

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 9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sound and general bustle of Christmas has certainly arrived at St Anne's. Class Reception and KS1 have been working hard on their rehearsals, stepping in for one another as bouts of illness strike. On the subject of illness, you will have received a separate letter earlier in the week in relation to 'scarlet fever' and 'step A'. There is a further letter from the 'Health Protection Agency' to accompany this newsletter this week.

As a reminder:

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Therefore, please look out for symptoms in your child, which include;

- ✓ a sore throat and/or swollen tongue
- ✓ headache
- ✓ a fever
- ✓ pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. (On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel).

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important. If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called group A streptococci. In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A Strep (iGAS). While still uncommon, there has been an increase in invasive Group A Strep cases this year, particularly in children under 10. Sadly, in the most extreme, but rare cases, this can cause death if not treated soon enough.



Clothing Rail – Food Parcels

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone at 'Mint Security Systems' for their generosity in kindly donating new items for our clothing rail – tights, hats, shoes, coats etc – what a difference it will make.



As previously communicated, we are gathering food for our 'reverse advent calendars' for Bassetlaw Food Bank. We recognise that times are challenging and if your family would benefit from a food parcel then please see Mrs Middleton directly or speak to Mrs Ridout in the office. We will be very discreet as sometimes it is hard to ask.

Bikeability

Year 6 braved the weather to complete their 'bikeability challenge' this week – well done to all.





On Thursday 12 children from Year 5 and 6 represented the school at the 'Sports Hall Athletics Bassetlaw Final'. They competed against 7 other schools in a variety of running, throwing and jumping events. They all worked incredibly hard and were a credit to the school. They came 1st overall meaning that they will now represent Bassetlaw in the Nottingham finals. A big well done to all.



Spread the word – Applying for a Reception School Place September 2023

Please help spread the word to those families who you may know who have a child due to start school next September. There appears to be a 'myth' that you can't get into St Anne's – but you can! It's a low birth rate next year so we are keen to fill our available places. We are always willing to show parents around. We also have places in the current Reception and Year 4 class.

Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club bookings will be prepaid only (a week in advance). Please note if you are in arrears you will not be able to make a new booking. Please speak to Mrs Ridout in the office should you require any further information.

As we review our provision and 'parental need' – please take the time to complete our after school survey as we look to the viability of reintroducing 'after school provision' – all information collated will help us to formulate a business plan. Many thanks

News from Around the Classes

Class Reception

This week Class Reception have been busy practising for their Nativity. They can't wait to share it with you next week. They have read the Jolly Postman and talked about how they can send letters and parcels around the world.

Class 1

Class 1 have been working very hard with Class 2 to perfect their nativity. They can't wait to show everyone next week.

During this month, Class 1 are enjoying a book advent calendar, where they share a winter themed story each day. They are very excited to open a new book every day.

Class 2

This week Class 2 have completed their unit of learning in art. They have used close observational line drawings, chalk pastels and a water colour wash to replicate a hot air balloon picture they have studied by the artist Tom McCormack.



Class 3

Class 3 have had a very busy week completing their assessments but it hasn't all been testing. They have also managed to fit in lots of fun too including, map reading and orienteering with Mr Newton, Recorder playing with Mrs Tyrrell, Gymnastics with Emma and cave art with Mrs Storrs.

Class 4

Class 4 had an exciting start to the week with a visit from the school swimming service. Due to pool closures Year 4 were unable to go swimming at the pool but they had a session on water safety and CPR. The children began the session by learning how to rescue someone in the water. They had to throw beanbags in to a target to practice this. The instructor then explained that often a casualty won't be stationary in the water and began to move the target that the children were aiming for. This proved a lot more challenging when trying to hit the target. Year 4 then learnt how to turn a casualty and how to put them in the recovery position before finally learning how to perform CPR and a mannequin and use an AED.

Class 5

Class 5 have been showing off what they have learnt so far with some assessments. We are proud of the children for stepping up to the challenge and giving their best. They have also been creating their Christmas cards so watch this space! In Science they have been experimenting with solids, liquids and gases. The children have loved this topic of properties of materials and have enjoying planning, carrying out and evaluating multiple experiments. Finally, they are building up to the final parts of their class book 'Cosmic'. The children have been so enthusiastic about this book and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the characters/story and delving into the text in reciprocal reading sessions.

