

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

What a busy week it has been, firstly I must share the grand total raised from the **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** with further donations from Sunday's services – we raised a whopping **£542.00!!** Thank you to everyone involved.

I have shared in many newsletters that education is about a partnership between home and school. Thank you for your responses in relation to After School Club – these will be discussed with the Governing Body as we look to ensuring the longevity of the service. The club have had a busy and varied week and we will share some photographs in next week's newsletter. Please remember that tax free vouchers can be used for this afterschool provision as well as 'claiming back' through universal credit. Further information next week.

It was lovely to see representation at the 'Parent Forum' this week – we would love more parents to come along and another meeting will take place after half term.

Our phonics workshop was well attended and thank you for the feedback. If you were unable to make it any of the KS1 teachers would be willing to chat to you about the 'Monster Phonics' scheme we have in school.

## **Sporting News**

A big well done to the children who attended the Bassetlaw 'Cross Country' event last week – Lewis A, Olivia, Mia, Jude, George, Tom, Ethan, Ashley, Anya, Lucy & Harry. A special mention to Ethan, Tom and Poppy who have qualified for the county event later in the year, coming in the top 12!



We played our first boys football match of the year away at St Joseph's in Retford. We won 7-1. There were some excellent goals from Tom, Stryder, Lewis A and Jude. A big well done to all of the boys and thank you to Miss Burgoyne for taking responsibility for the school team this year.



We said goodbye to Mr Newton last week as he has secured a full-time position in another field of work. He has been associated with St Anne's for over 10 years and we thanked him for all he has given to the school. We hope that he still manages to get involved in children's sports at weekends through his link with Worksop Town.

### **Result of Governor Ballot**

Ballot papers were counted on Wednesday and Mr Richards will take up the position of parent governor in due course. My thanks extend to Miss Scholes and Mr Hook for putting themselves forward. We are really lucky to have the interest as some schools struggle to cover the vacancies.

### **FOSAS Updates**

Next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> October at The Shireoaks Inn at 7pm.

### **School Places**

We have only just welcomed our new Reception children but now is the time to be applying for a school place for next year. If your child is in Year 6, we encourage you to put '4 schools' in the choice box.

If you know of a family with a child who will be 5 in 2024/25 then please encourage them to apply through the County Council and come and visit our school. We also have places in Year 5 and Year 1 – please spread the word.

## News from the Classes

### Class Reception

This week Class Reception have been thinking about their families and people who are important to them. They enjoyed the stories 'Monkey Puzzle' and 'Once There were Giants'. They then discussed how we change from a baby through to being elderly. In Maths they have been comparing sizes and using the vocabulary big, small and compare.

### Class One

This week, Year 1 went on a walk around our local area. They followed a simple map and labelled ten key places they saw on the walk. Lots of children were excited to discover more about their local area and see places they hadn't seen before.



### Class Two

This week Year 2 have been carrying out an experiment. Whilst thinking about fair testing, the children have discovered which materials will protect an egg when dropped. Next week they will be considering the properties of the materials to help them think about why a particular material was more successful.

### Class Three

This week Year 3 had a fabulous day out at Creswell Craggs. They enjoyed spending time in the museum, exploring animal skeletons and being palaeontologists as they

pieced these back together again. They visited Mother Hubbard's Cave where they had the opportunity to look at some 'Stone Age' artefacts (learning all about how the intestines of animals were used to make string), feeling flint knives and looking at animals skins. The highlight of the day for many was the opportunity to hunt Bison, start fires (not real) and build tents just like they did in the 'Stone Age' times. They were complimented throughout the day for fabulous listening skills, behaviour and their knowledge on the 'Stone Age'. It was a fabulous day, Mrs Smith and Mrs Wilkinson were very proud of the children. A huge thanks also goes to Mrs Button, Mrs Martin, Mrs Whitehead and Ms Fowkes for their help on the day.

### **Class Four**

Year 4 have had a busy week this week starting with their weekly swimming lesson on Monday morning. It is fantastic to see the development of such an important life skill. In RE the class have continued their learning on Hinduism, thinking about the main Hindu beliefs and how this would impact a Hindu's daily life and actions. In topic they have been looking at the physical geography of South America, learning about the features of mountains and rivers and plotting the key mountains and rivers of South America on a map using their atlas skills. In PE, they have been cementing their passing skills in basketball, making sure that their technique is correct so that their passing is accurate.

### **Class Five**

It has been another fantastic week of learning in Year 5 where the children have continued to deepen their knowledge of the Mars rover's journey to our neighbouring planet. They relished the opportunity to ask questions and share their understanding with others in their English lessons and their explanation texts are really developing through editing and redrafting. We can't wait to read their published pieces!

In Maths, the children have begun their new block of addition and subtraction and are beginning to draw upon previously taught skills.

In RE the children were asked the question "What would Jesus Do?" They had to discuss the Christian value of forgiveness - "forgive, and you shall be forgiven" (Luke 6:35 - 37) when analysing the moral of the Parable of the Good Samaritan. They concluded the week on a high with a visit to Worksop Library. It is Libraries Week and the theme is sustainability and climate change so a perfect link to their topic!

