



# St. Anthony's

SPECIALIST SCHOOL ●●●

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Dear Parents/Carers

Since March 2020, we have been living a year like no other. All this time, St Anthony's has been managing change and risk, endless Department for Education guidance often with last minute redirections, bursting bubbles, assessment and exam turmoil, remote learning, in class learning, food provision, vulnerable family support, support for each other, shielding staff and pupils, testing, one way systems, shifting pedagogy, staggered starts, false starts, stop starts, health and well-being, sickness and anxiety, hope and disillusion. Ensuring that we continue to put the needs of our children and community first. You have been quite remarkable, and we are proud to work with you in our small way. Thank you for all you have done, and all you continue to do.

As we come to the end of term 4 we say goodbye to Mr Richard Walker the school site manager, for the past twenty-two years who is retiring. Richard has seen the school change in many ways, as he was involved in making many of these changes. Enjoy your retirement and many happy adventures.

We also say goodbye to Molly Barnes who has been the school's transition lead from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5 and careers support. Molly is not retiring but is completing her last teaching practise before she becomes a primary teacher. Thank you for your support of pupils and we wish you all the success as a teacher.

This term we have taken a more relaxed approach to school uniform, as it was important to get the pupils back into school. Starting next term we will be expecting all pupils to come in the agreed school uniform.

- Black school shoes or plain black trainers
- Black or dark grey school trousers or shorts
- Black or grey appropriate length skirt or blue school dresses,
- White cotton school shirt or White polo shirt,
- Navy blue zipped fleece or navy blue sweatshirt with school logo

As shops plan to re-open April 12<sup>th</sup> these should be easier to obtain. If you have any questions please ask.

Have a safe and wonderful Easter Break.

Mr R Page Headteacher

## Dates

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April start of term 5

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April Training Day no pupils in

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Bank Holiday

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May last day of term 5

## Year 11 Exams

Early next term Year 11 pupils will be completing exams to earn their qualifications. The exams are Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th April. Monday is the Early Entry Writing, Tuesday is the Early Entry Mathematics and on Wednesday they will sit the Early Entry Reading. Good luck to all.

## School Sport

This term saw basketball come to St Anthony's across all Key Stages where the house competition was fiercely battled amongst all, including staff members. In Primary Marcus M came out top in a close contest where as in Secondary Kyle D ran away with 1st place. The member of staff to take the title was Mr Page. Well done to all.



Louis C cheering on the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher in the staff competition.



Kyle showing the skills which helped him to win.

Next up - Draughts.

## Red Nose Day

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, the school joined in with many across the country to take part in Red Nose day or Comic Relief as it is otherwise known. Red Nose day helps to raise money for people in this country and around the world, who are poor and disadvantaged and it tackles such issues as homelessness, hunger, violence and mental health problems.

It is held every 2 years in March. Sadly Covid-19 has severely impacted on many of these communities.

As a school, St. Anthony's always supports this deserving charity. This year the PTFA purchased red noses to be sold in school for £1 each. Due to social distancing, we were unable to do some of the events we may normally have done to raise money, but we were able to hold a non-uniform day. Therefore as a school, we are very proud to say we have raised a brilliant £194.35 to help those less fortunate than ourselves



## **RE Day**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March was RE Day and the whole school reflected on the significance of Easter to Christians and what it means to other groups of people around the world.

There were opportunities to look at and discuss a range of artefacts, as well as making Easter wreaths and arts and crafts items such as Easter eggs and keyrings.



Viv Wright Lead Practitioner- Global Studies

**DT Projects**



Abhi



Cody



Ellie Mae



### Eggciting news!

During Term 5, we will be having a new delivery of eggs.  
More news will follow on Class Dojo and the School Website.



### Holiday Activity Programme

The government announced that the holiday activities and food programme will be expanded across the whole of England in 2021. The programme has provided healthy food and enriching activities to disadvantaged children since 2018. It has been confirmed that the programme will now cover the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays in 2021. Thanet District Council have been working hard with various partners to organise an Easter Programme.

The Holiday Activity Programme is a free school holiday activity programme that operates during the school Easter and Summer holidays. The aim is to provide a high-quality holiday activity programme in Thanet's most disadvantaged communities, with a nutritious meal every day, free of charge.

#### Easter Programme Details

Dates: Monday 12th - Thursday 15th April 2021 Times: 10am - 2pm

Venue: Drapers Mills Primary School, St Peter's Footpath, Dane Valley, Margate

To make a referral please click on the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmkykoZ8pG4MqzwOW1QirGSJJJ57Jq60I3ikxMLmhNFMbHTA/viewform>

If you have any questions regarding the programme, please contact:

[active@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:active@thanet.gov.uk)

**FSM** - The COVID Winter Grant Scheme is in place to support individuals, families and children with food and other essentials outside of term-time and will operate through the Easter holidays. School has distributed FSM vouchers if you have not received yours please contact Rachel.

#### **Asymptomatic testing of staff/pupils in schools over the Easter holiday**

It is important for staff and students to keep testing through the Easter holidays to manage the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), as part of a regular habit of testing at home every 3-4 days (twice a week). We will be supplying sufficient test kits to enable this to happen.

**Test and Trace** - The Department of Education has asked schools to continue to support the National Test and Trace programme up until 7th April so if any pupils or members of staff develop COVID symptoms please let us know as we will check each day between 10 -11am for any updates. The number to call is **07394 617054**.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those need it most

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but **strongly recommended** to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.



### **E-scooters – know the law**

Although E-scooters can be great fun, it is against the law to ride one on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. E-scooters are classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as driving licence, insurance, number plates, lighting, road tax, crash helmets etc.

### **Without these, E-scooters cannot be used legally on the road.**

The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK. For the rest of the country, under current law, E-scooters can only be used on private land.

Kent Police are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an E-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances, they have the power to seize the E-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act – and they would really prefer not to.

From now on, please make sure you **only use your E-scooter on private land**. For more information about powered transporters and the law, visit **[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)**