

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 22nd December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very nearly there! The children are extremely excited about Christmas, now only a few days away! This term has been extremely busy and each child will look back on the subject areas they have enjoyed and the memories they have made. Life can feel very full-on for all sorts of reasons and Christmas can give us the chance to take a breath and refill our own bucket as well as that of others. Whatever you do, we here at St Anne's hope this Christmas season gives you and your family that opportunity to find the real meaning of rest and being refilled.

Santa found time in his schedule to visit KS1 and Class Reception this week and shared his gifts with them.



End of term service

We are looking forward to coming together for our end of term service and as shared last week, we will say a fond farewell to Mrs Knowles and thank her for all she has given to St Anne's. **She will be missed by us all.**



School Choir

Members of the School Choir came to St Anne's Church alongside other schools on Tuesday night – Ramsden, Outwood Academy Portland, Priory and Gateford Primary. The church was packed to the brim and the musicality of all was lovely to hear. It was especially nice to see ex St Anne's pupils further developing their musical talents at secondary school.

Christmas Dinner

Mrs Dunicliff prepared a super Christmas lunch for the children – we even had some brussel sprout lovers!



FOSAS Christmas Hamper

The draw has been made and I am delighted to announce the lucky numbers:

First Prize - Lilly Morris (R) – 596-600 white

Second Prize - Oliver W (4) – 176-180 pink

Third Prize – Janette Toddlers – 46-50 blue

My huge thanks to all who supported this fund-raising activity.

Sport

Year 4 and 6 applied their knowledge of tag rugby from their Autumn term PE units to a mini house tournament. In 4th place was Southwell with 7 tries scored, in 3rd place was Lincoln with 8 tries score and in joint first place was York and Litchfield with 10 tries scored. There were some fantastic tag rugby skills on show.

Thank you!

There are a number of thank you's to be shared – to the staff for all that they do for the children and the memories they help to create; to governors for being the supportive branch of the school community that they are; to you as parents/carers for the support you give to the school; to Rev Dave and his team for the contribution they make in supporting the children grow in their understanding of the Christian faith; to FOSAS members for the events they create for the children and finally to the children for the joy they bring to us all here at St Anne's.

Kids Connect

Coming in January to make space for all the children who want to take part in Kids Connect there will now be two sessions – one for Reception and Year 1 on Friday lunchtime 12.30-1.00pm and for Years 2 and 3 this will continue after-school on a Thursday. Places are limited to 20 for each group but we are hoping the two groups will provide sufficient capacity for everyone. Please log on to your ParentPay.com account to book your child a place.

After School Club

Activities w/c 01/01/2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Activity	No school	No school	No school	Bring and share a Christmas experience	New Year Fitness
Snack				Top your own pizza	Chicken nuggets

Packed Lunches in School

We encourage the children to bring in healthy packed lunches . Packed lunches should include:

- at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day
- meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus and falafel) every day
- oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks
- a starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other type of cereals every day
- dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard everyday

Packed lunches MUST not include:

- **nuts – including peanut butter and Nutella – because of the life-threatening risk to any other child who may have a severe allergy**
- Cakes and biscuits are allowed but encourage your child to eat these only as part of a balanced meal.
- Drinks other than water – fresh water is available at all times so you do not need to include this
- Lots of salty snacks. Instead include seeds, vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat). Breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food are also a good choice.

School Dinners

Reminder that your child must not be ordering a school dinner if their account is in deficit. If you have had a text message about debts owing to school please clear them before close of play Friday 22 December. If you have problems paying please contact the office.

News from the Classes

Class Reception

Class Reception have enjoyed a fun filled week on the run up to Christmas. They have been doing a lot of craft activities with a Christmas theme. The children wore their crowns for their Christmas dinner and laughed all the way through the pantomime. They played lots of games during party day and enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas.

Class One

This week, Year 1 finished their Science unit by building their own boats. They used their knowledge of materials to find out which material would be best for a boat. The boat had to float for one minute, carry 4 animals and be made of 2 or more materials. The children made a prototype before testing and improving their boats.

Class Two

Year 2 have had a wonderful time putting their cutting and joining skills to good use during their Design and Technology project. They designed, made and evaluated their own hand puppets.



