

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you had a lovely half-term break with the children and that they are refreshed and ready to learn. We are excited to continue their learning journey here at St Anne's. There are many events planned for this half-term.

This half term our whole school value focus is **Responsibility**.

## **Definition**

- Having a role or duty to fulfil
- The obligation to behave correctly
- The opportunity or ability to act independently and take decisions
- Responsibility is doing the job we have been given and also spotting jobs that we can do without being asked.

## **Behaviours that demonstrate 'Responsibility'**

### **At school and at home:**

- Making good decision in our own behaviour
- Taking responsibility for our learning
- Asking when we need help
- Being independent
- Ensuring we bring the necessary belongings to school e.g. book bags, reading diaries, homework
- Taking care to work hard
- Proactive – not stepping over litter, coats, seeing a need – stepping in
- Caring for others
- Demonstrating altruism
- Being involved in School Council- seeing this responsibility as important – willingness to work hard at it
- Taking responsibility for our own health – physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- Care for pets / family

### **In the community:**

- Volunteering – in school
- Volunteering in community/visiting elderly/caring for war memorial
- Being involved in outside clubs – being committed – e.g. cubs/scouts/brownies/guides/sports

- Proactive – not stepping over litter

#### **At a national/ international level:**

- Citizenship
- Global responsibility to learn from others
- Responsibility for the environment e.g. rainforest, animals, global warming
- Responsibility for the poor
- To know our rights and responsibilities (human rights, the rights of the child).  
Please could you discuss 'Responsibility' with children at home, and explore ways to reinforce it.

#### **Sporting News**

Prior to the half term break, our boys' football team completed in the first round of the cup against Misterton. They had a great win of 6-1 putting them through to the next round of the cup. They have won all of their games played so far putting them at the top of the table. Our matches will resume after the February half term. My thanks to Miss Burgoyne for her work with the team.

#### **Wear Odd Socks Day – Monday**

Next week is National Anti – Bullying Week and we will be using the opportunity to further emphasise the school rules – 'to treat everyone with respect', giving opportunity to discuss the protected characteristics and deepen understanding. We are encouraging the children to come along wearing odd socks as a way of expressing themselves and celebrating their individuality and what makes us all unique!

#### **Children in Need**

Our school council are encouraging the school community to wear spots/bright colours (please don't go to any additional expense) next Friday. We are encouraging £1 donation and we will take all 'donations' to a central collection point. There will be class Pudsey bears to cover in loose change and the classes in KS1 will take part in a 'Pudsey Hunt' with KS2 participating in the 'Bearpee challenge'.

#### **Counselling Support**

In school we have a number of mechanisms to support children to express their emotions and address their mental health. We have worry boxes in all classrooms. Some children respond to having a named adult. We also allocate a proportion of the school budget to buy in the services of a trained professional play therapist/counsellor. If you feel your child may benefit from this support, please speak to Miss Robinson or Mrs Middleton.

#### **After School Club**

The children have had great fun this week and there are a variety of activities planned for next week. Please remember that the club runs until 5.30pm. Due to the dark nights, we ask that you collect your child from the main door and call the main number

option 3 to say you have arrived. We are wanting to 'name our after school club' let us know your suggestions!

Activities w/c 13/11/23 Theme: Remembrance and Autumn

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Poppy rock painting	Making anti bullying St Annes scarecrow mascot (ongoing all week)	Autumn hedgehogs, leaf pictures	Leaf rubbings	Psalm leaf craft

### News from the Classes

#### Class Reception

This week Class Reception have been reading the book 'Elmer'. They then spent some time thinking about all of the different ways they were unique and different. In Maths they have been looking at reading numbers and matching the numbers to the correct amount. They have been thinking about the importance of 'Poppy Day' and made some lovely poppy field pictures.

#### Class One

Year 1 were excited to use the apparatus in gymnastics with Emma this week. They were practising a variety of skills including bunny hops and forward rolls. They were discovering different ways to travel too! They were climbing, rolling, jumping and swinging.



