

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Well half-term has quickly come around and the excitement shown in seeing the flurries of snow yesterday morning was evident from the children. I for one was desperate to go out in the snow but nobody in school had extra footwear and no one could sit with wet feet all day!

This week has given opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss your child's strengths and areas to further focus on for the remaining part of the academic year. If you didn't manage to make an appointment, please contact your child's class teacher so that one can be arranged for after the half-term break.

There are several activities available in the local area next week, please see the attached information. Encourage your child to keep reading, at least four times a week and don't forget the excitement that can come from a practical project whether that be 'building a bird feeder', baking or helping a grown up in the garden.

In school, we have a number of mechanisms to encourage the children to talk about how they are feeling and in 'Children's Mental Health Week' this week, the focus has been on them understanding their 'voice matters', empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

You will find further resources and activities for families by following the link below:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

## **Lent is on the way.....**

Have you got your lemons, flour and eggs ready for next Tuesday – Shrove Tuesday? Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) is during half term. Could your child find out why we have Pancake Day? Then make their own pancakes? We'd love to see some pictures. What toppings did you all choose?

Don't forget you are welcome to join us for our Ash Wednesday Collective Worship service on the first Wednesday back at 9am in church.

## **Sporting News**

A huge well done to our sports hall athletes for their achievement in the Sports Hall Athletics District Final. They came first out of all the schools competing and have qualified to represent Bassetlaw in the county finals at Harvey Hadden.

We are extremely proud of our three cross country runners who represented Bassetlaw in the county qualifiers. A big well done to Poppy for coming 48<sup>th</sup>, Tom for coming 37<sup>th</sup> and Ethan for coming 14<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the Bassetlaw representatives.

### **After School Club**

Activities w/c 19<sup>th</sup> February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Temptation Games	Cake racing/flipping	Connect/Games	Everything playdough	Junk modelling

### **FOSAS**

'Rock n roll' bingo is taking place on the 15<sup>th</sup> March in the Church Hall. Tickets will go on sale after half term. It is always a popular event!

The 'Special Person' secret gift shop is also running on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March after school in readiness for Mothering Sunday weekend.

Advance notice - the Talent Show will take place once again – always a fun filled night. In the past, there have been dancers, comedians, singers, instrumentalists and karate experts – whatever the talent, now is the time to start to have a think about it so that we can create a fun filled show!

### **News from the Classes**

#### **Class Reception**

Class Reception have had a busy final week of this half term. On Monday they enjoyed their 4<sup>th</sup> Forest School session. The theme was magic, and the children made wands and potions using woodland resources. They have talked about the importance of staying safe online and know the importance of telling a grown up if they are unsure about anything. Finally, they learnt all about Chinese New Year and made their own lion dance which they paraded around school.



## **Class One**

This week Year 1 have been thinking about Mental Health. They read the story 'Ruby's Worry' by Tom Percival and it helped them to realise it's okay to not be okay and if they ever have a worry, they should speak to someone about it. They then used paint and straws to make their own worry.

Class 1 also took part in Safer Internet Day and talked about who their trusted adults are and how they should speak to them if they ever see something they don't like online.



## **Class Two**

This week in Art we have used our knowledge of colour mixing and tints and shade to replicate the sea in Monet's Shadows of the Sea.



### **Class Three**

In Science the children have been looking at the life of Mary Anning; they spent time researching and are now writing a fact file about her life. They also continued their focus on illustrations in Art. This week they have looked at four different characters and spent time sketching and planning in preparation for their final piece after half term where they will be choosing a character to make out of clay.

### **Class Four**

Year 4 have had a busy last week of the half term. In RE they completed their learning on pilgrimages by looking at Muslim pilgrimages. The children have been really interested when learning about pilgrimages and the special places that people visit on their religious journeys. In PE, they finished their outdoor and adventurous activities unit by following a map of the school grounds and orientating themselves around a course to find the points. In swimming, they finished their final swimming lesson with a water safety session. It was fantastic to see the children's confidence in the water and their knowledge of being safe in and around water.