### **Class Six**

Year 6 have been continuing to write their non-chronological reports in English and they absolutely smashed long division in Maths this week. Those tricky questions did not phase them at all, they all worked extremely hard to understand this new concept in Maths. Within History, the children were diving further into what life would have been like in Ancient Maya, by studying the challenges the people may have faced in the middle of the rainforest. They are looking forward to their residential field trip next week.

## **Church Services**

### **Sunday 8th October**

9am Holy Communion  
10.15ish StA@10 Service for All Ages  
StA@6pm Worship, word and prayer

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

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 12<sup>th</sup> October**

3.20pm Connect Kidz - after school club for Reception to Year 3 children in the school hall. Games, crafts, worship and lots of fun. Book in through parent pay.  
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.

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

3.00pm -5.00pm St Anne's Drop In - in the church hall for Y5 upwards. Crafts, games, tuck and video games. A time to till out after school at the end of the week. All welcome.

## **Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week**

**Class Reception** – Alex O & Noah

**Class One** – Emma & Aza

**Class Two** – Constance & Grace

**Class Three** – Ewan

**Class Four** – Ollie -Tom

**Class Five** – Lewis A

**Class Six** – Jude

### **Lunch time Stars:**

Colin (1) for being a kind friend.

### **Out of School Achievements:**

Lailah (4) took part in the 8.5km memory walk for Alzheimer's on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October in memory of her Grandad - a steady walk that took around 2.5 hours.

Georgiana (3) was asked by her swimming teacher to attend a trial to join Bassetlaw Swim squad and she passed her trial and now is part of the squad.

Edie (3) Stage 2, 5m swimming

Jacob (4) 25m swimming

Nicole (4) 400m & 800m swimming

Oscar (R) First start swimming certificate

Successes in gymnastics go to:

Billie (2) 6<sup>th</sup> x2 & 5<sup>th</sup>, Isobel O (5) 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, Riva (1) x4 1<sup>st</sup> places, Emily (3) 3<sup>rd</sup> in floor and trampet.

Well done to George (3), Harrison (3), Fynn (3) & Oscar (3) who played for their team in Sheffield and came away with their first win of the league.

A big well done to all of our out of school achievers who have displayed determination and resilience this week – great achievements all round.

## 2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	90.2%
1	96.9%
2	99.3%
3	99.2%
4	96.3%
5	96.3%
6	95.0% ALL 95.5%

Don't forget it's libraries week and our local library has an exciting day ahead tomorrow - the hugely successful 'Fun Palace' returns to Worksop Library for its 6th year, bringing a variety of **free** and **fun** activities! Be part of the Fun Palace fun as you try out different arts, science, health and heritage activities aimed at anyone of any age.

With our best wishes

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

# Diary Dates

## INSET DAYS 2023- 24

4<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
25<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Key Statutory Weeks (Assessment)

KS2 SATS – 13<sup>th</sup> May -all week – Year 6  
Class 1 Phonics - 10<sup>th</sup> June week – Year 1  
Statutory Multiplication Check -3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>  
June – Year 4  
Please ensure your children are in school  
during these times.

## Looking ahead:

### **October**

6<sup>th</sup> - Red card to Racism – wear red day  
Y5 Sports Crew – Retford Oaks  
9<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Residential to Hathersage  
10<sup>th</sup> - Portland Open Evening Y5/6 – 5pm -7pm  
16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - Balance bikes – reception (the bikes/ helmets are provided) – log onto  
parentpay  
17<sup>th</sup> – Governor’s Strategic Development Committee 4pm  
19<sup>th</sup> - Class 5 Class Assembly 2.45pm  
World Values Day  
20<sup>th</sup> -Inset  
Half term

### **November**

6<sup>th</sup> Return to school  
7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Bikeability  
9<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Residential meeting 3.30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance – service 10.45 tbc  
13<sup>th</sup> -Anti-bullying Week (wear odd socks day)  
15<sup>th</sup> –Governor’s finance committee5.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> –Class 6 Assembly 2.45pm  
Year 2 trip – Victorian Classroom  
17<sup>th</sup> - Children in Need  
Orienteering - Worksop College  
20<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Residential  
22<sup>nd</sup> - 6pm full governors  
23<sup>rd</sup> – y3 Jingle Jog  
Height & Weight measure Year R & 6  
24<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 trip – Emergency Services Museum  
30<sup>th</sup> - FOSAS Christmas Fair

### **December**

4<sup>th</sup> – G/T trampolining – Retford Oaks  
6<sup>th</sup> - Class 3 Assembly 2.45pm \*\*\*\*\* **CHANGE OF DATE** \*\*\*\*\*  
8<sup>th</sup> – FOSAS Christmas Disco  
12<sup>th</sup> - Reception Nativity 9.30am - School Hall

Year 1/2 Nativity 2pm - Church Hall  
13<sup>th</sup> - Year 1/2 Nativity 9.30am - Church Hall  
Reception Nativity 2pm - School Hall  
19<sup>th</sup> – Portland Family of Schools Choir concert  
20<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner day  
1pm Panto  
22<sup>nd</sup> - End of term Service 2pm

Keep checking the dates as we will add to them as the term goes on.