

# 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 24th March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Once again, the focus has remained on creating memorable experiences for our children here at St Anne's. There has been a visit from the '**planetarium**' bringing experiential learning to life, expertise from **Sheffield University** supporting Science in some of our classes as well as sporting input from **Worksop Town Football Club** and a presentation from Year 6 showcasing their learning from the **DAaRT Programme** for the last ten weeks. This has been in addition to our weekly visitors into school who teach percussion, brass, drumming, woodwind and keyboard!



There can be so much happening in a week and as you are aware the school is focussed on all children attending school in order to reach their full potential. There is much evidence linking attendance to attainment, did you know that.....

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance - 0 Days Missed - Excellent

95% Attendance - 9 Days of Absence - 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed

90% Attendance - 19 Days of Absence - 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed

85% Attendance - 28 Days of Absence - 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed

80% Attendance - 38 Days of Absence - 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed

75% Attendance - 46 Days of Absence - 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks. Please work with the school to ensure your child attends school regularly – all children should be aiming for 95% and above. If there is an issue, talk to us so that we can signpost to areas of support if required.

### **Sporting Updates**

This week the boys' football team had their match against Langold Dyscarr. After a dominant performance, they came away with a 9-0 win. A big well done to our goal scorers Tom and Max.



Trampolining: Five of our children attended the Bassetlaw School Games trampolining workshop on Tuesday. They had an excellent time. What a great opportunity!



### FOSAS

Our group of willing volunteers have once again been planning some exciting events for the coming months, please take a look at their newsletter. There could be lots of fun this weekend – provide a boiled egg for your child and encourage them to enter the '**Decorate an Egg competition**'! Over the years we have had some creative ideas, but no pressure it is just lovely to see the variety of designs that come through the doors! We can't wait to see them on Tuesday. There is also an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Thursday after school - £1 entry.

## **Easter Activities**

There are lots of activities happening over the holidays – further information on the attachments.

The BID is running two augmented reality Easter Egg Trails in partnership with LoyalFree, one in Worksop and the other in Retford. The trails are running from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April. These are completely free to enter, all you need to do is download the LoyalFree app and follow the steps on there. A 'sweet treat' is provided for each child who completes the trail.

Bassetlaw Museum in Retford - Bugs and Butterflies is their theme for the week, with daily activities for all.

For those in receipt of free school meals, Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre are running a Forest School/Robin Hood session on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

## **St Anne's Church Easter Holiday Club**

“We are pleased to say that once again we will be running our Easter holiday club this year as we follow the journey of Moses as he saves God's people.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10am - 12 noon.

Come for one, two or all three days for worship, bible stories, crafts, games and lots of fun.” - Rev Dave.

To book FREE tickets please go to the Eventbrite booking page

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-annes-easter-holiday-tickets-595590917467>

We're so looking forward to see you all there.

## **Magical Maths Club**

MAGICAL MATHS will be coming to St Anne's shortly with an exciting new Afterschool Club!! It features fun games, tricks and activities – especially designed to help your child become more confident and engaged with Maths!

To find out more, click the link below:

<https://magicalmathsclub.com/index.php/what-we-do/school-clubs/>

## **Red Nose Day**

The total sum of monies raised was £177.62 - thank you for your generosity.

## **Parenting Course available**

The group helps parenting couples and carers to understand the negative impact of distressed parental relationships on children and how to communicate better.

### **'Relationships Really Matter Parents/Carers Group'**

- A FREE 4-session group for parenting couples provided by Nottinghamshire County Council

- Date: 25/4, 2/5, 9/5, 16/5 (TUE) - Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm- Venue: Christ Church

## **News from the Classes**

### **Reception**

This week Class Reception have been learning about characters and settings using their traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They also enjoyed a sensory session in the planetarium learning about night and day, nocturnal animals and looking at the stars. The children learnt lots of new and interesting information.

### **Year One**

Class 1 enjoyed a visit from the mobile planetarium this week. They learned all about the eight planets of the solar system, the first astronauts on the moon and different constellations in the night sky. They enjoyed some star gazing at the end of their session too.

### **Year Two**

This week Class 2 have had a lot of fun learning all about how vehicles move. Having investigated wheels, axles and chassis they are now designing the body of their vehicles.



### **Year Three**

Class 3 have had a very industrious week completing their end of term assessments. Mrs Smith and Mrs Tyrrell are very impressed with the mature attitude the whole class have shown this week. There have been moments of fun amongst the testing. As always, the children enjoyed swimming and Mrs Tyrrell enjoys seeing the incredible progress the children are making. The entire Y3 and Y4 team are excited about PopUk coming to St Anne's to help them deliver an end of term service to remember and of course, the Worksop Town taster session.

