

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 19 April 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term, I hope you all had a good Easter break and enjoyed some quality family time. I was amazed by the number of hands that went up on Monday when I asked the question - 'Who still has chocolate eggs left?'

The children have returned ready for their final term within their current year groups. The summer term is always a busy term and staff have been hard at work planning events for the next fourteen weeks; so please keep checking the dates on the weekly newsletter.

In a few weeks' time, there will be a period of statutory testing for some classes, all we ask of the children is that they try their best and come to school every day!

Some of our children have featured in a recent Diocesan promotional video. The short piece of footage can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFXN9lp2tZ8>

Staffing Update

Mrs Matthews our School Business Manager will be leaving us after nearly 14 years in a few weeks' time. Over the years, as well as the day-to-day management of the school budget we have been fortunate to benefit from a number of capital projects over the years – hall extensions, toilet refurbishment, meeting rooms as well as upgraded trim trails and outdoor gyms. She is a valued colleague and she will be missed by the team and we wish her well in her new chapter.

FOSAS

There next meeting will be on Monday 29 April at 7pm at the Shireoaks Inn. Please do not forget that they would always be grateful for additional members and as a result of their fundraising, transport costs as well as other resources are supplemented in school.

News from the Classes

Class Reception

This week Class Reception have started their new topic 'Animal Encounters'. They have been learning to retell 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' using the Talk 4 Writing method. They found out lots of interesting facts about bears and used the globe to find out where different bears live. In maths, they have been learning about teen numbers and thinking about how these numbers can be made.

Class One

This week, Class 1 have started 'Godly Play' with Claire. They are learning about stories told by Jesus and miracles performed by him. This week, they heard the miracle of the 'paralysed man' and how his friends persevered to take him to Jesus. The children then made moving pictures to represent the story.

Class Two

This week Class 2 have begun their geography fieldwork. They visited the pond to answer the question, is our pond healthy? The class carefully observed the microhabitat in order to identify the plants and creatures that live there.

Class Three

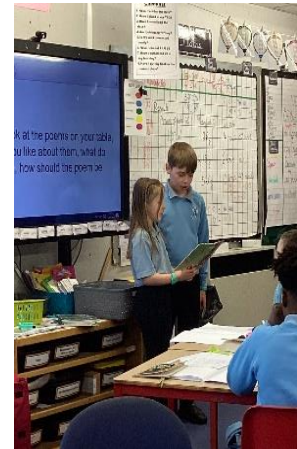
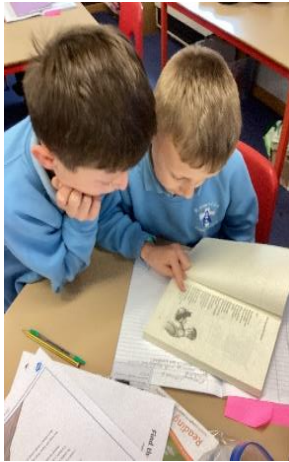
Class 3 are very excited about their text for English this half term 'Escape from Pompeii'. The text links to last term's topic on the Roman's and this term's Geography focus of Europe and Extreme Earth. The children have been focusing on using their senses when writing, imagining themselves as Tranio one of the main characters, they have written some wonderful setting descriptions.

The children are also all developing a fabulous understanding of fractions, securing an understanding of some new mathematical language - numerator and denominator. They are beginning to compare fractions with the same numerator and different denominators and fractions with the same denominator but different numerators. They have been ordering them according to size.

Class Four

Year 4 have had a busy first week back. On Monday, they enjoyed exploring and performing pieces of poetry, gaining inspiration in preparation for writing their own rhyming couplet poems. The children were very excited to start their new class text 'The Secret Diary of Thomas Snoop, Tudor Boy Spy'. The children made some excellent predictions about the characters and plot. They spent time this week looking at the new history time line. The children enjoyed finding dates relating to units covered in our curriculum as well as dates linking to wider world events and future learning. In science year 4 have started their unit on living things and their habitats, constructing and finding patterns in food chains; they had to use a lot of new vocabulary to complete their learning task. In PE this week, year 4 have started their unit on tennis. They have

developed their knowledge of the ready position before applying this to some mini 'hand tennis' games.



Class Five

It has been great to have the children back in school following the Easter break and the welcome buzz on excitement in class 5 has returned.

Ancient Greece is our new history topic and after kickstarting the week with a worship about the Olympics and "Going for Gold," the children were enthusiastic to learn more about the Greeks. In English, they were introduced to Aesop's fables and compared different versions to establish the intended moral. In maths, the children have begun a statistics block of learning where they needed to interpret line graphs and read two-way tables.

In PE, the children were excited to begin a new tennis unit and began with practising the fundamental skills of catching and throwing to understand the importance of hand-eye co-ordination when hitting a ball. They then developed to bouncing the ball under control on the racket and then hitting the ball to a partner using a forehand drive. Mrs Camish was so impressed with the progress made in just one lesson. A super first week Class 5!

