

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 8th December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

This week we have certainly noticed the arrival of winter! The colder temperatures with crisp, clear air have brought beautiful skies at sunrise and sunset, as well as frosty car windscreens to defrost!

The colder weather has also helped to create a more festive atmosphere and the environment has been busy with the younger children in school preparing for their nativities. Thank you to those at home supporting with the learning of lines and song lyrics; the whole school watched Y1/2 dress rehearsal on Thursday afternoon and will get an opportunity to see Reception Class on Monday.

The hall was packed to the brim when parents and grandparents came to watch Class 3 perform their class assembly on Wednesday. They spoke so clearly about their 'Stone Age' learning – well done to all!

Whilst Christmas is a busy time in schools, it is always lovely to see the excitement and joy on the children's faces. Tonight, our FOSAS group will host the '**Christmas Disco**' and a big thank you to ex – pupil Dexter for his DJ skills!

In the last week, we have organised a visiting pantomime company as well as ensuring time for Christmas Dinner and Party Afternoon! We have been asked about Christmas jumpers! Please don't go to lots of expense, but if children do have a Christmassy jumper, they can wear it on Christmas Dinner Day on the 20th and the 21st for Party Day.

Sporting Updates

On Monday, some children participated in the 'Bassetlaw School Games' Trampolining Workshop for showing promise in gymnastics. This enabled them to stretch their existing skills and try something new. There were some very impressive pike and straddle shapes.



After School Club

Activities w/c 11/12/23 Theme: Christmas

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Christmas collage	Pine cone tree	CONNECT	Christmas decorations	Decorating biscuits

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. **In order to avoid disappointment, all bookings for both clubs to be made on ParentPay the previous week.**

FOSAS

A message from Kate Fletcher, FOSAS Chair on behalf of the whole FOSAS group:

Thank you so much to everyone who donated, volunteered and attended the Christmas fair. It was great to see so many people getting into the festive spirit. We raised £668 which is amazing!

Raffle tickets are still on sale for the wonderful Christmas hampers – available in school at £1.00.

We're looking forward to seeing the children at the Christmas discos tonight. KS1 disco is from 5.30pm until 6.30pm and the KS2 disco is from 6.45pm until 8pm.

Entry is £3 at the main entrance. The Church gates will be open.

Thank you to you all for your support this year, we have plenty more events planned for 2024 which we can't wait to tell you about!

Everyone at FOSAS wishes you and your families a wonderfully Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

A note from Mrs Middleton – no mobile phones are allowed in school. ALL children will need collecting by an adult due to the time of night. Thank you.

News from the Classes

Class Reception

Class Reception enjoyed a visit from the Police last Friday as part of their work around 'people who help us'. They found out the different ways the Police help people and they got to see some of the things that are inside a police car. The children have been working very hard on their Nativity Performance and are getting more and more confident about their roles. They are looking forward to sharing it with their grown-ups next week.

Class One

This week has been full of nativity practices for Year 1 and they have been incredible with them. They have worked hard on their singing and dances on stage. They were full of excitement when they performed with Class 2 to the whole school and they can't wait to perform for their grown-ups next week!

Class Two

This week in Design and Technology, Year 2 have continued to refine their sewing skills in order to help them join two pieces of material together to make glove puppets later on in the term. The children showed real perseverance in (what was for most of them) a new skill.



Class Three

This week in Year 3 the children have been trying a range of dips and dippers as part of their Design Technology work. This also links to their Science work and has really got them thinking about healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet. They also demonstrated just how much they had learnt about the Stone Age during their assembly on Wednesday afternoon. After sharing all their knowledge, they quizzed the audience to see how much they had learnt.

Class Four

In Design and Technology, Year 4 are beginning to finish their sewing products and are now evaluating their work and making any changes needed. There are some very impressive decorations being produced. In English, they have been writing their own narrative based on the book 'The great kapok tree'. They were tasked with describing the characters, setting and including speech. There are some fantastic pieces of writing being produced and some definite budding authors in Year 4. In French this half term, they have been learning how to say what they are and aren't able to do, focusing on verbs in French. They are loving developing their linguistic techniques and impressed Mrs Middleton with their French speaking.