## **Class Two**

During Design and Technology we have made finger puppets experimenting with fabric glue to bond the pieces of our puppets together! (Please see below).



## **Class Three**

Year 3 have had a very busy week. Each morning has started with a multiplication challenge and the children have been busily beavering away learning and perfecting their knowledge of their 2s, 5s and 10s this week. They can also practise their times tables at home on Times Tables Rockstars, where there is a weekly competition – who will win next week? The children have finished their Art learning this week by completing some fabulous cave drawings using soft pastels. Next week they will be starting their Design Technology unit : Dips and Dippers.

## **Class Four**

Year 4 have made a great start to the Autumn 2 half term. In English, they have started their next genre for writing based on the book 'Where the Poppies Now Grow'. They made careful predictions using the clues from the pictures and will be using this to generate further ideas for their writing. In Geography, Year 4 have learnt about the different layers of the rainforest and the animals that can be found in this layer, they also applied their learning from the previous half term to understand how the climate of South America effects the rainforest. In Design and Technology, Year 4 have started their sewing Christmas decoration project by researching existing products and practising their sewing skills by learning to do running stitch, back stitch, blanket stitch and cross stitch.

## **Class Five**

It has been wonderful to have the class back after half term and hear about all of the exciting things they have been doing.

In Maths, the children have been drawing on their prior learning from Year 4 to recall their times tables facts when finding factors and multiples. In Science the children have

been making observations and asking questions in order to classify materials by their properties.

There was a buzz of excitement in PE this week when using hockey sticks and children learnt how to correctly hold the hockey stick and dribble the ball under control. They particularly enjoyed applying these skills to our game called "Robin the Nest".

In Design Technology the children have been introduced to their new project "Soup!" and can't wait to get started.

### **Class Six**

This week some of Class 6 have begun their Bikability Courses and have even taken their bikes out onto the street to practise riding safely. They have also been busy preparing things for the class assembly and writing poems to honour those we remember on Remembrance Day. They have then used their DT skills to present their poems in the form of a tunnel book. In Maths they have begun their 3 week unit on fractions but have so far impressed Miss McDonald with all their knowledge from previous years.

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

**Class Reception** – Julien & Lilly

**Class One** – Dominic & Catherine

**Class Two** – Phoebe

**Class Three** – Harriet R

**Class Four** – Abigail

**Class Five** – Olivia

**Class Six** – Max & Jake

**Lunch time Stars:** Jacob (4) - Great sportsmanship.

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

**Dominic (6)** Gold Splash Swim Award

**Julien (R)** – Level 1 & 2 Swimming

**Dana (2)** - Level 7 Swimming & Rainbows Gold Award

**Charlie (2)** – Orange belt in Martial Arts

**Eliza (2)** – Music Award for her achievement in her piano lesson already at Grade 1

**Lucas H (1)** – loved his time on an underwater voyage and all of the fish that he saw.

**In School Gymnastic Awards**  
**Apparatus Level 1**

Alexander R (3)

**Church Services**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

10am Remembrance Flag Service and by the Cross at 11am

7pm Memorial Service as the Church come together to remember all who have died this year.

## **2023-2024 Attendance**

Class	Attendance
R	95.6%
1	95.5%
2	92.7%
3	99.3%
4	96.0%
5	92.0%
6	95.1% ALL 95.2%
Let's work together to make our attendance great! Every time a child is absent it impacts on the Class Attendance.	

**Punctuality** – All staff use the beginning of the day to set out their expectations for the day ahead, set short tasks to reinforce learning and carry out interventions. Please ensure that your child has joined their class line and is ready to enter school and start the day at 8.50am.

**Prayers for the Week** From Tom and Stryder in Year 6.

Dear God, Help us to remember all of the loyal soldiers who fought in the war. Help us to recall the poppy as a symbol of peace.

Dear Lord, Remind us of the sacrifices that the soldiers made to fight for peace  
Amen

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

## 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.

## Looking ahead:

November

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 committee5.30pm  
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  
13<sup>th</sup> - Year 1/2 Nativity 9.30am - Church Hall  
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

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