



St Anne's C of E (A) Primary News

"Developing the whole child, spiritually, mentally and physically in a caring Christian Environment through close links to the Church and Community"

Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

The cold weather has certainly continued this week and we have noticed quite a dip in attendance along with it. Earlier this month, the Government launched a new national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. You will be seeing it on TV, social media and hearing about it on the radio. We regularly remind you of the importance of good punctuality and attendance and the negative impact poor attendance has on your child's educational attainment and social and emotional development.

The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

It does seem like there are a number of coughs and colds going around. If you are unsure about whether your child is well enough to attend school, please follow the attached link which will provide useful information and advice on how long children should stay at home. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Parking

We appreciate that lives are busy and many people rely on cars to drop off and pick up children. As previously shared, the Church PCC allow parents to use the carpark. We recognise that double yellow lines have increased in the area especially on Devonshire Street making it quite challenging to park. Once again can I politely request that parents do not park on the chevrons or in the designated coach space. The swimming bus and transport for Reception class travelling to forest schools have struggled to drive down Devonshire Street and park in the designated space due to parents sat in their cars in the space. Please leave this free, it is primarily for the safety of our pupils.

Digital Parenting

As a school, we are always keen to promote online safety and would like to share materials that will support parents at home. Having attended a cyber security event this week, it really did emphasise the need for parents to monitor their child's activity online – what 'apps' they are using as well as whether they are playing 'online' with their classmates/friends down the road or 'virtual friends'. There is a lot of guidance available in relation to filters and parent monitoring approaches – Vodafone for example – where you can access the latest copy of the Digital Parenting magazine and many other additional resources regarding internet safety.

Sports

A big well done to our Sports Hall Athletics athletes who came a fantastic 2nd place out of 21 schools qualifying for the district final.



After School Club

Activities w/c 29th January: Theme – Music

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Karaoke	Just dance	Connect	Musical instrument waving	Just dance

As well as time for homework, reading, game playing and crafts.

FOSAS

The next FOSAS event is 'Rock & Roll Bingo' on Friday 15th March. Tickets will be on sale soon.

FOSAS are in need of more raffle donation prizes as there is nothing left in stock. Please bring any (new) raffle prizes to the office. Thank you.

Support Via the Pupil Premium

Given the difficult times and changes to people's circumstances, if you feel that you might be eligible to claim 'Pupil Premium' for your child, please email our school office or call in person to discuss. It enables us to support you with items such as school uniform, breakfast club and daily school meals etc...

You will need to currently be in receipt of one of the following:

- Universal Credit, (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- A run-on of Working Tax Credit – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

News from the Classes

Class Reception

This week Class Reception have learnt to retell the 'Gingerbread Man' using a 'Talk For Writing' method. They have created their own 'wanted' posters to describe their 'Gingerbread Man' and have worked together to build a bridge for the 'Gingerbread Man' to use to cross the river. In Maths, they have been thinking about weight and capacity and using a range of new vocabulary to describe how heavy, light, full or empty an object is.

Class One

This week, Year 1 have started learning about 'instructions'. They followed a set of instructions to make a rocket that they would be able to launch. They enjoyed going outside, launching their rockets and watching them fly in the wind. Next, they will work on writing a set of instructions to make the rocket, allowing others to have as much fun as they did.



Class Two

This week Year 2 have finished writing their spooky story opener using the illustrations from the story 'George and the Dragon' by Chris Wormell. They used a variety of different techniques to entertain the reader including expanded noun phrases, repetition for effect, question sentences and the power of three. They thoroughly

enjoyed reading their completed work to their learning partner before listening to the story.

Class Three

On Wednesday, Year 3 received a rather special visitor, a Roman soldier by the name of Maximus. In the morning, the children all had a fabulous time learning about Roman Emperors, the invasion and exploring Roman artefacts. In the afternoon it was all about the Roman army, their weaponry and battle tactics. The children re-enacted the famous battle of 'Wattling Street' with Boudica and her army of Celts taking on the considerably smaller Roman army. It was an excellent learning opportunity that has provided the children with an insight into the many aspects of Roman Britain that they will continue to explore as 'Historians' over the rest of the term.

Class Four

Year 4 have had a busy week. In PE they have continued their OAA unit by working as a team to communicate directions in order to follow a map. In Science they have been working hard to build complete circuits using wires, bulbs and cells. They needed to use their knowledge of complete and incomplete circuits to solve problems when the bulb didn't light. In English, the children have been writing their own myth using the character Arthur from our book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. They were tasked with including all of their Year 4 knowledge from expanded noun phrases and speech to fronted adverbials and complex sentences. Miss Burgoyne is looking forward to reading their myths. In Maths, they have been working hard to conquer division. They found this difficult in the beginning but they have persevered to learn the method. In Art, we have created their own template which they are going to use to create their own tessellated repeated pattern. They also considered their choice of colours ranging from warm and cold colours and those colours that complemented others.



Class Five

Dr Seuss once said that "Reading can take you places you have never been before" and this week, Year 5 travelled back in time twice - to 1922 and Ancient Egypt! They have been completely gripped by the Emma Carroll book 'Secrets of a Sun King' which is so far, a highly engaging fiction novel sprinkled with historically accurate facts. The children have already written a fact file on Tutankhamun and a diary entry as one of the characters. Mrs Camish is very impressed with the fabulous ideas shown in their writing and this is proving to be a great text for their Egyptian topic!