Class Five

This week Year 5 have completed their first set of assessments. Mrs Camish has been really impressed with the concentration and perseverance shown by all. In Maths, the children are finding equivalent fractions and they are really beginning to make links with previous learning. The children became geographers this week when they worked in teams to present their understanding on human and physical geography. They used the data collected from Hathersage and Worksop walks to make comparisons. Another great week, well done Class 5!

Class Six

Year 6 have been designing and creating a box, which will function as storage for their cookies (next week's project). They were given a design brief and most of them have met the specifications. They have finally finished the fraction unit in Maths and have worked so hard to remember all the different rules. Ask them what you need to do if you're finding a fraction of an amount, they should dance for you! In English they are writing their own narratives based on the Sainsbury's Christmas advert 'The WWI Truce' and have written some excellent descriptions. In Science they are continuing to learn how to classify living things and in Computing they are almost complete with designing their own websites.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week

Class Reception – Archie & Alex

Class One – Pippa & Isla

Class Two – Marcel & Daisy

Class Three – Georgiana

Class Four – Nicole

Class Five – Darcie & Zachary

Class Six – Taylor

Lunch time Stars: Eva – Ann for settling in so well this week.

Out of School Achievements:

Georgiana and Victoria (3) have gained their Karate green belt – well done girls!

Florence (R) has achieved her yellow belt – a great demonstration!

Julia (2) has earned her orange belt – well done !

Amelia (5) took part in a kickboxing tournament in Manchester and came back with a medal – well done!

Adam (4) & Christina (3) came back from a Ninja Warrior experience.

Jude (2) for the part he played at a recent Memorial Service in Doncaster.

In School Gymnastic Awards

Explore Apparatus 1

Troy, Oscar, Emilia, Christina, Rosanna, Sonia & Heidi from Class 3

Explore Apparatus 2

Lily(3)

Explore Core Skills 1

Kitty, Teddy, Aklan, Lily and Leo in Class 1

Explore Core Skills 2

Phoebe (3)

Church Services

Sunday 10th December

9am Holy Communion with Rev Nigel & Rev Dave

10.15ish Service for All Ages – advent Family Communion with Rev Dave

StA@6pm Worship, word and prayer – Advent Reflection led by Rev Dave

Wednesday 13th 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 14th 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 15th 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.

Advance Notice

Sunday 17th December 6.30pm – Carols by Candlelight Service

9th December 4pm – Doug Horley Christmas Bubble Party & Nativity 4pm- tickets still available on the door. £30 for a family of up to 5 or £7.50 a ticket.

******* 15th January *******

Deadline for applications for Reception 2024.

We still have spaces, spread the word and encourage those you know to apply.

2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	94.7%
1	95.8%
2	96.9%
3	98.1%
4	95.7%
5	95.9%
6	95.4%
ALL	96.15%

Prayers for the week from Frances & Lilia

Dear Lord,

Thank you for Jesus, our Saviour, our Lord, our Messiah and thank you Lord for all our lives, you give us hope and happiness. Amen

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us advent and helping us be the best we can be. Amen

Whether you have a busy weekend coming up, or a quieter couple of days- whatever you have planned this weekend, we hope you enjoy it.

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

- 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

January

- 4th – Children return to school
- 8th – Reception Forest School – Session 1
- 15th – Reception Forest School – Session 2
- 16th – Year 4 to Voces 8 workshop – Worksop College
- 16th – Rev Ken Johnson leading Hinduism Workshop – Y5
- 22nd – Reception Forest Schools – Session 3
- 29th – Reception Forest Schools – Session 4

February

- 1st – Class 2 ‘Class Assembly’ – 2.45pm
- 6th – Safer Internet Day
Parents Evening
- 7th – Parents Evening
- 9th – Inset Day
- 19th – Return to school
- 20th – Choir to Young Voices
- 23rd – Swimming Gala
- 26th – Gobs Admissions Committee

March

- 7th – World Book day
- 14th – Class 1 Class Assembly
Finance & Personnel Governing Body Meeting
- 18th – Yr. 6 Parents SATS Information Evening 5pm
- 26th – Full Govrning Body Meeting
- 28th – End of term service 2pm