

St Anne's C of E (A) Primary News

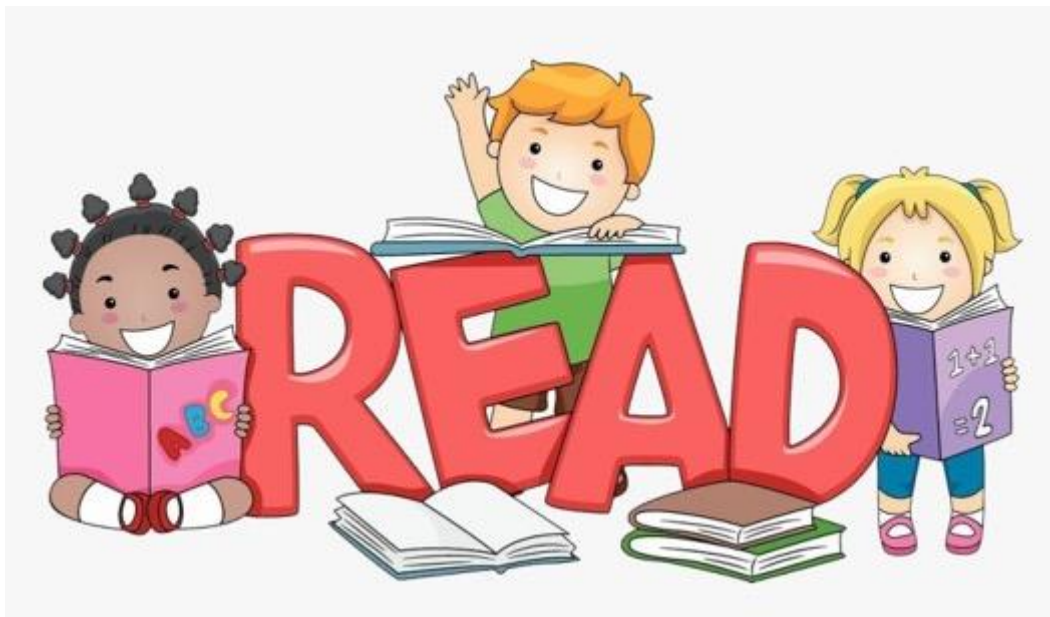


"Developing the whole child, spiritually, mentally and physically in a caring Christian Environment through close links to the Church and Community"

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and a new year! I hope you enjoyed the break away from school, spending time with friends and family and enjoying all that comes with the festive season. It has been lovely to catch up with the children and they have returned to school ready to build on their prior learning and embark on new topics and trip experiences. Last week, Class Newsletters were sent outlining the learning for the term, any trips or visitors planned, PE timetables, uniform expectations and general class information.



We often talk to the children about the joy in developing a 'love of books'. We know that those children who have experienced 'listening to stories', 'have regularly shared a book' with an adult and those independent readers have a rich, varied vocabulary and this in turns supports their writing ability. As you are aware back in September we invested heavily in our new systematic phonics scheme '**Monster Phonics**' to support the children's development and learning. Whilst the children are responding well in school, our data analysis shows us that some families have yet to 'log on' and practice the weekly 'phonics' book on line – please talk to your child's class teacher about your particular circumstances.

Additionally, there is an expectation that **ALL** children read at least 3 times a week at home and they are then rewarded through the school 'Remarkable Reader' initiative.

Research shows that reinforcement and practice will enable children to store the knowledge in their 'long-term' memory. As the children move into Year 3, they are encouraged to participate in the 'Accelerated Reader' programme. The quizzes help to determine a child's overall understanding of the text and development of their higher order reading skills. Education is a partnership – please support your child in developing '**good reading habits**' in order for them to be the best reader they can be.

Don't forget there are FREE books in the front entrance for your child to take away and enjoy.

Christian Values – Focus for the Half Term – FORGIVENESS

Each half term, we focus on one of our Christian values. These values provide an important framework for helping to define and validate the work of the school 'beyond the curriculum.' Each value is used as the theme for collective worship, the focus for classroom reflection and quiet corner displays.

