



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 12th January 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Happy New Year to you all.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and found time for a rest. We have now been back just over a week and I have been delighted by the attitude of the children since returning. They have hit the ground running and I am sure 2024 will be a positive year for the school ahead. In 2024, I want us all, including all stakeholders, to continue to live by our school vision and values.

After School Club

Activities w/c 15th January - The very Hungry Caterpillar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lifecycles	Fruit kebabs	Connect	Bug garden	Printing

FOSAS

FOSAS have a number of activities planned for the year ahead. They are always on the lookout to replenish their stocks and would welcome any unwanted Christmas gifts for future stalls and prizes.

Kidz Connect

Kidz Connect Y2&Y3 – meet on Thursday afternoons afterschool. There are some places remaining. Please contact the office if you would like to book your child on. Please note your place must be confirmed before your child attends.

Kidz Connect YR&1 – meet on Friday lunchtimes. There are some places remaining. Please contact the office if you would like to book your child on. Please note your place must be confirmed before your child attends.

Times Tables Rock Stars

A message from Mrs Camish and Miss Decouto, our Maths leads in school.

TTRS is used from Y2 right up to Y6 (Year 2 will be introduced to this in the summer term). For the remainder of the year, all KS2 classes will be set TTRS homework each week and it is expected that these games are completed. Those with siblings in older year groups will be familiar with this.

There will be a TTRS club every Monday lunchtime to allow children to use devices in school if they are unable to access a device at home. This is not a compulsory session, but there if children need.

There are six main game types at the heart of TT Rock Stars.

- The games set at ability level are 'Garage' games. These should not be harder than a child is able to complete.
- 'Studio' games test all 12x12 tables and are where children can gain their 'Rock status'.
- 'Sound check' is an identical replica of the government timetable check that children will do in Year 4.
- 'Festival' is a multiplayer game where children can 'take on the world' and these are all table up to 12x12
- 'Arena' is teacher set tables against their classmates in real-time
- 'Rockslam' is where children can challenge anyone in our school TTRS, including teachers and these will be all tables up to 12x12.

Children are set 'games' each week. The more a child plays, the better they get, the quicker they will have new tables introduced. It is imperative that it is only the child who the account belongs to that completes the games, otherwise algorithms will become confused and will not be ability set. It is more effective to practise three minutes a day at least four times a week than practising for the same total duration once a week. However, any practice is better than none.

Times Table Rock Stars Lunch Club KS2 Only

Starting next **Monday 15th January** lunchtime, a TTRS club will run in school for **KS2 children**. This will help support them in utilising the games.

Did you child receive a new phone/iPad/computer over the Christmas break?

As we regularly communicate about online safety, please continue to monitor your child's online activity. Give children the chance to talk about what they're experiencing online, what apps and sites they use and who they're talking to.

Talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. When children communicate online, misunderstandings can lead to disagreements or arguments. Encourage your child to look at the Childline website, which has lots of useful advice articles:

[Feeling good on social media](#)

[Coping with stress](#)

[Worries about the world](#)

[Childline's Calm zone](#) is also packed with tools and activities to help children de-stress and discover new techniques that can support them when they're feeling down.

Have you seen this?

Children's Commissioner Survey

Nottinghamshire County Council are running some free webinars for SEN learners around Dyslexia, iPad apps and Moving to Secondary School. The flyers are attached.

The national campaign 'The Big Ambition' is a survey carried out by the Children's Commissioner, which will be **closing on Friday 19th January**. This is an opportunity for children, young people, parents and carers survey to tell policy makers what they want and need ahead of the General Election. This is your chance to make sure that the children and young people of Nottinghamshire are fairly represented in the results. Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

2024 Nottinghamshire Festival of Science and Curiosity

There are a range of range of programmes available across Bassetlaw for the **2024 Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity**. Starting w/c 12th Feb we have our biggest festival yet with 16 activities running at venues across the district. Please see attached flyer.

