



St. Anne's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Newsletter

13th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We all enjoyed last week, the first of Lent term, welcoming the children back to school and hearing about what they did over Christmas and the New Year celebrations – we hope you all enjoyed a restful break.

Some people like to make New Year's resolutions or promises to themselves about what they plan to do during the new year. Even if you haven't, a New Year is still a time to start with a fresh page, to forget our past mistakes and look forward to new opportunities that lie ahead of us. It is definitely a time for new beginnings!

Jesus experienced new beginnings in his life too. One of those times was when he was baptised. At Mass yesterday, we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus was baptised by his cousin John, in the River Jordan. This event marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry here on earth. God gives us opportunities for new beginnings. Let us make the most of them as we live a new year, trying our best to follow Jesus' example. With the help of the Holy Spirit, let's pray that we too may make some good choices this year that God will be pleased about!

Applications for a place in Foundation Stage (Reception) 2020

The deadline for applying for a place in Reception in September 2020, is by midnight, this Wednesday, 15th January – applications needs to be completed online. If anyone is experiencing difficulties in doing this or want more information about the school, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Derbyshire Admissions portal can be accessed at: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

Miss Ashmore

As I've previously mentioned, Miss Ashmore had an operation just after Christmas and has spent the past two weeks recovering from this. We're so pleased that she is now able to return to teach her Year 3 class today and I'm sure you'll join with us all in welcoming her back to school.

First Holy Communion 2020

This will take place at St Anne's Church on Sunday May 17th. We are beginning our preparations in earnest this week and invite any parents with baptised children in Year 3 and upwards to come and join us this Thursday, Jan 16th, at 6 30pm in the Parish Centre. All will be welcome but this is our final call. Contact Fr Gerry or Marion McCabe with any enquiries.

Passport applications

Unfortunately, myself and any other teacher in school, are not able to countersign passport application forms for children unless we have known the applicant (the adult making the application on behalf of the child) PERSONALLY – this means as a friend, neighbour or colleague.



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Knowing you as a parent of a child attending St. Anne's does not meet the requirements of the Passport Office as we only know you professionally.

For further information, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/countersigning-passport-applications>

Prayers

Please pray for everyone in Australia who has been affected by the terrible bushfires and for the families of those who lost their lives in the aeroplane tragedy over Iran. We also pray for all our families and friends who need our prayers at this time.

Yours faithfully,

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