

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 1st December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Monday began with a 'drumming showcase' with every class having opportunity to work with Alex from DCP Drums and 'give drumming a go'. We certainly have some musical talents and a number of the children have lessons already. We also offer through the Local Authority keyboard, woodwind and brass tuition in KS2 should your child be interested in individual or group lessons.



School Council have ensured that each class has contributed to the 'Priory Church Christmas Tree Festival' and it looks lovely! The tree festival is on all weekend (10am – 4pm). Pop down and have a look at the array of trees on display.



The Year 5/6 singers had a great time last weekend at the Worksop Light Switch On singing their carols and helping everyone to get into the festive spirit!



We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season and I would like to share with you what we have planned so far:

Christmas Cards

Children can bring their Christmas cards into school and post them in the special post box from Monday 4th December. Please ensure envelopes are named correctly and have the class written on!

Nativity Plays

There are two Nativity plays this year, one by Reception Class called 'Baarmy Bethlehem' and Year 1 and 2 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'Lights, Camel, Action!'

Reception Nativity is on 12th December 9.30am / 13th December 2pm **(School Hall)**

Year 1 and 2 Nativity is on 12th December 2pm / 13th December 9.30am **(Church Hall)**

Parentpay is the way to go! Please register against the performance you wish to see.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating. I would therefore like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- An email/text will be sent to all families via Scholar Pack
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen this winter but I feel it is better to be prepared. **Please always assume school is open unless you hear via the above method. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Learning would be sent home via "Google Classroom" (Year 2-6) or Tapestry (Year R & 1)**

After School Club

Activities w/c 04/12/23 Theme: Christmas

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tree decorations	Fruit kebabs	CONNECT	Christmas cards	Wreath making

As well as board games, craft, time to read with an adult and to be with friends!

Advance Notice: There will be no after school provision on Friday 22nd December.

For those who pay with 'vouchers' – please ensure you 'block book' and payments for January onwards need to be sent by 14th December to allow for back office processing. If you have an individual query pop into the office.

Vacancies in School

Are you looking for a new opportunity?

Take a look on the school website or pop into school and see Mrs Matthews in relation to our vacancies:

Part-Time Office Admin Assistant (12 hrs) – 5 afternoons per week (term-time only)

Grade 3 Teaching Assistant (27.5hrs)

FOSAS

A huge thank you to all FOSAS members and the Year 6 volunteers who worked so hard to create a wonderful 'Christmas Fair' yesterday. Thank you for coming along and supporting the fair too. Raffle tickets remain on sale for the hampers.



Notts Help Yourself

Notts Help Yourself is a website for families and organisations across Nottinghamshire – it's a "one stop shop" for information, advice and guidance on a wide range of issues such as

childcare, parenting, child development, relationships advice, health and wellbeing and cost of living support.

Notts Help Yourself is maintained by the Families Information Service within Nottinghamshire County Council (see [Families information service | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)), so is a trusted source of local information for families – being more reliable than using Google, as the information is checked and updated by subject authors.

News from the Classes

Class Reception

Class Reception have been talking about more people who help us in our community and beyond. This week they enjoyed a visit from the RNLI who told them how they help to keep them safe at the beach and near water. The Class has been busy practising for their Nativity and did a super job practising on the stage for the first time. They are looking forward to sharing it with you all in a few weeks.

Class One

Year 1 visited the National Emergency Services Museum where they listened to a workshop all about the 'Great Fire of London' and re-enacted what it was like in 1666. They explored the museum and in the afternoon, they met Jane who was 'Samuel Pepys' maid. She told them all about what it was like during the fire and everything she knew so far; such as how many houses had burnt down, and how they tried to stop the fire.



Class Two

This week Year 2 have been ramping up their rehearsals ready to perform in front of the whole school next Friday at the dress rehearsal. The whole class have made Miss Broughton extremely proud for all of their hard work. The cast of Lights, Camel, Action! cannot wait to perform for you!

Class Three

This week Year 3 have been busy preparing for their assembly next week. They have reflected on all they have learnt over the last term in their History lessons and helped to write the script. They are looking forward to sharing their learning with everyone next week. They have also been working hard perfecting their addition and subtraction skills, deepening their understanding of the concepts and strategies they have been learning over recent weeks.