When talking, discussing and reflecting on the Christian value, **Forgiveness**, the following key ideas and themes are explored with the children –

Key themes to explore:

- Saying sorry
- Showing remorse and making amends
- Forgiving and forgetting
- Letting someone off - is that fair?
- Remaking a broken relationship/friendship
- Barriers to forgiving another
- The cost of forgiveness
- Is there a limit to forgiveness?
- Forgiveness and justice
- The fruit of forgiveness

Choir Update

Last week, 29 choir members went to 'Sheffield Arena' to perform with other schools for 'Young Voices 2023' with special guest Heather Small. Lots of fun was had, with 4632 children singing in total. Memories were made! A big thank you to Mrs Archer, Mrs Smith, Mrs Hewitt and Mr Nadkarni for experiencing it all with us too! Choir will take a break for a while to allow for other clubs to take place.





News from FOSAS

The AGM took place on Monday of this week. It was well attended and welcomed new members. **BREAKING NEWS** – the new committee is as follows:

Chair: Kate Fletcher (Mum to Nicole in Y3)

Vice Chair: Sandra Hewitt (Grandma to Jakob in Y5)

Secretaries: Alison Bartram (past parent) & Lisa Perkins (past parent)

Treasurer: Gail Whittaker (past parent)

Please take a look at the **attached letter** with all of their fabulous events and news.

Bassetlaw Cost of Living Support

Please follow the link below to find out information about help and support you may be able to receive.

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/cost-of-living/help-for-cost-of-living>

Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever (Published 2 January 2023)

As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break, UKHSA is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels.

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said: "It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved."

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs

and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and, in some cases, can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information getting your child vaccinated against flu on NHS.UK.

Contact Detail Updates

Did you receive a new mobile telephone for Christmas? Has your phone number changed or that of your emergency contacts? PLEASE ensure we have '3' contacts for your child should there be an emergency.

News from the Classes

Reception

Class Reception have enjoyed a great week starting off with their first 'Forest School' session on Monday. The children played games, built animal dens, made their own woodland medals and enjoyed a hot chocolate to keep them warm. Don't forget you can see lots of pictures on Tapestry. In beginning their new topic 'Tell Me A Story', the children have begun to learn to retell a story using the 'talk for writing method', we can't wait to show it to Year 1 next week!

Year One

Class 1 have returned to school enthusiastic about their new topic 'Space Explorers'. They are enjoying learning their 'Talk for Writing' story 'Whatever Next' and are excited to show Reception next week!

Year Two

In Art this week, Class 2 have begun to look at colour mixing using powder paints. The children have used the swish, wipe, dab technique to ensure that their brushes are ready to use. They mixed primary colours to make secondary colours. Next week they will be learning about tints.

Year Three

Class 3 have been working very hard in maths this week securing a new strategy for adding and subtracting two 3-digit numbers. They are learning how to use column addition and subtraction. The children have really impressed Mrs Tyrrell with their concentration and focus, they were even managing to complete additions that required exchanges by the end of the week! The children have noticed that as they become more familiar and confident using this strategy it is a very efficient method.

Year Four

Class 4 had a busy week back at school with their return to swimming. The children are working hard to develop their stroke technique and their application of water safety. Year 4 have also started their money topic in PSHE. They learnt about the different ways that you can pay and applied this learning to real life situations. In PE with Mr Newton, Class 4 have started their dance unit, working on their collaboration as a group to develop a Viking themed routine. In Science they have begun their learning on electricity and started by learning about the dangers of electricity and how to stay safe.

Year Five

For our first full week back in Class 5, we have been immersing ourselves in the new topic of Ancient Egyptians. We are all so excited to be doing this topic, we have already had some amazing photos and items brought in for us to look at. We are so lucky that we have 'Portals to the Past' coming in to see us to do a full day workshop on the 23rd January. In other news, we have been looking at descriptive language, similes and metaphors and personification in English to add more detail when describing things to the reader. For our Science we have started looking at forces and have been measuring how much force is needed to stop things falling to the ground. Lots of experiments planned this term and lots of exciting activities across all learning for this topic!

