

# 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 27th January 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

This week, it has been a pleasure welcoming visitors into school to support and enhance the children's learning. Please ask your children about their learning so that they are encouraged to '**know more and remember more**' making connections across the subjects. Take a look under each Class 'blurb' to see what they have been up to.

## **Dates to be aware of:**

The NEU (National Education Union) are planning a series of teacher strikes over the next few weeks/months.

The dates that could affect schools in Nottinghamshire are as follows:

- Wednesday 1st February – National action
- Wednesday 1st March – Regional action
- Wednesday/Thursday 15th/16th March – National action

Each teaching staff member has a personal choice to make and we must respect this. At this time, St Anne's will not be affected on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We anticipate being fully open. If circumstances do change for the future dates, it is likely the class(es) impacted will be closed. I will endeavour to let you know as soon as I am made aware of any changes.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and support.

## **After School Provision**

Thank you to those of you who returned our childcare survey. All information has been collated and costings compiled and this will be a discussion at the governor's committee meeting in just over a week's time. I can report there was interest in having an 'after-school' childcare club again and I will share new information as soon as I am able.

## **Sporting News**

We had a very exciting delivery this week. Our new football kit has arrived. We have very kindly been sponsored by Mint Security Systems and have used the sponsorship to purchase a new football kit. Our girls' and boys' teams captains were thrilled to model the kit in our Star of the Week assembly this morning.



### **Attendance**

Just to remind parents that holidays or overseas travel is not permitted during term time. A 'Request for Absence – Exceptional Circumstances' form must be sent into the office before any emergency travel is taken. Now that Covid- 19 related restrictions have been lifted, the Local Authority is fining parents (fixed penalty notices) who take holiday during term time or whose child's attendance has fallen below the expected level. Not all absence is authorised – we invariably get to know 'about holidays' when messages are left 'to say children are ill'. If you do have a holiday booked, please let us know rather than putting your child in a position where they are burdened with having to try to 'keep a secret'.

We can offer Early Help support to parents where their child's attendance or punctuality is below the expected level. Please speak to a member of staff if this would be helpful.  
Our school's attendance target is 97%.

### **News from FOSAS**

Just over a week to go before their disco. Make a date in your diary!

### **News from the Classes**

#### **Reception**

This week, Class Reception have been learning about Chinese New Year. The children looked where China is on a globe and compared how China is similar and different to the UK. They learnt the story of the 'Great Race' and how the years were named after 12 animals. This year is the year of the 'Rabbit'. They watched a traditional dragon and lion dance before performing their own lion dance. There have been lots of other fun activities including lantern making and practising using chop sticks.



### Year One

In Class 1 they have started learning about instructions and they have made their own functional flying rockets. Next week they will write their own instructions for others to follow. They had a lot of fun outside launching their rockets!



### Year Two

Class 2 had a fantastic afternoon last Friday thanks to Georgiana's family. Their mining topic has created a lot of interest within our families and Miss Broughton has been delighted with the artefacts that have been sent in. Georgiana's Grandad has allowed Class 2 to borrow miners lamps, clocking in tokens and yard sticks. They even have some regulation miner's underwear in the classroom! If you have a mining story or items to share that would help Class 2 to immerse themselves further into the topic, then please let us know particularly due to the history of 'Manton Pit' within our town.



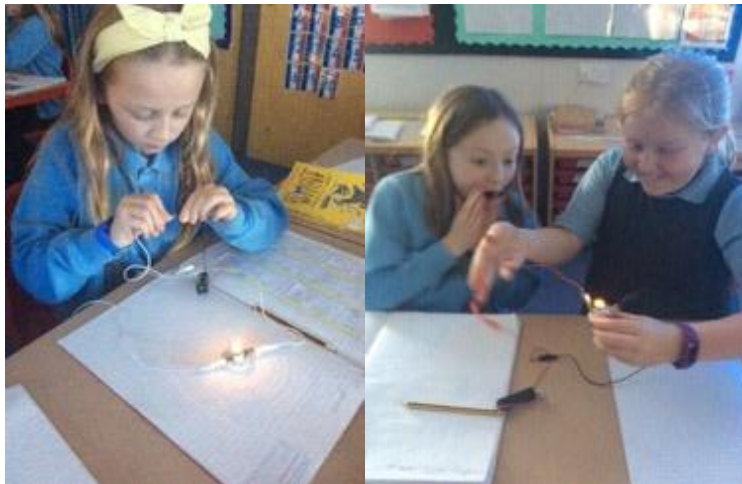
### Year Three

Class 3 were treated to a very exciting afternoon on Wednesday as Rev. Johnson and his wife, Mrs Johnson visited their classroom to introduce them to the world faith, Islam. The children were treated to a huge variety of activities as they learnt all about important aspects of this fascinating faith. They enjoyed being invited to try on the head coverings a Muslim would wear during prayer, observing the movements Muslims do as they pray, watching a video of the inside of a Mosque and exploring different artefacts. The children were all very respectful and curious to learn about Islam and the way it differs to Christian worship.



## Year Four

In Science Class 4 are focusing on electricity. This week the children constructed their own simple circuits. Each pair were given two wires, a lamp and a cell and were told to use their scientific knowledge and skills to try and get the lamp to light. After a little exploration and problem solving, all of the pairs were extremely excited that they were able to get their lamp to light. After this, they experimented with buzzers and motors. In PSHE this half term, Class 4 have been learning about money. They first looked at different ways to pay for things before looking at types of bank accounts and how they can use this to save their money. This week Class 4 were looking at different jobs, the amount of money earned on average and the factors influencing people choosing that particular job.