Class Four

The Year 4 team have been really impressed with the concentration and perseverance shown by all children in the class when working on their sewing decoration in Design and Technology. All children have been showing a fantastic can-do attitude and have really risen to the challenge. On Monday in swimming, Year 4 were impressing the swimming instructors with their progress. It has been fantastic to watch the children grow in confidence!

Class Five

It has been a great week of learning in Year 5. In Maths, the children have just finished their third block of learning on multiplication and are beginning their work on fractions. They have looked at applying this to real life such as - "half-price sale" signs and newspaper headings. In DT, the children have been learning about seasonal foods and discussing what foods are grown in the UK each season and which foods are imported - the children really impressed Mrs Camish when they made links to their understanding of Harvest and food miles.

On Tuesday, the children learnt how to jab tackle in hockey and enjoyed playing the glockenspiels in Music.

The children are really developing as writers and in their poetry unit they have been experimenting with figurative language. Mrs Camish was thoroughly impressed with their enthusiasm and ideas this week. They used similes, metaphors, relative clauses and the foundations are being built for writing their own poems next week.

The week ended on a high when they completed the second part of their fieldwork study. The children took a walk around Worksop to observe types of housing, land use and traffic in the area to make comparisons with Hathersage. Next week they will analyse their findings and present their data.

Class Six

This week Year 6 have completed their first set of assessments and they have done well. They have also participated in more fitness through their PE sessions and learnt some yoga poses to cool down. In English they are writing their 'Rain Player' narratives and in Maths they are multiplying fractions. Year 6 also volunteered to help at the Christmas Fair and have had their baubles displayed on the tree at Priory Church.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week

Class Reception – Felicity & Rowan

Class One – Isaac & Imogen

Class Two – George H & Maks

Class Three – Annie

Class Four – Emmanuel & Henry

Class Five – Amelia

Class Six – Thea

Lunch time Stars: Darcie (5) & Ewan (3) putting school values into action.

Out of School Achievements:

Violet (5) and Poppy's (5) dance troupe came first at the weekend in Blackpool out of 47 dance troupes! Well done both! (Lovely to hear that our ex-pupils continue to enjoy and do well with their dancing too!)





Harri's (3) troupe got 3rd place out of 22 others too! As a dance team they got 1st, 2nd, 2 x 3rds and a 4th. Such a fantastic achievement to all of those involved at Miss Rebecca's!!! They will return in May for the 'Gala' to showcase their dances with the other winners.

Lucas (1) – Level 1 swimming & Puffin award

Harriet R (4) – moved from C to B squad in swimming.

Riva (1) – being recognised as a 'rising star' at her recent gymnastics event.

In School Gymnastic Awards

Apparatus 1

Georgiana, Victoria & Phoebe (Class 3)

Church Services

Sunday 3rd December

9am First Sunday in Advent Holy Communion with Rev Edith & Rev Dave

10.15ish StA@10 Christingle Service – come and make a Christingle with Claire

StA@6pm Worship, word and prayer led by Rev Edith

Wednesday 6th December

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 7th December

3.20pm Connect Kidz - **fully booked for this half term**

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 8th December

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 chill out after school at the end of the week. All welcome.

9th December 4pm – Doug Horley Christmas Bubble Party- tickets available through Facebook and Eventbrite.

2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	89.7%
1	92.7%
2	88.2%
3	97.8%
4	95.3%
5	92.6%
6	95.0%
ALL	93.2%

Prayers for the week from Lilia and Thea in Class 6

Dear God

Please help us to be kind to others, to make sure we are doing the right thing and making the right choices. Amen

Dear Lord

Please help everyone to forgive each other even though it is hard to. Let us never purposely hurt each other. Amen

With my best wishes

Mrs Middleton & the St Anne's Team

Diary Dates

INSET DAYS 2023- 24

4th September 2023
20th October 2023
9th February 2024
25th July 2024
26th July 2024

Key Statutory Weeks (Assessment)

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

Looking ahead:

December

4th – G/T trampolining – Retford Oaks
6th - Class 3 Assembly 2.45pm ***** CHANGE OF DATE*****
8th – FOSAS Christmas Disco
9th – Church Christmas Bubble Party
12th - Reception Nativity 9.30am - School Hall
Year 1/2 Nativity 2pm - Church Hall
13th - Year 1/2 Nativity 9.30am - Church Hall
Reception Nativity 2pm - School Hall
19th – Portland Family of Schools Choir concert - choir singing
20th - Christmas Dinner day
1pm Panto
22nd - End of term Service 2pm in Church