

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

This week we have celebrated 'National Sports Week'. On Monday, KS2 participated in an inter-house rounders competition with York winning with 32 rounders! Lots of fun was had by all and the staff even joined in with the games. They finished the afternoon with orienteering charades where children needed to act out the sports to their group to work out the answers to each station. Today, the whole school are enjoying a Boogie Bounce session! So far, the children have had a fantastic time and have been fully engaged in the energetic sessions.



**Hot off the press!** We have just received notification that we have been awarded the 'School Games Gold Award' – further information will be shared next week on how this has been achieved.

There has also been a focus on Art this week and Class 2 have been lucky enough to be working with Harri's mum (Children's Illustrator) on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. On Monday, she did a draw along type activity and taught the children how to sketch the main character from their class text 'Kevin the Koala' by Rachel Bright. The results were phenomenal! On Tuesday the children developed their own, football mad, kangaroo character. They looked closely at pictures of kangaroos, discussed key features and then sketched their ideas using the taught techniques. (A big thank you to Harri's mum for giving up her time).

On Tuesday, our 'new starter' children joined us for the morning and were quick to familiarise themselves with the Reception classroom and outdoor space. We can't wait for them to come again next week! Mrs Mckinnell and Miss Robinson were really pleased with how well the first visit went.

Class One certainly gave us the 'wow' factor on Thursday as we came together to watch their 'Class Assembly'. They took us through 'their year' with many highlights along the way. My favourite had to be their retelling of 'The Snail and the Whale'. Every child took part and it was wonderful to see the support from the rest of the school and the visiting adults.

### **Staffing Update**

On Wednesday Miss McDonald was in school meeting with staff and familiarising herself with our setting, popping in to see the current Class 5 who she will teach in September. As an experienced Y5/6 teacher, local to Worksop she is extremely excited to work with us here at St Anne's sharing her skillset and she will next be with us for our transition day on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. Do look out for her at the beginning and the end of the day and come and introduce yourself.

You will recall that Mrs Camish went on secondment to another school last Autumn term and Mr Flockhart joined us on a temporary contract to cover the class. We have been fortunate that following Mrs Camish's return in January, we were able to allow her to target groups across school and release subject leaders leaving Mr Flockhart in the class for the remainder of the academic year. As we look to the new academic year, Mrs Camish will take up her class teaching responsibility once again and we thank Mr Flockhart for his time with us. We know he has enjoyed his time here and we wish him well for the future. School budgets are extremely challenging to manage and unfortunately, we do not have the flexibility we once had a number of years ago.

### **After School Club Update**

Work has been taking place behind the scenes and this will now launch at the start of the new academic year. There is a separate letter detailing specific information but on behalf of the governing body, I do encourage you to make use of this facility. It's taken time to get off the ground so we want to be able to keep it.

## **Caretaker Vacancy**

We have been advised by our cleaning contractor **Rex Cleaning Services** that there will be a vacancy for a Caretaker at School with immediate effect. The post is for 25 hours per week, split shift and will include some holiday working. If you are interested or know somebody who would be perfect for this position please contact Nigel Wetton directly on [nigelwetton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nigelwetton@yahoo.co.uk) or 07715 485395.

## **FOSAS**

Please see their latest newsletter. A big thank you to the families and friends who supported the Rock and Roll Bingo – by all accounts a lot of fun was had!

It's not too long until the summer fayre and FOSAS would be grateful for donations of the following:

Toys, cuddly toys, books, raffle prizes, tombola & bottles.

Each class has been assigned a colour and are asked for donations to support the 'Rainbow Raffle'. The colours have been allocated as follows:

Red - Reception

Pink - Class 1

Green - Class 2

Yellow - Class 3

Orange - Class 4

Blue - Class 5

Purple - Class 6

There are a number of stalls and games planned so please support this in any way that you can.

## **Change of Menu**

Please note that on Monday croquettes will replace roast new potatoes. The allergens are gluten & milk.

## **Music Concert**

**Advance Notice** – St Anne's Church will be hosting a music event on 27<sup>th</sup> June, our theme for the night – 'Movies and Musicals'.

KS2 Choir members have been practising hard and the programme involving a number of choirs and musicians will no doubt be entertaining. Please help to support your local church in its fundraising event.

£7 per adult ticket (children free) and are available via this link

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1384561349066278>

## **Planned Teacher Strike Days – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

We are aware that the NEU are planning the above strike days - we intend to be **OPEN** as normal, please ensure your child comes to school on those days.

## **News from the Classes**

### **Reception**

Class Reception were excited this week to see their caterpillars hatch from their chrysalis into beautiful painted lady butterflies. They had fun releasing them this morning. The children have been busy creating minibeast photography by designing their own background, using props and filters to create their photographs. The children have also been busy making their own bug hotel using a range of natural materials.

### **Year One**

Class 1 had a visit from Geoff from the RNLI. He told them all about Grace Darling and the incredible rescue she carried out. He told them how to be safe around water and what to do if they ever needed rescuing. They had an opportunity to try on the RNLI uniform and he showed them how a lifeguard would rescue someone.



