

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

This term has passed so quickly and it's hard to believe that it is Half Term today. As the winter begins, strains in the community may increase: whether renting or paying a mortgage, the costs of heating and food. May I encourage as many of you as possible to take up the offer of Universal Infant Free School Meals in Reception and Key Stage 1. Older children may also be eligible for Free School Meals. We also have our uniform rail to offer support with clothing. If you need support of any kind, then please reach out to us and we will signpost you to the support which we are aware of. **School reopens for children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

## Sporting News - Football

A big well done to the football team.  
A 4-3 win against Gateford  
A 6-1 win against Priory  
A 6-1 win against Misterton in the Parry Cup.



## Helping your child's digital health

As we approach the half term holiday, take a moment to consider time spent on digital devices.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/>

The **digital 5 a day** provides a simple framework that reflects the concerns of parents/carers as well as children's behaviours and needs. It can also act as a base for family

agreements about internet and digital device use throughout both the holidays and term time.

Based on the NHS's evidence-based '**five steps to better mental wellbeing**', the digital 5 a day campaign gives children and parents easy to follow practical steps to achieve a healthy and balanced digital diet.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk).

A further event called **Fantastic Festivals** is a family music concert suitable for children and their families aged 5 -11 taking place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00pm. The concert will have a selection of music and songs that are synonymous with summer music festivals such as Coldplay's Yellow and Take That's Shine amongst many others. This will all be played by our fantastic live band and will be guaranteed to get everyone up and dancing.

At the end of the concert everyone will have the chance to go on the instruments used in the concert. This is a very popular part of our concerts and a great opportunity for children to experience playing different instruments and especially great if any children are thinking of taking up playing an instrument or already play one it also inspires many children to begin playing instruments.

### News from the Classes

#### Class Reception

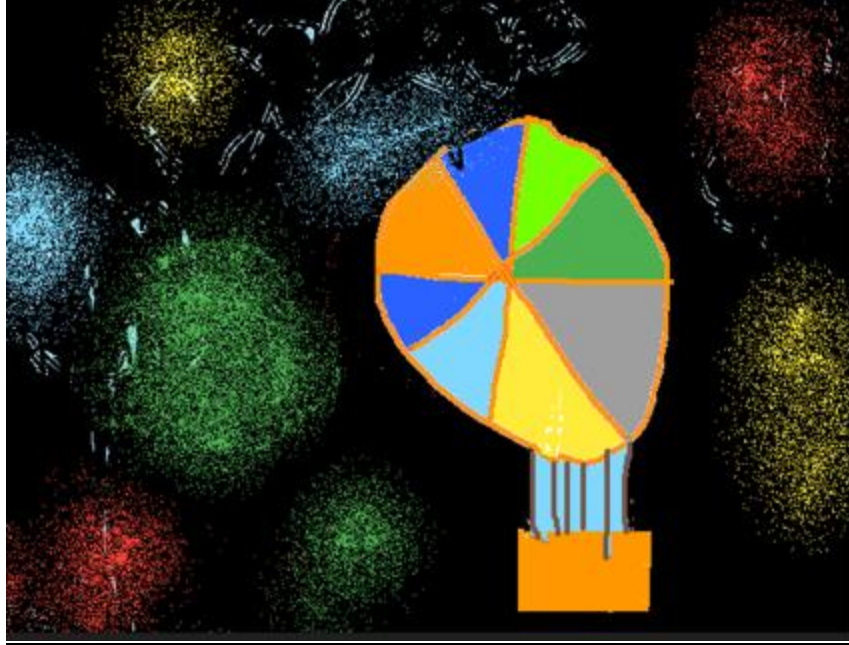
This week Reception have enjoyed a 'Balance Bike' session. They learnt the names for the parts of the bike and how to stay safe on their bike. The children played lots of games to practice the skills they learnt. The children have also been investigating the signs of Autumn. They listened to the story 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert and then used magnifying glass to look closely at a range of Autumnal objects.

#### Class One

This week Year 1 have enjoyed exploring how to use water to lighten the shade of colours in Art. They used their observational skills to draw a continuous line drawing of a shell. They added colour to this using water soluble felt tip pens, then they used water colour brushes to add water to the pens and were amazed by the changes it made to their art work.

## **Class Two**

Year 2 have been thinking about the digital five a day challenge during their computing lesson. They enjoyed being active, being creative, being mindful, connecting and giving to others.