Class Three

This week Year 3 have had so much fun completing their DT topic for the half term. They started the week by making a delicious thousand island dressing and learnt the important skills of cutting as they prepared the dippers. They really enjoyed comparing their dip with the shop bought version they tried last week. Some children enjoyed it so much they wanted the recipe to make it again at home. On Tuesday, the children looked at the ingredients of a variety of dips and placed them onto an eat well plate, bringing in their science learning from the term. Lots of discussion followed about which one was the healthiest dip. Children were thinking carefully about the ingredients and also about what eating a balanced diet actually means and how the choice of dippers to go with the dip was also important. They researched their one yoghurt-based dips and made these on Wednesday before trying and evaluating them on Thursday morning. They had so much fun and Mrs Ridout was very impressed by the flavours of the dips when she popped in to the classroom and was lucky enough to get a taste!

Class Four

Year 4 have had a busy final week in school. During their PE lesson, they applied their knowledge and skills learnt in their tag rugby unit to a mini house tournament with Year

6. In Science, Year 4 were investigating which materials absorbed sound by applying their previous knowledge of materials from Year 1 and 2 to their new knowledge of sound from this half term. They needed to create their own ear muff using their choice of materials before testing which material was best for absorbing sound. On Wednesday afternoon, Year 4 enjoyed watching the pantomime and really got in to the pantomime spirit. It has also been a busy week of finish cards and calendars which are looking fantastic. We also enjoyed participating in the Santa Dash.

Class Five

This week, has been so busy. The children have finished calendars, practised for the end of term service, finished their block on hockey in PE and had fun running the Santa Dash. They have enjoyed a great Christmas dinner. Thank you, Mrs Dunnicliff! In their party on Thursday, the children had such a variety of fun activities planned for them including doughnut races, snowman building, a Christmas quiz and much more.



Class Six

Year 6 have been preparing for the end of term service, finishing off their History unit on the Maya and completing their RE incarnation unit. They have also worked hard to complete their Maya masks in Art, with techniques inspired by Dan Fenelon art work. The children have worked so hard and have deserved their Christmas party, which was full of so many laughs. The Candy Cane game in particular! They are looking forward to the end of term service.

Out of School Achievements:

Florence (R) has passed her 20-metre badge at swimming!
Florence (R) 3-8-year old category winner in the Inspire Colouring Competition
Georgiana (3) 8-11-year old category winner in the Inspire Colouring Competition



Oliver (4) won the man of the match award at his last Worksop Town FC match for being such a solid, strong defender and not letting any of the opposition get past him. He also scored an awesome goal right from the half way line.

Leo (1) has been invited to train with Worksop Town Elite Academy as part of the Under 7's squad. He has also recently achieved Level 4 recreational skiing. This means he can ski and use lifts without an instructor.

Well done everyone.

Church Services

24 December **Crib Service 4pm – come dressed as a Christmas nativity character**
Midnight Mass 11.30pm

25 December **Christmas Day Service 10am – bring a present to unwrap**

******* 15th January ***** Deadline for applications for Reception 2024. We still have spaces, spread the word and encourage those you know to apply.**

2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	96.1%
1	94.9%
2	97.1%
3	97.5%
4	94.9%
5	96.0%
6	95.9 %
ALL	96.1 %

Prayers for the week from Ethan and Max (6)

Dear God

Help us to remember how Christmas is celebrated around the world and wish everyone a safe Christmas. Amen

Dear Lord

Christmas is celebrated by so many people around the world. Christmas is not about getting things, but about giving to those in need. Thank you for giving us your son Jesus. Amen

And Finally....

On behalf of everyone here within our St Anne's family, we wish you a 'Merry Christmas' and send our good wishes for the coming year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 4th January 2024.

With our very 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:

December

22nd - End of term Service at Church 2pm

January

4th Children return to school
5th Y6 Parent Briefing Meeting for the DaRT Programme - school Hall 3.30 pm (20-30 mins)
8th Reception Forest School – Session 1
15th Reception Forest School – Session 2
16th Year 4 to Voces 8 workshop – Worksop College
16th Rev Ken Johnson leading Hinduism Workshop – Y5
22nd Reception Forest Schools – Session 3
Year 6 WW2 trip

- 24th. Year 3 Portals of the Past - Visit into School
29th Reception Forest Schools – Session 4

February

- 1st – Class 2 'Class Assembly' – 2.45pm
5th – SDC Governors Meeting 4pm
6th – Safer Internet Day
Parents Evening
7th – Parents Evening
9th – Inset Day
19th –Return to school
20th – Choir to Young Voices
23rd – Swimming Gala
26th – Govs Admissions Committee

March

- 1st - Secondary School Offer Day
7th – World Book day
14th – Class 1 Class Assembly
Book fayre
18th – Yr. 6 Parents SATS Information Evening 5pm
19th - Year 3 Bikeability Level 1
20th - As above
28th – End of term service 2pm