

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 13th October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Earlier this week I got to accompany Year 6 on their residential to 'St Michael's Outdoor Centre' in Hathersage. We were so proud of the children and how they demonstrated traits of independence, respect, and resilience. They were involved in a range of activities from river dipping and classification, den building, village studies to long 'uphill walks' where the opportunities for geography in action were plentiful. The views were spectacular. The children got to push themselves out of their comfort zones by taking on challenges – whether that be 'staying away from home for the first time', 'making their own bed' to 'going on the longest walk up the highest hill in their whole life'! We know that these experiences provide our children with opportunities they may not otherwise get and give them opportunities to know what they are capable of doing. We were so proud of the way in which they encouraged each other. I know that they all had an amazing time and made memories that will last a lifetime. These opportunities for our children would not be possible without a team of amazing staff who give up their time, their sleep and time with their own families – all on a voluntary basis. My thanks extend to Miss McDonald, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Storrs for accompanying me on the trip.



This week we have welcomed Miss El Khatib into the Year 1 classroom as she completes her final teacher training year with Lincoln University under the direction of Miss Decouto. She is with us for the majority of the term and we hope she enjoys her time with the children.

Sporting News

Last Friday, children in year 5 completed their sports crew and mini medics training. They listened carefully to the instructor and used this to develop the skills needed to be a leader. They were then set the task of designing a game in preparation for the multiskills festival later on in the school year. They also completed basic first aid and cpd training. Well done to Edward, Rosie, Amelia, Lewis K & Holly.



Football

On Thursday we played our first home game against Holy Family with a win of 4-3. There were some excellent goals from Jude, Stryder and Tom.



Good luck to our football team who will be playing Gateford tonight.

Events within the local community

A message from Christopher Jones a Librarian working for Inspire: Culture, Learning and Libraries about an exciting event they will be hosting at **Workshop Library on Tuesday 24th October at 10.30am**. The event is called **A Day in the Life of an Astronaut with Mike Barfield** and is suitable for children aged 6-11 and their families.

The event will be hosted by award-winning author Mike Barfield who will take you on a fun and fact-filled journey from the edges of the solar system, back past all eight planets, and on towards our very own superstar, the sun. Along the way he'll introduce you to some comical comets, speeding space probes and much, much more. A Day in the Life of an Astronaut will be packed with jokes, secret diaries, props, costumes, in a show that is literally 'out of this world!'

Tickets cost just £3 for children with accompanying adults Free of charge. Tickets are available from any Inspire Library, or online at www.inspireculture.org.uk.

News from the Classes

Class Reception

This week Class Reception have been thinking about the vegetables they eat. They listened to the story 'Oliver's Vegetables' and used magnifying glasses to have a close look at a range of different vegetables. They talked about their favourite vegetables and ones they disliked. In Maths they have been looking at repeating patterns and made some of their own.

Class One

In Science, Class 1 have started exploring the environment around school to see what changes may occur over the season of Autumn. They discovered leaves that have changed colour, and spotted some leaves that had fallen off the trees. They found many acorns from the oak tree that squirrels have been hiding away for the Winter too.

Class Two

This week Class 2 have thought carefully about the rules that are in place when we use ICT at home and school. They talked about what those rules are and why they are so important.

Class Three

This week Class 3 have been developing their addition skills. They have had to recall all of their number bond knowledge to help them, before partitioning to add crossing tens. The children have all been working really hard. New maths concepts can be tricky but they have been reminding themselves that they are "Mathmagicians and

they can do it if they try.” This week’s gymnastics involved apparatus work and the children thoroughly enjoyed all the different challenges as they work towards their apparatus badge.

Class Four

In Class 4 this week their focus has been upon learning the parts and functions of the digestive system in preparation for writing a non-chronological report. In science year 4 learnt about the functions of the digestive system in a practical way by moving banana and Weetabix through a pretend digestive system. They used a potato masher and bowl to mimic the mouth and teeth, a bag with orange juice for the stomach and gastric juices and a pair of tights for the small and large intestine. Year 4 got very messy but were able to understand how our food moves through our digestive system and the role of each part!!



Class Five

It has been another exciting week in class 5. In maths, the children have been thinking about the mathematical language associated with subtraction and tackled tricky word problems. In Science, the children have thought about the concept of day and night, making links to the Earth's rotation. They have also considered the big question - Why does the moon appear to change shape throughout the month? Their labelling of the lunar phases was interesting. Who knew you could use grapes to demonstrate this?!