Year Six

The highlight of this week for Class 6 must be the start of their DAaRT (Drug Awareness and Resilience Training) programme with Officer Donoghue. This week, the children discussed the programme and their responsibility along with alcohol and its effects. Watching the film 'Goodnight Mister Tom' in readiness for their English and History work in their new topic 'Bombs, Blitz and Bunting' (World War II) has also been thoroughly enjoyed. A great week to the new spring term!

Stars of The Week



Reception – Dominic & George M

Year One – David & George H

Year Two – Ewan

Year Three – Lailah & Amber

Year Four – Sophie & Letica

Year Five - Frances

Year Six – Liam, Logan & Lily W

Lunchtime Stars

Teddy & Ruby

Gym Awards:

Level 1: Amber, Ollie-Tom, Joshua, Alice & Ruby (Y3)

Level 2: Isaac & Harriet R(Y3)

Level 3: Kyla(Y3)

Out of school achievements

On Saturday, Lewis A, Zach, Edward, Aleksander from Class 4 will be flag bearers at Sheffield United as part of their football club SJR. We look forward to seeing them on the television at the start of the match.

Isaac (Y3) Gymnast of the Month at his local club.

Isobel O (Y4) Lilac Award Gymnastics.

Sophie (Y4) Improved time for 50m freestyle Worksop Dolphins.

Monday	Dippers & Chocolate Mousse
Tuesday	Jacket Potato beans & cheese & Vanilla/Chocolate Ice- cream
Wednesday	Tomato Pasta with cheese/garlic bread & Honey Cookie
Thursday	Sausage Dinner & Jelly
Friday	Fishfinger Wrap & Flapjack

Weekly Attendance

We continue to encourage good attendance. We are spending 'a lot' of time trying to find out 'why' children are absent. 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.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Weekly Attendance</u>
R	95.1%
1	92.2%
2	93.3%
3	92.2%
4	92.3%
5	98.4% ★
6	95.0% ALL 94.1%

Church Services

Sunday 15th January

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

Prayers this week are from: Lilly-Grace & Bea in Class 6

Dear God,
 Help us to forgive people who have made mistakes in the past. Give us the courage to forgive. Amen.

Dear God,
 I pray that you will help us to forgive other people for what they have done this week. I also ask that we will be forgiven as well. I also pray that we can have a fresh start this week and can put last week in the past. Amen

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Middleton & the St Anne's Team

Diary Dates

January

- 16th Reception – Forest School
- 19th Class 6 Bikeability
- 23rd Reception – Forest School
Class 5 inhouse Egypt experience
- 25th Class 2 & Class 3 in house RE faith visit
- 27th Y5/6 Orienteering – Ranby House
- 30th National Story Telling Week
Reception – Forest School

February

- 3rd KS1 Gym festival
FOSAS School Disco KS1 5.30-6.30
KS2 6.45 – 8.00
- 6th Strategic Development Committee
- 7th Parents Evening
- 8th Parents Evening
- 9th Class 3 Assembly
- 10th Break up for half term
- 20th Inset Day
- 21st Children return
- 22nd Ash Wednesday Service
- 23rd Year 6 WW2 Home Front trip – Murton Park
- 27th Governor Admissions Committee
- 28th Full Governor's Meeting

March

- 1st Class 3 & 4 Roman & Viking trip to Murton Park
- 2nd World Book Day – dress up as a book character
- 3rd Class 2 National Coal Museum visit
- 7th Year 5/6 Cross country Worksop College
- 15th FOSAS pop up gift shop
- 16th FOSAS pop up gift shop & Class 5 Assembly
- 17th Red Nose Day
- 23rd DAart graduation – pm Class 6
- 30th Class 6 trip to the Holocaust Centre
- 31st End of term

ADVANCE NOTICE - APRIL FAMILY LUNCH

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

19th Reception

20th Class 1

21st Class 2

25th Class 3

26th Class 4

27th Class 5

28th Class 6

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 - 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 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.