Class Six

Year 6 have had an exciting start to the summer term as they have been introduced to 'Stanley Yelnats' in our new book: 'Holes'. They are gripped by the flashbacks and already feel sorry for Stanley as he serves times at Camp Green Lake, after being convicted of a crime he did not commit. They have explored and written examples of dialogue that the characters may have together and have drawn around a classmate in order to describe Stanley's character traits. In the next week or so, they will be writing their own stories. In maths, they have been exploring angles: right angles, angles on a straight line and angles around a point and calculating missing angles. Their topic in science is the circulatory system and this week children were able to pretend to be de-oxygenated blood and oxygenated blood as they travelled around the heart, lungs and body. They have also been squeezing some extra SATs revision, and helping to support each other; answering the questions in teams or partners.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week

Class Reception - Rowan & Anaika

Class One - Isla & Oaklan

Class Two - Felicity

Class Three - Hugo & Lily

Class Four - Adam & Keira

Class Five - Mia

Class Six - Noah

Lunch time Stars: Harry M (6) & Archie (R)

Out of School Achievements

Several St Anne's children took part in the 'Dolphins Cup' at Valley swimming pool on Sunday. Dana (2), Georgiana (3), Harriet FW (3), Harriet R (3), Harriet R (4), Sophie P (4), Szymon Z (6), Ella (6). This event is designed to give swimmers the experience of a gala and the rules for competing. Well done swimmers!

Ava (4) has had her very long hair chopped off to send to 'The Princess Trust' to make wigs for children who need them. She has been growing her hair to do this since 2022 for 2 years. She donated 32cm to the charity and also raised over £350. Well done Ava!

Nicole (4) achieved her 1500m Swimming Award.

Lucas (1) achieved his 5m and Level 2 Swimming Award.

Pippa (2) achieved her Swimstars Level 2.

Dana (2) achieved her Stage 10 Swimming Award, 1-mile distance award and also Level 1 in aerial hoop.

Amelia & Frankie were awarded 'Spectators Player of the Match'

Gymnastic Awards

Explore Apparatus 1

Joshua, Wiktoria and Adam in Class 4.

Core Skills Level 2

Ruby, Veda, Wiktoria, Harriet B, Abigail, Jack M, Jacob P, Oliver W all from Class 4.

2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	97.6
1	95.8
2	92.9
3	94.2
4	93.7
5	94.2
6	98.5
ALL	95.5

If your child is on antibiotics but well in themselves, they can return to school before the course is complete. Medicine administration forms must be completed and can be found in the reception area.

Church Services

Sunday 21st April

9am Holy Communion

10.15ish Service for All Ages

StA@6pm Worship, word and prayer

Wednesday 24th April

3.20pm St Anne's Connect - Family Worship in the school hall with food, games and a time to worship together (Suggested donation to cover costs of £1-£2 per family)

Thursday 25th April

5.00pm St Anne's Kidz - Children's Club for Y4-Y6 in St Anne's church. Games, crafts, worship and lots of fun. All welcome.

6.00pm St Anne's Youth Choir - from Y6 upwards at St Anne's church

Diary Dates

INSET DAYS 2023- 24

25th July 2024
26th July 2024

Key Statutory Weeks (Assessment)

4th September 2023 - KS2 SATS – 13th May -all week – Year 6
20th October 2023 - Class 1 Phonics - 10th June week – Year 1
9th February 2024 - Statutory Multiplication Check - 3rd to 14th June – Year 4
Please ensure your children are in school during these times.

Looking ahead:

April

24th – Dr Young from Worksop College - Science Workshop Y4/5
26th – Rugby Megafest – Y3/4
29th – FOSAS meeting 7pm Shireoaks Inn

May

1st – Y4 Tudor Fabric Printing Trip at the Harley Gallery
6th – Bank Holiday – school closed.
13th – SATS for Year 6 all week
20th – School Swimming Gala Final
22nd – Big Talk – all classes – RSHE – parent information session
23rd – Class 4 Assembly at 2.45pm
27th – 31st Half term

June

10th – Statutory Phonics Testing Year 1 all week
17th - Governor's Admissions Committee
19th – Pupils & Strategic Development Committee
Big Transition for named Y6
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Year 1 Time Travelling - Southwell
24th – Reception – Forest School session
25th – Provisional date for Sports Day
26th – Governors Finance & Personnel Committee
27th – Full Governors Meeting
28th - FOSAS Talent Show

July

3rd – Year 6 transition

4th – Year 6 transition

Reception Class Assembly – 2.45pm

10th – Year 6 Stepping Up trip to Southwell Minster

12th – Barclays School Roadshow – open to parents after school

18th – Open Afternoon 2pm

24th – Leaver's Service 2pm

Last Day of term

Notts County Council publish the school holiday patterns for forthcoming years – take a look on the County Council website.