# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School



## Headteacher's Message

We have had several children start school this week, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families. I would also encourage all our existing members of the school community to introduce themselves. St Anthony's has a strong sense of community, so please make sure our new families feel part of it!

On Monday, Mr Kunna, our Chair of Governors, visited the school alongside our site manager, Mr Dimitriou. Together, they have drawn up a plan to improve certain areas of the school, so keep an eye out for fresh coats of paint and new banners!

St Anthony's is part of SELCAT, a group of schools within the Archbishop's vision for education. As a trust, I met with other headteachers to discuss developments for the year and how we can work effectively together for the benefit of the children in our schools. We are proud to be part of a trust that includes six primary schools and four secondary schools.

Some of the strategies discussed today included the Primary Writing Project, training for working with children with complex needs, and school governance.

While St Anthony's is unique in many ways, being supported by a strong central services team within our trust greatly benefits the school.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Sims

### **Phonics Workshop**

Thank you to Mrs Burden who ran the phonics workshop today to help parents support their children learn to read. The school uses Little Wandle to hep teach phonics. More details can be found here.

https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/re sources/for-parents/

### **Upcoming dates:**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September – European Day of Languages

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – Head Boy and Head Girl Visit the Cathedral.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Open day for new parents.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Crystal Palace Cross Country Event. Y5/6

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Day

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Parents Evening.

### Y6 Transition Workshop

Thank you to all the Y6 parents who joined the meeting on Thursday about applying to secondary schools. Please speak to Mr Brian should you have any questions about applying to secondary schools. A copy of the presentation is available.