Staffing News

This term we have welcomed Mrs Espin to the Midday Team and she has been getting to know the children both in the dining room and outside. (Her volunteering through FOSAS means she knows a number of names already)!

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Smith to the Teaching Assistant team next week. Mrs Smith has a wealth of experience of working in schools and we hope she settles in quickly. She will be working in KS1 initially.

Miss Rowley one of our Middays will be leaving on Monday. She has secured a new position in a local school and we wish her every success in her new role and thank her for her contribution to St Anne's and the support she has given to the children.

News from the Classes

Class Reception

This week Class Reception enjoyed their first 'Forest School' session. They met Katie our Forest School Leader and played some exciting games. They built a nest for a bird and enjoyed a hot chocolate to keep them warm. Then they went on a winter scavenger hunt to see what was in the forest this time of year before finishing with a go on the trim trail. In English, they have begun their learning about 'Traditional Tales'. Their first story is the 'Little Red Hen' which they have learnt to tell using a 'Talk for Writing' method.

Class One

Year 1 have started their new topic 'Space Explorers'. They were excited to learn about the first astronauts in space and couldn't believe that animals were the first astronauts to be sent to Space. They learnt the names of the first humans in space and the first men on the moon. They are keen to learn more about Space and the people who visited space.

Class Two

Year 2 have begun their new History topic which is all about coal mining and how it changed over time. They began by finding out about how coal is made and why it is so important. If any of our Class 2 families have family members who worked down the mine we would be delighted to hear your stories and see any memorabilia you may have.

Class Three

Year 3 have had a busy start to the spring term. They have been learning about multiplication in Maths, making flip books as part of their animation work in Computing and in English they have been learning all about Roman myths. They are really enjoying seeing how life in Britain changed after the Stone Age and what it was like during the Iron Age before the Romans invaded.

Class Four

Year 4 have made a great start to the new year. In Maths they have been working hard in their multiplication and division block, multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100. In English, they have started a new book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope', the children made predictions about the Viking myth before using sections of the text to develop their expanded noun phrases and use of apostrophes to show possession. Miss Burgoyne is looking forward to seeing the children's own myths develop over the next few weeks. In PE, they have moved onto their outdoor and adventurous activities unit where children were learning to orientate their map depending on their position and using their directional knowledge to navigate around a short course. In History, they have started their learning on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, learning who the Anglo-Saxons were and their homelands. In Science, children have started their unit on electricity, learning the dangers of electricity and sorting appliances based on where they get their electricity from.



Class Five

It has been a great week for Year 5. The children are really enjoying the new book linked to their topic of Egyptians. The children were gripped by the exciting plot and are keen to make predictions based on what has been read so far. They were fascinated by the Howard Carter discovery and regularly asked questions to deepen their understanding.

In Maths, they have moved on to multiplication and division and have impressed Mrs Camish with their recall of times tables.

In PE, the children were enthusiastic (even in the very cold conditions) when learning about attacking and defensive strategies for invasion games.

In French, the children had to remember previously learnt words and phrases about greetings and how people feel. There were fabulous examples of pronunciation and the children must be commended for their confidence and enthusiasm.

Class Six

Year 6 have come back after Christmas and dived straight into their new learning. They are tackling ratio in Maths and dealing with scale factors. They are exploring their new topic with excitement, and are already debating political decisions and understanding what may have led to WWII. In English they have immersed into 'The Piano' video and will be building up to writing their own letters. This week they have focussed on symbolism. The children have also loved listening to music from the 1960s this week. As well as this, Year 6 love their weekly PE sessions; they are enjoying leadership skills and volleyball.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week

Class Reception – Noah & Owen

Class One – Colin & Willow

Class Two – Catherine & Liliana

Class Three – Edie

Class Four – Jack

Class Five – Rosie

Class Six – Ashley

Lunch time Stars:

Lucy(1) for helping a friend, Rosana (3) for sharing equipment & Stryder (6) for demonstrating good choices

Out of School Achievements:

Flynn (3) and Noah (6) – recognised by West Bassetlaw Police Interceptors for getting involved with the flood response effort helping to carry sandbags to people in need. They got some Interceptor merchandise in a surprise visit over the Christmas holidays! Well done boys!

