

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 21st April 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the summer term . We do hope you had a lovely Easter break and managed to have a bit of a rest over the Easter weekend. The children were very keen to talk about their Easter treats on Monday morning, with some saying that they still had eggs left! This has been the first formal opportunity to thank Classes 3 and 4 for their fabulous Easter concert with Pop UK at the end of term – it was a new venture for us and we were pleased with the feedback received from all that came to watch.

A big well done to the children who have returned their 'Lent Challenges' – there is still time to bring them in and receive your certificate.

Looking ahead, the summer term is always a busy one for schools. A number of the classes will be involved in the National Statutory Assessments in the coming weeks and as we approach these times, we ask for parent support in ensuring 'sleep' is a priority as well as breakfast in the morning in readiness for the days ahead. All we ask of the children is for them to try their best, regularly saying '**be the best you, you can be**'. There are trips aplenty and a number of sporting activities planned in the weeks that lie ahead so please keep an eye on the diary dates.

Following the announcement of further national strike action by the NEU on **Thursday 27 April** and **Tuesday 2nd May** I can confirm that school will be open as normal. If there is any change to this and it is necessary for me to change class arrangements, I will let you know promptly.

Gentle reminder

Please can we encourage parents of Class 4 and 5 to sign their children up for the Autumn residentials enabling the children to develop their geography fieldwork skills first hand. Don't forget the information meeting on Monday after school.

Christian Value for the Half Term – Honesty

This term we are focusing on our Christian Value of **HONESTY**. It takes courage to be honest. We begin the term thinking about being honest with others – becoming a trustworthy person; being honest with yourself – saying no to lying and cheating; owning up to mistakes; being honest with friends and family – agreeing always to tell the truth, and end with a focus on the Christian feast of Pentecost.

Staffing News

Mrs Wilkinson will be joining the team next week as one of our Teaching Assistants. She has many years of experience, working across a range of schools and we are excited to have her join the team and share her skills and enthusiasm. Look out for her in KS2.

FOSAS

Our friendly PTA have a meeting on Monday at 7pm at the Shireoaks Inn. If you haven't had chance to join them then please pop along and find out their intentions for the term. There are events planned and their accompanying newsletter is well worth a read!

School Plans for the King's Coronation

As we mark this significant event in history, the children's coronation work will be on display in the school hall from 2.15pm on Friday 5th May. You are invited to bring a picnic and sit on the field (weather dependent) and there will be a family orienteering activity. As we did for the Jubilee – there will be a bake-off competition! This time there will be two categories – Coronation Savoury Quiche and a Coronation Cake! We look forward to seeing the family creativity and once again we will showcase all entries on the afternoon of the 5th, with winners announced later that day.

School Coronation Lunch

NCC are offering a **Special Coronation Lunch** on 4th May 2023 and as always if your child opts for a sandwich they can opt into dinners on the day – Mrs Dunnicliff welcomes anyone to school dinners at any time.



REMINDER - Breakfast Club Pricing September 2023

Good news – at a time when all prices are rising exponentially, we are pleased to announce that the charge for Breakfast Club will remain at £3.00. However, from September 2023 we will be removing the reduced rate of £2.50 for a sibling therefore all prices will be charged at £3.00 per session.

Sporting News

On Tuesday, the girls' football team played against Sparken Hill in their first match of the girls' football league. They played well together, supported each other as a team and came away with a 1-0 victory. We look forward to the next round of the league.



On Thursday, the boys' football team played against Holy Family in their last match of the boys' league, they came away with a 3-0 win.

A big well done to the boys team finishing the league in 2nd place with 6 wins 1 draw and 1 loss. A special mention to Tom Lowe who has scored an impressive 20 goals throughout the league currently placing him as top goal scorer.



Tonight, our Year 3 boys are playing a friendly against Sparken Hill – we'll update you next week.

School Meal Increase

The cost of a NCC school meal will be £2.55 from the 8th May – ParentPay will be updated accordingly.

Out in the Community

A message from Harley Gallery, "We are looking forward to celebrating the King's coronation here at the Harley Gallery, and on the bank holiday weekend before the coronation (Saturday 29th April) we are inviting local families to join us in making tiaras, crowns and robes to wear on the big day! To find out more, families can visit this link: [Bank Holiday Weekend Family Workshops - Harley Foundation](#)"

News from the Classes

Reception

This week Class Reception have learnt their new 'Talk for Writing' story - 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. The children have been busy practising using their story map and actions. In Maths, they have been thinking about numbers to 20 and learning how to count on from different numbers.

Year One

Class 1 have started learning the story 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson through 'Talk for Writing'. They have enjoyed joining in with the rhyming pattern and choosing their own actions for different parts of the stories.

Year Two

This week Class 2 have begun their new Geography topic all about Australia. They found out that Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere and parts of it are close to the equator. It is the 6th biggest country in the world and it is bigger than Europe! At its widest point it is more than four times the length of the United Kingdom. Finally, they found out that it takes more than twenty hours to fly there! If you have any links with Australia then please let Miss Broughton know.

Year Three

Class 3 enjoyed a creative start to the Summer Term as they returned to a Design and Technology day. The children worked collaboratively to design and make a Roman aqueduct. Their design brief was that the aqueduct had to stand on its own and carry water from the source to the 'Roman Town'. After, testing their aqueduct the children evaluated them considering what had worked well and what they would improve next time.