### **Class Five**

Another fantastic week in Year 5! The children have once again enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt. They have learnt about social hierarchy and made comparisons to the roles in our government today.

They thoroughly enjoyed their dodgeball lesson and in ICT, they made circuits using the crumble kits and laptops.

In English, they have been doing non-fictional writing. In keeping with our Egyptian topic, they researched the life of Cleopatra to write a biography. Science learning included discussion and debate around levers, gears and pulleys and the children were skilled in linking their knowledge of forces to real life scenarios.

## **Class Six**

Year 6 have been working their socks off this week, to complete assessments (SATS style) to check their progress. They have coped really well and all made a great effort. They have enjoyed writing journalistically this week. After watching a clip of the - not so nice - Three Little Pigs committing fraud, they have written independent newspaper articles to inform the public about the crime, which have turned out well! Before this, they used 'Word' to create articles with columns and headlines which looked amazing! In Maths they have started their decimal unit of work and have used place value charts to partition decimal numbers below 0. They have also been introduced to Rollama (I'm sure you've heard all about it).

# **2023-2024 Attendance**

Class	Attendance
R	91.2%
1	95.6%
2	99.1%
3	99.6%
4	97.9%
5	97.9%
6	92.5%
ALL	96.3%

## **Church Services**

9am Holy Communion

10.15ish Service for All Ages

6pm Informal Service of Worship, Word & Prayer

## **Prayers for the week from Tom and Stryder**

Dear God

In the times when people need our generosity, help us to give it to them because it could make someone's day and not only make them feel good but us too. Thank you for the times someone has been generous. Amen.

Dear Lord

Help us realise the impact on someone's day when we are generous. Help us to remember the times when someone has been generous towards us. Amen

With my best wishes to you all for an enjoyable half -term.

**Mrs Middleton & the St Anne's Team**

# Diary Dates

## INSET DAYS 2023- 24

4<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
25<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Looking ahead:

### **February**

9<sup>th</sup> – Inset Day (Children not in school)

### **HALF TERM**

19<sup>th</sup> – Return to school  
20<sup>th</sup> – Choir to Young Voices  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Swimming Gala for selected children  
26<sup>th</sup> – Gobs Admissions Committee  
Year 3 start swimming  
29<sup>th</sup> – Phonics Screening Workshop for Year 1 parents (15.30-16.00)

### **March**

6<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day for our school (not the 7<sup>th</sup> due to Gymnastics)  
7<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Egyptian Worksop in School  
6-8<sup>th</sup> FOSAS Mother's Day Sale afterschool

### Science Fair

11<sup>th</sup> Y1 13.05 – 14.05 & Y5 14.00 -15.00  
12<sup>th</sup> Y3 & Reception 14.00-15.00  
14<sup>th</sup> Y2 13.15 – 14.15  
15<sup>th</sup> Y4 & 6 14.00 – 15.00  
13<sup>th</sup> – Science Fair Bring Science Projects into school – Celebration Assembly  
14<sup>th</sup> – Y1 Class Assembly 14.45  
County Final Sports Hall Athletics  
14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Travelling Book Fair  
15<sup>th</sup> – FOSAS Rock and Roll Bingo  
18<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Parents SATS Information Evening 17.00pm  
19<sup>th</sup> – Science workshops for whole school  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Bikeability for Y3  
21<sup>st</sup> – Y2 Class Assembly 14.45  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Y6 DaArt Graduation 14.30pm – parents welcome  
28<sup>th</sup> – End of term service 2pm in the Church

### **April**

15<sup>th</sup> – Return to school  
26<sup>th</sup> – Rugby Megafest – Y3/4

### **May**

13<sup>th</sup> – SATS for Year 6 all week  
27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Half term

## Key Statutory Weeks (Assessment)

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

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