## Year Four

Class 4 have had an action-packed week this week. On Tuesday they used clay to carefully construct their dragon eyes. On Wednesday they visited the planetarium to learn about Earth and Space. The class were fully engaged in the session and asked some excellent questions. On Thursday morning, they were visited by Cathy from Sheffield University for a Science workshop on electricity. Then on Thursday afternoon they enjoyed a taster session with Worksop Town Football Club where they developed lots of different football skills.



## Year Five

Class 5 have been proving themselves and their learning this week by showcasing what they can do. Mrs Smith and Mr Flockhart say, "they are so proud of the children for completing assessments, as they are not easy to do". They have given them their all. Like many of the classes, they have had an amazing week for special events: first the planetarium visit on Wednesday was all about 'Greek Mythology' and the children were captivated by the atmosphere and it helped to prepare their learning for next term. Secondly, the Worksop Town Football Workshop on Thursday, brought a nice end to their half term focus on football. They can't believe that it is the last week before Easter next week, lots still to do and look forward too!

## Year Six

This week Class 6 have been busy preparing for their DAaRT graduation which was on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March (yesterday). The children have worked extremely hard in their groups - planning, getting ready and practising their performances to show parents. In English, the children have been writing their DAaRT reports, explaining what they have learned over the ten-week course. Outside provision has also enhanced the week, with a visit from Worksop Town Football Club for a football taster session and in Science the children have been able to enjoy a presentation about Earth and Space from Lucy in the planetarium/space dome. A fun-filled exciting week has been had.



### Stars of The Week

**Reception** – Lucy & Imogen

**Year One** – Daisy

**Year Two** – Lily & Alexander

**Year Three** – Ruby

**Year Four** – Aylin

**Year Five** – Jack G

**Year Six** – Seren, Kayleigh & Scarlett

#### Lunchtime Stars

Frances (5) and Lucas (R) for demonstrating school values in action – kindness and love for others.

#### Out of school achievements:

White/Yellow belts in Martial Arts awarded to Leo B (R) and Daniel (R) – who gave us such a fabulous demonstration!

Gold and Silver awards achieved by Daisy (6) at a recent gymnastic tournament.

Stage 7 swimming and invited for squad trials – Harriet R (3)

Inter-Regional Finals East Midlands Qualifier in table tennis – Shreya (6)

## **In School Sporting Achievements**

### **Gymnastic Level 1**

Lily (2), Georgiana (2), Flynn (2), Sam A (2) and Harriet R (2)

### **Bikeability Level 1 –**

To the following Year 3's: James, Jacob, Ollie Tom, Oliver, Jack, Abigail, Georgiano, Liam and Nicole.

Well done to everyone this week!

# **Weekly Attendance**

In line with our attendance policy, we ask that you inform the school office daily if your child is not in school. 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.

Class	Weekly Attendance
R	90.4%
1	91.5%
2	98.8%
3	94.3%
4	86.2%
5	94.6%
6	93.9% <b>ALL 93.1%</b>

## **Church Services**

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

9am StA@9 HC

10.15 StA@10ish Service for All Age

6pm StA @6

### **Wednesday 29th March 2023**

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

### **Thursday 30th March in St Anne's Church**

5.00pm STA Kidz (for Y4-Y6)

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

### **Friday 31st March in St Anne's Hall**

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



Prayers from Caroline (6), Phoebe(6), Shreya (6) and Henry (6)

Dear Lord,

Help us to be welcoming and kind to others. Although it may be hard, we can include everyone in everything. Help us to be kind to others. Amen.

Dear God,

Please help us to include other people when we want to and to always consider the feelings of others. Amen.

Dear God,

Help us to be kind and accepting to others even though they may be different. Please help us to be welcoming to everyone around us and to understand that not everyone is the same but to be kind and welcoming to all. Amen.

Dear Lord,

Help us to include people no matter the diversity. Let us all join in with one another and enjoy the games we play on the playground. Amen

It's week 3 of the menu next week with fish finger wraps reappearing on Friday as a result of the parent forum and pupil voice feedback.

With my very best wishes,

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

# Diary Dates

27<sup>th</sup> Easter Trail  
28<sup>th</sup> 2.45 pm Parent Phonics Workshop (Reception/KS1)  
Finance & Personnel Governors Meeting  
30<sup>th</sup> Class 6 trip to the Holocaust Centre  
31<sup>st</sup> End of term (Service at Church 2pm)

## **APRIL**

17<sup>th</sup> Children return to school  
25<sup>th</sup> 'Big Talk' SRE for all classes

## **MAY**

8<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday  
9<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATS begin  
15<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Week

## **STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS**

Year 1 – Phonics screening – w/c 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 2- SATS – Throughout all of May  
Year 4 – Statutory Multiplication Test – From 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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.