### **Year Two**

During their English lessons, Class 2 have been learning to write a setting description based upon the opening scene of their class story, 'The Koala Who Could'. The children have used exciting vocabulary, similes and onomatopoeia to write engaging sentences using the SCEM technique. This stands for sound, colour, emotion and movement.

### **Year Three**

Class 3 enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon on Wednesday as a selection of our resident musicians; Henry, Shreya, Millie and Lucy, treated them to a musical interlude. The older children were showcasing their musical talents to Classes 3 and 4. They heard music from the flute, piano, clarinet and trumpet. The children who played have enjoyed having music lessons with Mrs Hammond during the school day on a Wednesday afternoon. Mrs Hammond said that Year 3's recorder playing was an amazing foundation for learning a new instrument if they wanted to. She told the children all about the musical opportunities there are for the St Anne's musicians both

here and at Portland. She would be delighted if we could have enough musicians at St Anne's to restart the St. Anne's band. Information will be coming home shortly about how to learn an instrument at St. Anne's. Thank you to the children who played for us, it was amazing.

### **Year Four**

This week children in Class 4 have enjoyed participating in different sporting activities as part of National Sports Week. They particularly enjoyed the Boogie Bounce session on Friday. In English this week, Year 4 researched different bread recipes before using the information gathered to write their own recipe in preparation for making their own bread as part of Design and Technology. In Maths, they have finished their unit on shape and have now moved on to position and direction. This week has also been Sky Arts Week. Year 4 enjoyed participating in the '3D Mark Making Workshop'. In Science, the children have been looking at classification keys in preparation for identifying and classifying living things. They used Liquorice Allsorts to identify key features and used this to design questions for their classification key.



### **Year Five**

Class 5 have had a busy week with performance practice, sports and art activities. The children really enjoyed joining in with rounders with the whole key stage, they were helping the younger children during all the matches. The main news for Class 5 was their trip to Weston Park Museum in Sheffield. The children were amazing! The children had the chance to explore the museum and all the exhibits in the morning. In the afternoon, they had a guided session around the story of Athena where the children did some roleplay, then worked as a team to build a scale model of the Parthenon. We are so proud of all the children, they were brilliant representatives of the school and were highly praised by the museum staff for their engagement and enthusiasm for learning along with their collaborative teamwork. Thank you to the adults who supported the trip.



## Year Six

Class 6 this week have enjoyed numerous art activities as part of Arts Week experimenting with different mediums to create line, colour and texture. They have also been thinking about healthy hearts in Science and creating leaflets about the importance of a healthy heart. The children acted out the workings of the heart, lungs and blood on the yard as a drama activity.

# Weekly Attendance

Class	Weekly Attendance
R	95.6%
1	93.7%
2	97.0%
3	94.3%
4	88.0%
5	97.3%
6	95.7% <b>ALL 94.7%</b> Well done Class 5

## Church Services

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

9am Holy Communion  
10.15ish Service for All Ages  
6pm Worship & Word

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

3.30pm St Anne's Connect in the school hall – please join us; sandwiches, drinks and snacks available

**Thursday 29th June 2023 in St Anne's Church**

5.00pm STA Kidz (for Y4-Y6)

6.00pm St Anne's Youth Choir (Y6 and above)

**Friday 30th in St Anne's Hall**

from 3.00pm St Anne's Drop-In (Y5 and above)

There will be no service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July as the community head down to Southwell Minster for the ordination service for our two new curates Edith & Nigel.

**Our Prayers this week are from Caroline and Kayleigh in Class 6**

Dear Lord, help us remember about the beautiful dream that Martin Luther King had 60 years ago. Help us to celebrate the dream he had. Amen

Dear God, I dream that everyone has peace in the world. Amen.

With our very best wishes

**Mrs Middleton & the St Anne's Team**

# Diary Dates

## **JUNE**

26<sup>th</sup> Reception Forest School  
27<sup>th</sup> St Anne's Community Music Concert 6.30pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Sports Day KS2 9.30, KS1 1.30  
30<sup>th</sup> Tennis - Retford Oaks  
Boccia Final

## **JULY**

5<sup>th</sup> Y6 Parents Information & Y5 Open Evening at Outwood Academy 5pm  
Whole School Transition Day  
6<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Transition Day  
6<sup>th</sup> – Cricket at Retford Oaks  
FOSAS Summer Fair 2.30pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Reception & Year 1 trip Yorkshire Wildlife Park  
10<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Production 5pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Finance & Personnel Gobs 6pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Southwell Minster  
Year 5/6 Production 6pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Class Assembly 2.45pm  
Full Governor's Meeting 6pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Leaver's Disco – KS2 7-9pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon 2.30pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Leaver's Service 2pm

Individual letters re sports events/ class trips will be communicated separately.

## **STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS**

### **INSET DAYS 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Nottinghamshire School Holiday Dates can all be found on the Notts County Council Website for this academic year and next. **Please take a look when planning any family holidays.**