# 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 April 2024

#### **Dear Parents & Carers**

This term we are warming up for the Summer Olympics by going back in time and revisiting some Olympic and Paralympic games from the past in 'Collective Worship'. We will share inspirational stories which reflect the six Olympic values of 'Determination, Excellence, Inspiration, Courage, Friendship and Equality' and use them to help the children think about what we can learn from them. We will link many of these stories to words in the Bible, using them to help the children think about how to live well together and give our best.

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire before Easter – we will share the results with you shortly and our planned actions. The next Parent Forum meeting will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2.30pm. We'd like to hear from you about 'school photograph' packages for next year – does there continue to be a desire for both individual and class photos? Mrs Camish will also share some of the 'relationships' materials that will complement the existing Relationships, Sex and Health Education materials in school.

### **FOSAS**

The next meeting will be on Monday 29 April at 7pm at the Shireoaks Inn. Please join them if you can.

#### **Sports News**

Today, some of our Year 3 and 4 children travelled to Retford Oaks to participate in a rugby festival. They had a fantastic time developing some new and existing rugby skills.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Please remember to prebook and pay for your child to attend Breakfast Club (children in receipt of Free School Meals can attend for free but still need to book in on ParentPay.com). We need to know numbers to provide the correct level of staffing and breakfast products. Thank you.

#### **New Starters for September**

If your child has been allocated a space, please do not forget to go on line and accept the place.

#### **School Council News**

For the summer term, School Council have decided they would like to support Bassetlaw Food Bank and collect donations of food and other items they require. A drop off box is in the main entrance. Alternatively, the children can bring items to their class for School Council to take to the drop off point.

This is the latest list of requests: long life milk, rice, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, curry sauce, tinned veg, tinned fish, sugar, pet food & Deodorant.



#### **News from the Classes**

# **Class Reception**

This week Class Reception have been innovating 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and changed it to 'We're Going on a Dinosaur Hunt'. They have been discussing settings and thinking about ones that would be good in their new story. In Maths the children have been focusing on numbers up to and beyond 20 and have been using their knowledge of a 10's frame to help them count.

#### Class One

This week Year 1 have been learning the story 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson through 'Talk for Writing'. They have been using actions which they created themselves to tell the story. They are using a thesaurus to use creative vocabulary to describe different parts of the story and are now working up to writing their own version of the story.

#### **Class Two**

This week Year 2 have begun a unit of learning based around the book, 'The Koala Who Could' by Rachel Bright. The children have amazed the Class 2 team by using adventurous vocabulary, expanded noun phrases and similes about the sounds and colours of the first illustration in the book.

#### **Class Three**

This week the children in Year 3 have continued to enjoy and make progress at swimming, all children are now swimming in the big pool and they are impressing all involved. The teachers at the pool informed staff this week that they love their Monday morning lesson with St Anne's because the children are so polite and work so hard in the pool, listening and following instructions and advice. The children are continuing to enjoy their English work, writing some wonderful letters to the characters in the story, encouraging and advising them to leave Pompeii quickly. They are excited to read the final part of the story next week!

#### **Class Four**

Year 4 have had a busy week this week. On Wednesday they enjoyed a science workshop provided by Dr Young from Worksop College. They were shown lots of different experiments and enjoyed joining in. In Computing, they have been working on media editing looking at editing the colour contrast on images. In Science this week, they have extended their learning on food chains by constructing food webs, thinking carefully about the flow of energy and applying their knowledge of subject vocabulary.

#### **Class Five**

Year 5 have had another super week. In English, they have had fun learning the Greek myth-Theseus and the Minotaur. They used drama to freeze frame different scenes and then act out bigger parts of the myth. In Computing they used the programme Scratch to make an interactive quiz and in French, they learnt how to pronounce key foods and drinks.

The highlight of the week though was a visit from Dr Young, who demonstrated chemical reactions such as making glow sticks and a very interesting experiment with Pringles. Our minds were blown!







# **Class Six**

Year 6 have been continuing their learning of the circulatory system, the children have looked at parts of the heart and their function. Once they had done their research, they were then able to make (handmade) playdough hearts. Children have also worked hard on their last practice tests in the build-up to SATS and they have demonstrated a determined attitude.

### Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week

**Class Reception** – Owen & Alfie

**Class One** - Leo

Class Two - Dana & Joe

Class Three - Sonia

Class Four - Hooriah

Class Five - Oliver

Class Six - Lilia

**Lunch time Stars:** Lily (3) always volunteering

#### **Out of School Achievements**

Flynn (1) achieving his level 2 swimming award.

Julian (R) achieving his Level 4 swimming award.

Jasper (1) for sharing his recent Motorcross trophy.

### **Gymnastic Awards**

Core Skills Level 2

David, Mia, Edan and Joe from Class 2.

# 2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	98.4%
1	95.8%
2	97.7%
3	96.0%
4	96.3%
5	96.0%
6	98.5%
ALL	97%

Great attendance everyone - let's keep it up!

#### **Church Services**

## Sunday 28th April

10am – APCM - annual meeting looking back at 2023 and looking forward to the year ahead.

StA@6pm Worship, word and prayer

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

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)

### Prayers from our Year 6 Taylor and Harry A

Dear Lord, Give us the courage when we do not succeed to persevere and we will then succeed. Amen

Dear Lord, Help us to think about if at first we don't succeed, then we need to persevere and keep going because we will then reach our goals in no time. Amen

Finally, a special mention to Heidi and Evan's Mum who ran the London Marathon last weekend – we hear it was a great result!

With my best wishes,

Mrs Middleton and the St Anne's team.

# **Diary Dates**

# INSET DAYS 2023- 24 Key Statutory Weeks (Assessment)

25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 KS2 SATS – 13<sup>th</sup> May -all week – Year 6 Class 1 Phonics - 10th June week – 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.

# **Looking ahead:**

#### April

29<sup>th</sup> – FOSAS meeting 7pm Shireoaks Inn

#### Mav

1st – Y4 Tudor Fabric Printing Trip at the Harley Gallery

6<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday – school closed.

#### 13th – SATS for Year 6 all week

20<sup>th</sup> – School Swimming Gala Final

21st – Parent Forum 2.30pm

22<sup>nd</sup> – Big Talk – all classes – RSHE – parent information session

23rd - CLASS PHOTOS

Class 4 Assembly at 2.45pm

27th – 31st Half term

#### June

10<sup>th</sup> – Statutory Phonics Testing Year 1 all week

17<sup>th</sup> - Governor's Admissions Committee

19<sup>th</sup> – Pupils & Strategic Development Committee Big Transition for named Y6

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Year 1 Time Travelling - Southwell

24<sup>th</sup> – Reception – Forest School session

25<sup>th</sup> – Provisional date for Sports Day

26<sup>th</sup> – Governors Finance & Personnel Committee

27<sup>th</sup> – Full Governors Meeting

28th - FOSAS Talent Show

### July

3rd - Year 6 transition

4th – Year 6 transition

Reception Class Assembly - 2.45pm

10<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Stepping Up trip to Southwell Minster

12<sup>th</sup> – Barclays School Roadshow – open to parents after school

16<sup>th</sup> – Level 3 Bikeability – children will be informed who has passed to take part

18<sup>th</sup> – Open Afternoon 2pm

24th - Leaver's Service 2pm

Last Day of term

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