In PE, the children have had lots of fun learning how to play Danish Longball. They worked well in their teams to apply skills of dodging and Mrs Camish has been impressed by their ability to articulate the importance of attacking and defending principles.

In RE, the children learnt about the influential leaders and discussed the life of Mahatma Gandhi. They were keen to share view points and held mature and sensible discussions around what led him to a more spiritual life encouraging civil rights. Another busy work of learning - continue with the enthusiasm and curiosity Class 5. Well done!

Class Six

This week Year 6 have been on a trip to Brakenhurst to experience what life was like for children, during WWII. Brackenhurst commented that they were incredible! They listened, they learned, and they participated in everything. Some were excellent at spotting enemy planes... some were not. A special thank you to all our parent helpers, we couldn't do these trips without you! Year 6 have then developed their understanding of the war in their History lessons this week, diving further into the timeline of the war and researching the allied and axis forces. They are also enjoying their learning through the DART programme and are discussing tricky topics with excellent questions and respect for one another.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week

Class Reception – Alfie & Amilia

Class One – Daniel & Flynn

Class Two – Ella & Jude

Class Three – Casper

Class Four – Ava

Class Five – Harper

Class Six – Stryder & Jack

Lunch time Stars:

Class 3 excellent behaviour at lunch times this week.

Out of School Achievements:

Emily (3) - stage 7 swimming and awarded her 100m badge.

Emily was also invited to a trial for the Bassetlaw performance swimming squads which was very successful resulting in an invitation to join the squad. Well done!

George (6) has been selected for 'A' Squad at Worksop Dolphins and came 10th in the County Championships – we await to hear further results from his 50m back, breaststroke and 100m front crawl! The 5 sessions a week training are really paying off! Well done.

Tom (6) shared his 'signed' Sheffield Wednesday ball this morning – Miss Robinson is rather jealous!

Lucy (6) - a shout out to Lucy for sharing her Great- Grandma's memoirs from the war, it really has helped Year 6 with their learning!

Church Services

Sunday 28th January 2024

9am Holy Communion

10.15ish Service for All Ages

6pm St Anne's at 6pm

Wednesday 31st January 2024

3.20pm St Anne's Connect - Family Worship in the school hall with food, games and a time to worship together. (Suggested donation to cover costs of £1-£2 per family).

Thursday 1st February 2024

5.00pm St Anne's Kidz - Children's Club for Y4-Y6 in St Anne's church. Games, crafts, worship and lots of fun. All welcome.

6.00pm St Anne's Youth Choir - from Y6 upwards at St Anne's church.

Friday 2nd February 2024

3.00pm -5.00pm St Anne's Drop In - in the church hall for Y5 upwards. Crafts, games, tuck and video games. A time to chill out after school at the end of the week. All welcome.

2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	93.4%
1	97.3%
2	94.8%
3	99.2%
4	89.7%
5	97.2%
6	89.7%
ALL	94.4%

And to end this week, I'm sharing our 'Going Home' prayer.

'Thank you for my happy day, thank you for my work and play. Thank you God for everything. Amen' – KS1

'Lord, Keep us safe this night, secure from all our fears. May angels guard us whilst we sleep 'til morning light appears. Amen' - KS2

With my best wishes

Mrs Middleton & the St Anne's Team

Diary Dates

INSET DAYS 2023- 24

4th September 2023
20th October 2023
9th February 2024
25th July 2024
26th July 2024

Key Statutory Weeks (Assessment)

KS2 SATS – 13th May -all week – Year 6
Class 1 Phonics - 10th June week – Year 1
Statutory Multiplication Check -3rd to 14th
June – Year 4
Please ensure your children are in school during these times.

Looking ahead:

January

29th – Reception Forest Schools – Session 4

30th – Rev Ken Johnson leading Judaism workshop in Y2 & Islam in Y3

February

1st – Class 2 'Class Assembly' – **rescheduled to 21st March 2.45pm**

2nd – Y5/6 Athletics Finals

5th - National Children's Mental Health Week

6th – Safer Internet Day

Parents Evening (booking links been sent out)

7th – Parents Evening

9th – Inset Day (Children not in school)

HALF TERM

19th – Return to school

Year 3 start swimming

20th – Choir to Young Voices

23rd – Swimming Gala

26th – Govs Admissions Committee

29th – Phonics screening workshop for Year 1 parents

March

6th – World Book day for our school (not 7th due to Gymnastics)

13th – Bring Science Projects into school

14th – Class 1 Class Assembly

15th – FOSAS Rock and Roll Bingo

18th – Yr. 6 Parents SATS Information Evening 5pm

19th – Science workshops for whole school

Bikeability for Y3 and on 20th

22nd - DaArt Graduation Y6 2.30pm – parents welcome

28th – End of term service 2pm

April

15th – Return to school

26th – Rugby Megafest – Y3/4

May

13th – SATS for Year 6 all week

27th – 31st Half term

Notts County Council publish the school holiday patterns for forthcoming years – take a look on the County Council website.