## **Class Three**

This week the children in Year 3 have continued their Science learning, focussing on planning a healthy balanced diet for a day. The children have demonstrated their understanding by thinking carefully about all they have learnt this half term. Using their knowledge of the food pyramid and the “Eat Well Plate” they worked hard to try and ensure there was an appropriate balance of carbohydrates, dairy, protein, fats and fruits and vegetables. It was quite a challenge to ensure they had seven portions of fruits and vegetables. The children have also completed their research enquiry in Science too, using the McDonalds Nutrition Calculator online the children looked at the fat, sugar and salt content of some of their favourite foods and were astounded when they discovered the quantity of sugar in the Frozen Lemonade and the McFlurry’s - a whole 34g and 38% of an adults recommended daily intake! The children have also finished their narrative unit and have produced some wonderful stories all about an adventure in the Stone Age. The descriptive language and historical facts included within their stories demonstrate how much the children have listened and learnt during lessons this half term. Well done Class Three!

## **Class Four**

Year 4 have worked hard this week. For Black History Month, they researched the famous chemist ‘Alice Ball’ and wrote a non-chronological report all about her. In RE Year 4 learnt about the way in which Hindus worship both at the mandir and at home. They used the RE resources to create a shrine in the classroom ensuring they had all of the important items a Hindu would need for worship.



### **Class Five**

Every week brings something new and exciting and this week Year 5 have been talking about role models. The discussions from the children were in-depth, honest and really got us thinking about how we can all be good role models at St Anne's. Their English work linked to this and the children have begun planning for newspaper reports.

In Maths children have been using addition and subtraction to find missing numbers and in RE they have had lots of discussions on morals and what they value the most. Children have also enjoyed becoming artists this week and after exploring the landscape artwork from David Hockney, Claud Monet and Henri Matisse they created their own water colour paintings of the former Sycamore Gap.

Finally, it has been "All systems go!" with class assembly preparations. Mrs Camish has been extremely impressed by the enthusiasm and motivation shown by all children during the run up to their performance and I am sure you'll agree, they were fabulous when presenting all of their learning to everybody. Thank you to all who managed to attend.

### **Class Six**

This week Year 6 have completed balanced arguments in RE, considering whether Science and Religion are conflicting and complementary. With such a difficult discussion the children have tried extremely hard to articulate an argument from both sides. They have also worked hard on their double page spreads to conclude their Science work on evolution and inheritance. Year 6 have also been very busy finishing our non-chronological reports, in English and publishing them.

### **Church Services**

#### **Sunday 22nd October**

9am Holy Communion

10.15ish StA@10 Service for All Ages

StA@6pm Worship, word and prayer

## Sunday 29th October

10am Café Church in St Anne's Church hall – informal service & join us for light breakfast of pastries & cakes.

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

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

# 2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	95.3%
1	96.1%
2	100%
3	95.2%
4	95.8%
5	89.5%
6	89.9% ALL 94.6%

This week we have had a number of children go on holiday ahead of the 'two week half term break'; as every school is advised by the Department for Education, holidays in term time are not permitted and the LA ask schools to follow the penalty notice process.

Please let us know the whereabouts of your child each day as in line with managing attendance, home visits are made as part of our approach to safeguarding. Please don't put your child in the position of saying they are ill when they have been on holiday as we usually get to know when we do our home visits.

Attendance monitoring continues. If your child is absent for more than 7 sessions in a rolling 6 week period, we will be contacting you.

There is a change to the menu when we return:

Tuesday will be the Roast Pork Dinner

Thursday will be the Fishfinger wrap

Friday will be the Remembrance lunch (sausages, Yorkshire pudding, vegetables & Glory bun (muffin))

Please see the website for the full list of allergens.

Enjoy your half term break.

With my best wishes,

**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:

November

6<sup>th</sup> Return to school  
7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Bikeability  
9<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Residential meeting 3.30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance – service 10.45 (outside)  
13<sup>th</sup> -Anti-bullying Week (wear odd socks day)  
15<sup>th</sup> –Governor’s finance committee 5.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> –Class 6 Assembly 2.45pm  
Year 2 trip – Victorian Classroom  
Year 4 Parents Meeting re Residential 3.30pm  
17<sup>th</sup> - Children in Need  
Orienteering - Worksop College  
20<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Residential  
22<sup>nd</sup> - 6pm full governors  
23<sup>rd</sup> – y3 Jingle Jog  
Height & Weight measure Year R & 6  
24<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 trip – Emergency Services Museum  
30<sup>th</sup> - FOSAS Christmas Fair

December

4<sup>th</sup> – G/T trampolining – Retford Oaks  
6<sup>th</sup> - Class 3 Assembly 2.45pm \*\*\*\*\* CHANGE OF DATE\*\*\*\*\*  
8<sup>th</sup> – FOSAS Christmas Disco  
12<sup>th</sup> - Reception Nativity 9.30am - School Hall  
Year 1/2 Nativity 2pm - Church Hall  
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Reception Nativity 2pm - School Hall  
19<sup>th</sup> – Portland Family of Schools Choir concert  
20<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner day  
1pm Panto  
22<sup>nd</sup> - End of term Service 2pm

## 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.

**Please keep checking the dates as we will add to them as the term goes on.**