## Year Five

What a start to the week Class 5 have had! Monday provided them with an opportunity to really begin to delve into their topic this term 'Ancient Egypt' with a visit from Dr Henry Jones from 'Portals from the Past'. The children were enthralled all day, taking part in numerous activities from measuring, looking at artefacts, to role play. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and Mr Flockhart and Mrs Smith said, "*It was a delight to be able to watch the children's enjoyment and see their learning really brought to life.*" They have built on this day throughout the week, continuing their learning about Egypt across all subjects.



## Year Six

This week, Class 6 have enjoyed learning about tag rugby and touch rugby and practising their throwing and catching skills in PE. They have also learned about using colons and semi-colons in their writing in English and writing postcards based on the story 'Goodnight Mister Tom'. In Science, the children have been looking at component symbols for electricity and in RE, the class have been thinking about 'giving' and charities - Islamic Relief and Christian Aid.

## Stars of The Week



**Reception – Ahmad & Colin**

**Year One – Oliver J**

**Year Two – Reggie & Harri FW**

**Year Three – Jack Marshall**

**Year Four – Frankie & Isobel N**

**Year Five – Amelia T**

**Year Six – Bedirhan & Lilly-Grace**

### Lunchtime Stars

**Ahmet (3) and Noah (5)**

### Out of School Achievements

**Abigail (3)** received the highest reward in her Beaver Scouts- the Chief Scouts Bronze Award. Her Scout group is the 14th St Anne's. She leaves Beavers to join Cubs and hopes to work on her Silver award. Scouting is a family activity with her brother Aubrey and big sister Rowena part of it too! Rowena is part of the Junior Organiser Team (JOT) and is part of the County Team preparing for the 2024 County Camp. Abigail's dad said this week, "As District Commissioner for Bassetlaw Scouts, I am very proud of them. Especially as her school and scouting have helped immensely with their integration from Japan to the U.K. I congratulate Abigail, her school and the 14th St Anne's Beaver colony for their outstanding excellence."

**Dana (2)** – Level 5 swimming award

**Harriet R (3)** Level 6 swimming award & 10m in clothes

**Isaac (3)** 100m swimming award

<b>Menu for the Week Ahead: 30th January 2023</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	Tomato Pasta with cheese/garlic bread/sweetcorn & Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jacket Potato beans/cheese/tuna & crunchy vegetables & Chocolate Orange Brownie
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sausage Dinner with mash, seasonal vegetables & Yorkshire Pudding & Apple & Vanilla Muffin
<b>Thursday</b>	Dippers, Croquette Potatoes, Salad & Flapjack
<b>Friday</b>	Fishfinger Wrap, peas & pommes noisettes & Butterscotch tart
<p>Unlimited bread served daily and fresh fruit as an alternative to the pudding choice.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ORDER IN MENU DUE TO ONGOING SUPPLY ISSUES.</b></p> <p>New Menus come into place after the half term break. As always if you would like to talk to Mrs Dunicliff about your child and school meals then please so not hesitate to contact her.</p>	

## 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	94.7%
1	94.8%
2	99.3%
3	94.4%
4	89.9%
5	95.8%
6	90.0% <b>ALL 94.25%</b>



## **Church Services**

### **Sunday 29th January**

9am StA@9 Holy Communion  
10.15am StA@ 10ish Service for All Age  
6pm StA@6

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

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

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in St Anne's Church**

5.00pm STA Kidz (for Y4-Y6)  
6.00pm St Anne's Youth Choir (Y6 and above)

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February in St Anne's Hall**

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

### **Prayers this week are from Kaya and Bedirhan in Class 6**

Dear God,  
As we think about the Chinese New Year we thank you for all the animals. Amen

May God bless you richly, with good health, a long life and a loving family. Amen

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Middleton & the St Anne's Team

## **Diary Dates**

### **January**

27<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Orienteering – Ranby House  
30<sup>th</sup> National Story Telling Week  
Reception – Forest School

### **February**

3<sup>rd</sup> KS1 Gym festival  
FOSAS School Disco KS1 5.30-6.30  
KS2 6.45 – 8.00  
6<sup>th</sup> Strategic Development Committee  
7<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening  
8<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening  
9<sup>th</sup> Class 3 Assembly

10<sup>th</sup> Break up for half term  
**20<sup>th</sup> Inset Day**  
21<sup>st</sup> Children return  
22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday Service  
23<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 WW2 Home Front trip – Murton Park  
27<sup>th</sup> Governor Admissions Committee  
28<sup>th</sup> Full Governors Meeting

### **March**

1<sup>st</sup> Class 3 & 4 Roman & Viking trip to Murton Park  
2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day – dress up as a book character  
3<sup>rd</sup> Class 2 National Coal Museum visit  
Year 3 Bikeability  
7<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Cross country Worksop College  
10<sup>th</sup> Book Fair Week  
15<sup>th</sup> FOSAS pop up gift shop  
16<sup>th</sup> FOSAS pop up gift shop & Class 5 Assembly  
17<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day  
23<sup>rd</sup> DAart graduation – pm Class 6  
28<sup>th</sup> 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)

### **ADVANCE NOTICE FAMILY APRIL LUNCH**

**In April Mrs Dunnicliff would like to invite one family member to join their child for lunch – menus will be released nearer the time.**

19<sup>th</sup> Reception  
20<sup>th</sup> Class 1  
21<sup>st</sup> Class 2  
25<sup>th</sup> Class 3  
26<sup>th</sup> Class 4  
27<sup>th</sup> Class 5  
28<sup>th</sup> Class 6.

### **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 - An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests

will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- 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: 20<sup>th</sup> February / 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.