Year Four

Class 4 have had an excellent start to the Summer Term. They have been busy working on length and perimeter in Maths and looking at grammatical features in English ready for their non-chronological report on the Tudors. In PE on Tuesday, they started their unit on cricket, beginning with developing the skills of an overarm throw before applying this to mini games. On Wednesday, Year 4 were excited to start their ukulele unit of music. They listened carefully to Mr Bottley and learnt the pneumatic giant caterpillars eat apricots to help them to remember the order of the strings. We are all looking forward to hearing the children play the ukuleles as the weeks progress.



Year Five

Class 5 have started their new topic of Ancient Greeks and are already excited about the story that they are exploring in English 'The Odyssey' by Homer. The children have been writing persuasively and creating dialogue. In Science, they have been comparing data to generate investigative questions linked to living things and their habitats. They have also started the 'Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award', this is an excellent programme that encourages the children to think about being leaders in the community, creating and solving big questions. We will keep you up to date with all their progress!

Year Six

Some of the girls in Class 6 took part in the football match against Sparken Hill on Tuesday. They played really well as a team and won 1-0. In RE and worship this week, the class have focussed on the Christian value 'honesty' and 'People of 'God' - how can following God bring freedom and justice? In Maths, the class are revising their work on shape, area and perimeter along with reflections and translations on 4 quadrant grids. The children are working really hard in readiness for SATS.

Stars of The Week



Reception – Dominic & Pippa

Year One – Daisy B

Year Two – Emelia & Flynn

Year Three – Georgiano

Year Four – Sophie & Amelia

Year Five – Jake

Year Six – Bedirhan, Caroline & Lily Rose



Lunchtime Stars

Dayna (4) & Caroline (6) for demonstrating kindness and helping others.

Out of School Achievements:

Pippa (R) – Frog 2 swimming award

Reggie (2) – Puffin award

Leo (R) – 10m

Grace (1) – Level 1 Swim Stars

Oliver (4) – Level 4 Swim Stars

In School Sporting Achievements

Core Skills Level 1 – Christina (2), Sam (2)

Apparatus Level 1 – Casper (2)

Well done to everyone this week!

Weekly Attendance

Home visits take place when children are absent and should we have any safeguarding concerns we will take further action. Unauthorised absence may be subject to a fixed penalty notice in line with NCC policy.

Class	Weekly Attendance
R	92.8%
1	95.8%
2	96.6%
3	95.3%
4	89.0%
5	92.7%
6	93.9% ALL 93.9%

Church Services

Sunday 23rd April 2023

9am StA@9 HC

10.15 StA@10ish Service for All Age

6pm Reflective Worship Service

Wednesday 26th April 2023

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

Thursday 27th April in St Anne's Church

5.00pm STA Kidz (for Y4-Y6)

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

Friday 28th April in St Anne's Hall

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

Prayers this week from Lily in Year 6

Dear God,

Help us to be honest to everyone. If we are, it would make the world a better place.

Help us Lord to tell the truth. Amen

Finally, we wish a 'Happy Eid' to members of our school community celebrating the end of Ramadan with Eid this weekend.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Middleton & the St Anne's Team

Diary Dates

APRIL

- 21st Booster swimming lessons KS2
- 24th Parents Meeting for Year 4 & 5 re Residentials in Autumn 3.30pm
Fosas Meeting 7pm Shireoaks Inn
- 25th 'Big Talk' SRE (Sex, Relationships Education) for all classes
Parents briefing 8.50am – 9.35am
Magical Maths Club starts
- 27th KS2 Science club begins afterschool 4.20pm
- 28th Girls Football festival at Retford Oaks

MAY

- 1st Bank Holiday
- 4th Y3/4 Handball
- 5th Coronation Celebration Afternoon (further details to follow)
- 8th Bank Holiday
- 9th Year 6 SATS begin – all week
- 12th Boys Football Festival at Retford Oaks
- 15th Christian Aid Week
2pm Y6 Road Safety Workshop
- 16th Inclusive Multi-Sport Festival - Retford Oaks
- 19th FOSAS disco KS1 5.30-6.30pm & KS2 6.45- 8pm
- 22nd Drum Performance for Drummer Parents 2.30pm
- 25th Class R Assembly 2.45pm
- 26th Break up for half term

JUNE

- 5th Children return
Year 4 timestable test week
- 12th Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
- 13th Year 6 trip to London
- 14th Year 1 Southwell Minster trip
- 15th Science Fair for parents 2pm onwards
- 16th FOSAS Rock & Roll Bingo
- 19th Sports Week
- 20th Year 5 Weston Park Trip
- 21st Strategic Governor Committee Meeting
- 22nd Class 1 Assembly 2.45pm
- 26th Reception Forest School
- 28th Sports Day KS2 9.30, KS1 1.30
- 30th Tennis - Retford Oaks

JULY

5th Y6 Parents Information & Y5 Open Evening at Outwood Academy 5pm

5th & 6th Year 6 Transition Day

6th – Cricket at Retford Oaks

FOSAS Summer Fair 2.30pm

7th Reception & Year 1 trip Yorkshire Wildlife Park

11th Finance & Personnel Gobs 6pm

12th Year 6 Southwell Minster

13th Year 2 Class Assembly 2.45pm

Full Governor's Meeting 6pm

14th Leaver's Disco – KS2 7-9pm

19th Open Afternoon 2.30pm

21st Leaver's Service 2pm

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

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS

Year 1 – Phonics screening – w/c 12th June

Year 2- SATS – Throughout all of May

Year 4 – Statutory Multiplication Test – From 5th June onwards (3-week window)

Year 6 - Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)

- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

INSET DAYS 24th & 25th 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.