Daniel (2) – orange & white belt in martial arts.

Harriet FW (3), Harriet R (3) and George (6) all took part in the Worksop Dolphins Swimming Gala coming away with some impressive times and podium positions!

Iris (1) Level 1 Little Splasher and 5m swimming.

Noah (R) 10m and 25m swimming.

Isobel (5) Gymnast of the Month at Worksop Gymnastic Club and 25m swimming.

Thank you to Harper (5) for sharing the photograph of the guide dog puppy she is sponsoring.

Well done everyone.

Church Services

Sunday 14th January

9am Holy Communion

10.15ish Service for All Ages

6pm Informal Service of Worship, Word & Prayer.

It's still not too late to join Alpha – Sundays in the Church Hall 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Mondays in Church 7pm – 9pm and Thursdays in church Noon – 2pm.

Wednesday 17th January 2023

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 18th January 2023

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 19th January 2023

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

2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	95.6%
1	94.9%
2	97.3%
3	97.3%
4	94.8%
5	96.0%
6	96.0%
ALL	96%

Like all schools we are required to monitor attendance on a regular basis. Well done on this week's overall percentage!

Punctuality is also important and we are required to monitor this within school. Our electronic registers provide us with an overview of minutes lost and we want to support families where there can be late arrivals in school. Whilst some have talked about the formality of the letters that have been sent to individual families, we use

NCC templates and as such recognise that it is a statutory duty for children to be in school and ultimately as a school we want everyone to be in on time.

Arriving at school on time

There is a clear link between attendance and attainment; the more time a pupil spends in school the more likely they are to improve their opportunity to fulfil their full potential.

Being on time is a good thing!

Gets the day off to a good start with everyone in a positive frame of mind.

Helps your child make the most of their learning and sets positive patterns for the future.

Helps children develop a sense of responsibility both for themselves and for others

Helps your child make and keep friends.

Improves self-confidence.

The impact of being Late

Gets the day off to a bad start and can put you in a mood.

Can be embarrassing.

May damage your child's confidence.

Children miss vital information at the start of the day.

Disrupts the learning.

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

Some things that may help:

Help your child get everything ready the night before (e.g. PE kit, school uniform).

Allowing plenty of time to get to school.

Make sure your child has breakfast or arrives at school in time for breakfast club.

Help your child organise homework.

Looking at bedtime routines.

Prayer for the week from Noah (6) and Jakob (6)

Dear Lord

Help us to remember how to start a new change in life. We hope that we have a second chance for the bad decisions we can sometimes make. Amen

Dear God

We give thanks for the wonderful time we spent with the people we love and ask for your help to make a good start to our new year. 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:

January

15th – Reception Forest School – Session 2
16th – Year 4 to Voces 8 workshop – Worksop College
DaArt for Y6
16th – Rev Ken Johnson leading Hinduism Workshop – Y5
18th – Sports Hall Athletics – Y5/6 – Retford Oaks
22nd – Reception Forest Schools – Session 3
Year 6 Class trip
24th – Class 3 'Portals of the Past' visitor
29th – Reception Forest Schools – Session 4
30th – Rev Ken Johnson leading Judaism workshop in Y2 & Islam in Y3

February

1st – Class 2 'Class Assembly' – 2.45pm **To be rescheduled**
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 – Gobs Admissions Committee
29th – Phonics screening workshop for Year 1 parents

March

7th – World Book day
14th – Class 1 Class Assembly
18th – Yr. 6 Parents SATS Information Evening 5pm
19th – Science workshops for whole school
22nd - DaArt Graduation Y6 2.30pm – parents welcome
28th – End of term service 2pm at the Church

April

15th – Return to school

26th – Rugby Megafest – Y3/4

May

13th – SATS for Year 6 all week

27th – 31st Half term

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