Class 6

This week Class 6 have enjoyed working collaboratively on an online project in computing. They could only communicate via the computer and not fact-to-face, to show how people can work together when they are not in the same location and could be in different places around the world. The children have also taken part in Bikeability - and what a cold week this has been for riding a bike and learning lots of new skills in the playground and on the roads. The Bikeability instructors commented on how well-behaved the children have been and how well they listened to the instructions given. Great!

Church Services for Sunday

Sunday 11th December St Anne's Church

9am - StA@9 Common Worship Holy Communion

10am service moved to 4pm 'A Walking Nativity'

4pm A Walking Nativity – walk through the parish as part of the nativity, with food and drink along the way.

Wednesday 14th December

3.30pm St Anne's Connect in the school hall

Thursday 15th December in St Anne's Church

5.00pm STA Kidz (for Y4-Y6)

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

Friday 16th December in St Anne's Hall

from 3.00pm St Anne's Drop-In (Y5 a Y6)

Attendance

Reception	86.8%
Year 1	90.3%
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	90.8%
Year 5	82.7%
Year 6	91.6%
Whole School	90.2%

We will issue fixed penalty notices in line with NCC for periods of unauthorised absence that meet the criteria in the coming weeks based on the **last 6-week period**. Please be reminded that 'a leave of absence form' needs to be completed in advance.

If your child is absent we ask that you inform us on a **daily basis** please in line with safeguarding your child.

Week commencing 12/12/22

Monday –Pizza / Chocolate Mousse
Tuesday – Jacket Potato Beans/Cheese & Honey Muffin
Wednesday – Cheesy Pasta/Garlic Bread & Ice- Cream
Thursday – Sausage dinner with Yorkshire Pudding & Brownie
Friday – Fishfinger wrap/Chips & Flapjack

Notts County Council are having some issues with 'supply' of different foods and there may at times be an alteration to the menu – we will inform you of this should it occur.

Prayers for the Week

From Liam and Theo K in Class 6

Dear God

This Christmas, help us to be grateful for everything we have, please help us to give as well as receive. Amen

Dear Lord

We ask that you help us prepare our hearts for your coming this Christmas. During this season of Advent, may we pray more and look for ways to help others and show kindness in your name. Amen

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week

Class Reception – Willow & Daniel

Class One – Laurel & Edan

Class Two – Heidi

Class Three – Jack

Class Four – Dayna

Class Five – Jakob

Class Six – Henry

Well done to our 'out of school achievers' this week:

Oliver Whitehead level 1 and 2 Improver award at Becky Adlington swim school

Harrison Whitehead level 3 early swimmer award at Becky Adlington swim school.

Kind regards

Mrs Middleton and the St Anne's team

Important Dates

December

- 12th Ryton Chorale concert (Choir)
- 13th 9.30am Reception Nativity (School Hall)
2.15pm KS1 Nativity (Church Hall)
Outwood & Schools Concert at St Anne's Church (Choir) 6.30pm
- 14th 9.30 KS1 Nativity (Church Hall)
2.15pm Reception Nativity (School Hall)
- 15th Whole School Panto treat in school
- 19th FOSAS Christmas Disco KS1 5.30pm-6.30pm
KS2 6.45pm – 8pm
- 20th Christmas Dinner & Party Day
- 21st 2pm End of term service in Church

January

- 4th Return to school
- 5th Young Voices Sheffield Arena
- 9th Potential date for FOSAS AGM 7pm
Reception – Forest School
- 16th Reception – Forest School
- 23rd Reception – Forest School
- 30th National Story Telling Week
Reception – Forest School

February

- 3rd FOSAS School Disco KS1 5.30-6.30
KS2 6.45 – 8.00
- 7th Parents Evening
- 8th Parents Evening
- 9th Class 3 Assembly
- 10th Break up for half term

INSET DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR: 20th February 2023, 24th & 25th July 2023

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

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.

- 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)