



September 7th 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope that the holidays were relaxing for all and you are ready for the new school year.

A big welcome to those new pupils joining 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 to support your child's learning. We are very proud of our openness, so if you have questions, concerns or issues please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Mrs Lesley Gray, our Pupil Welfare Manager and Safeguarding Lead, is also available if you have questions. 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 newsletters are one way of sharing information between home and school. It provides me with a termly 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 is regularly refreshed and also contains the newsletter and other information that parents/carers and pupils will hopefully find useful.

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, if you have updated your details please ensure you let the school know.

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 parents and carers are responsible for their child until the gates open.

Senior Leadership Team



To support the continued development of the school we have appointed two additional Assistant Heads to support the work that Abi Cranson and I have been doing, following the departure last year of Dave Carden.

Abi's role will continue to support Social, Emotional, Mental Health, review of EHCP's and help support pupils to remove their barriers to learning.

Mr. Paul Barrett (pictured) is joining the school from St George's secondary school and will be overseeing the curriculum of the school, plus the monitoring of teaching and learning.

Mr. Antony Curry has been an internal appointment and will leave the classroom to oversee assessment across the school. If you have questions please feel free to speak to any Assistant Head Teacher to arrange an appointment

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New Teacher



We are welcoming one new teacher to the school team this term. Mr. Joshua Steel who completed his teaching degree at Canterbury Christ Church University, as part of his degree Josh completed his final teaching practise at St Anthony's School two years ago. So it is actually welcome back and he will now be teaching Morpurgo Class, a KS3 class group of children. He brings a wide variety of experiences to the school, among them he spent a portion of last year teaching in a school in Africa.
Welcome to St Anthony's.

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 overall attendance figures this year to above 87% and with your help we believe we can do this. Please ensure your child attends school regularly and is on time every day. To support the school if possible please will you request children's dental and medical appointments after school or during school holidays.

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 the year, wearing the correct school uniform with a real sense of pride in our school.

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

Mr R. Page
Headteacher

Dates for the diary

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| Oct 4 th and 5 th | Open afternoon parents/carers |
| Wed Oct 18 th | Last Day of Term 1 |
| Mon Oct 30 th | First Day of Term 2 |
| Mon Nov 27 th | Training Day – School closed for students |
| Fri Dec 1 st | Christmas Fayre 5-7pm |
| Wed Dec 20 th | Last Day Term 2 |

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Email Addresses for Newsletters

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