Linking to their topic and Black History Month, the children have been so interested in learning about the human computer Katherine Johnson. The sense of awe and wonder in the classroom when talking about key historical themes and NASA has been so fantastic to see. There has been a buzz of excitement all around in their build up to their up and coming class assembly and the children have been producing wonderful creations for their learning log tasks. Mrs Camish couldn't believe her eyes when a Mars rover walked through the door! Thank you for all of the parental support with these tasks at home.

Class Six

Year 6 this week have taken on the ultimate Primary School challenge by tackling a residential. They have stayed away from home for 2 nights and have represented St Anne's proudly. They participated in a stream study, where they waded through water and made observations of the wildlife, they learnt how to identify trees and built their confidence. All of the children worked as a team as they faced the challenges that were given to them, from talent shows to making beds from walking up hills (which felt like mountains) to investigating a local town and even finding their spirit tree! Class 6 have made Miss McDonald very proud and have had the best time away. They have gained many skills and Emma (the residential leader) passed on a lot of knowledge that hopefully the children will carry with them. They have made memories that will last a lifetime!

Church Services

Sunday 15th October

9am Holy Communion
10.15ish StA@10 Service for All Ages
StA@6pm Worship, word and prayer

Wednesday 18th October

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 19th October

3.20pm Connect Kidz - after school club for Reception to Year 3 children in the school hall. Games, crafts, worship and lots of fun. Book in through parent pay.
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 20th October

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 till out after school at the end of the week. All welcome.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week

Class Reception – Teddy & Ollie

Class One – Lola & Jed

Class Two – Laurel & Felicity

Class Three – Flynn & Oscar

Class Four – Ethan & Wiktorina

Class Five – Edward

Class Six – Amelia N

Lunch time Stars:

Alex G (R) helping at lunchtime

Class 5 for being excellent monitors & peacemakers

Out of School Achievements:

Georgiana (3) - 200m, 400m, 800m, 1000m - all in one go!



Iris (1) – Level 1 & 2 swimming

George (6) – Medal for his performance in butterfly, breaststroke & front crawl at a gala.

Zachary (5) went snorkelling with baby sharks at Skegness aquarium at the weekend.



James (3) Player of the match at his game last weekend.



Anya (6) Pony Club badge and her commitment to her riding
Isobel (5) 5th overall in a recent Retford Gymnastic competition.

In School Gymnastic Awards

Apparatus Level 1

Riva & Thomas A (3)

2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	99.1%
1	99.2%
2	99.2%
3	99.6%
4	97.4%
5	92.9%
6	100% ALL 97.2%
	Much better!!

Prayers from Frances and Harry A in Class 6 this week

Dear God, Help us to persevere when life gives us challenges, to help each other and to carry on. To learn to listen to your answers and not to ignore.

Dear God, Give us good luck in our new school year ready to face the challenges along the way. Amen

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:

October

16th & 17th - Balance bikes – reception (the bikes/ helmets are provided) – log onto parentpay

17th – Governor's Strategic Development Committee 4pm

19th - Class 5 Class Assembly 2.45pm
World Values Day

20th -**Inset**

Half term

November

6th Return to school

7th – 10th - Year 6 Bikeability

9th – Year 5 Residential meeting 3.30pm

10th Remembrance – service 10.45 tbc

13th -Anti-bullying Week (wear odd socks day)

15th –Governor's finance committee5.30pm

16th –Class 6 Assembly 2.45pm

Year 2 trip – Victorian Classroom

17th - Children in Need

Orienteering - Worksop College

20th – Year 5 Residential

22nd - 6pm full governors

23rd – y3 Jingle Jog

Height & Weight measure Year R & 6

24th – Year 1 trip – Emergency Services Museum

30th - FOSAS Christmas Fair

December

4th – G/T trampolining – Retford Oaks

6th - Class 3 Assembly 2.45pm ***** CHANGE OF DATE*****

8th – FOSAS Christmas Disco

12th - Reception Nativity 9.30am - School Hall

Year 1/2 Nativity 2pm - Church Hall

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Reception Nativity 2pm - School Hall

19th – Portland Family of Schools Choir concert

20th - Christmas Dinner day

1pm Panto

22nd - End of term Service 2pm

Keep checking the dates, as we will add to them as the term goes on