Fri Oct 21 st	Last Day of Term 1
Mon Oct 31 st	Training Day - School closed for students
Tues Nov 1 st	First Day of Term 2
Mon Nov 28 th	Training Day – School closed for students
Fri Dec 2 nd	Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
Tues Dec 20 th	Last Day Term 2
Wed Dec 21 st	EHCP Review Day Pupils and Parent/Carers to attend

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Email Addresses for Newsletters

Child's Name: _____
Parent/Carer's Name: _____
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