



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 19th January 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

It's been a very cold week but Fridays bring 'warmth' as we celebrate the special mentions in 'Star of the Week'. There is nothing that makes me prouder than reading the comments written by the teachers when a child has demonstrated in their learning how hard they are trying. As you know, my line to them all is: 'Be the best you, you can be'.

This term is short and is one of focus ensuring children build on their skills. You will have received an invitation to book a 'Spring Term' parents evening and we encourage you to attend. If you require a 'longer' time, please liaise with your child's class teacher as the teachers will be trying to stick to their time slots so that other parents are not sat waiting around long into the evening.

Sport:

On Thursday this week, 12 children from Year 5 and 6 attended the Sports Hall Athletics competition at Retford Oaks. They represented the school fantastically, working hard in all of the events. We are yet to receive the overall results but will share them as soon as they come in!



A message from Miss BurgoyneBritish Science Week will soon be upon us and we would like to run a competition that all pupils can participate in. We would like you to create a model, poster or experiment based upon this year's Science Week theme.

The theme this year is 'Time', – there are lots of STEM topics to explore! Children are tasked with creating a project linked to this theme. They could show how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. They could also go futuristic and show us how they think the world might look in years to come, designing their own invention or time-telling piece. Or perhaps they could look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994. Pupils could think about scientific innovations since then, or explore 1994 itself – what was life like 30 years ago?

How will the competition be judged?

- **Creativity in approach** – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme – don't be afraid to think outside the box!
- **Content** – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
- **Effective communication** – presented and communicated in an engaging way

How will the day work?

On Wednesday 13th March, projects can be brought to the school hall from 8:30am to be displayed, viewed by the rest of the school and judged throughout the day.

At 2:30pm, parents are invited to come along and view the children's projects and find out this year's winners. Teas, coffees and biscuits will also be available. At 3pm, we will host a short assembly, where the winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded.

Prizes:

1st Place: Magna voucher

2nd place: Science kit

3rd place: Science book

All entries will receive a participation certificate and team points.

It would be lovely once again to see lots of exciting entries showing the work of our young scientists. Please come along and support this event. It was such a fantastic afternoon at our Science Fair last year.





Useful links:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/#:~:text=it's%20about%20time!-,British%20Science%20Week%202024%20is%20just%20around%20the%20corner%20on,activity%20packs%20%E2%80%93%20available%20from%20today!>
<https://www.ascreatives.com/british-science-week-2024/>

Year 6 SATs 2024

SATs for the current Year 6's will commence during the week of **May 13th 2024**. These are **statutory** tests and children **MUST BE IN** school to take them. Please do not book any HOLIDAYS or any other events during this week.

Wintery Weather

The weather hasn't been too severe and certainly not as bad as past years just yet! When needed, our paths around the school are gritted each day. Please stick to the gritted areas for safety and take care.

Should our school be forced to close in snow or treacherous conditions, please note the following:

- *An early notice will be posted on our website.*

- *A text message concerning the closure will be sent to each parent on our 'Class Parents' list / or the First Contact given by parents to our School Office.*
- *Staff will be outside to inform parents/carers of the unforeseen closure, if able to reach the school building themselves.*

You will appreciate, this will be an exceptional circumstance and the school will only be closed if absolutely necessary. Working parents should ensure emergency child care is put in place and phone numbers are up to date, should we need to contact you at any time. In any circumstance, parents are always requested to make decisions re: the safety of travel for themselves.

After School Club

Activities w/c 22nd January - Theme – Scotland & Burns Night

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Scottish Dancing	Paper chains	Connect or other activity in shared area	Tartan Weaving	Painting thistles

As well as time for homework, reading, game playing and crafts.

Did you know?

School Dinners – all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can have a free school meal – these are hot, nutritious dinners made on site by Mrs Dunncliff and Mrs Unwin. This changes in Years 3-6 where parents have to pay £2.95 per meal.

A reminder also to see if you are eligible for **Free School Meals** – this applies to **all** year groups and means you get subsidised trips, uniform and after-school sports (not After-School Club – wraparound care). It also makes you eligible for free Breakfast Club in the morning. See if you can receive it by logging on to: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals

News from the Classes

Class Reception

This week Class Reception enjoyed their second 'Forest School' session. They made fairy homes and used items from the forest floor to make their own fairy crowns. The children had a camp fire, roasted marshmallows and made popcorn. In class they have continued to learn about the Traditional Tale 'Little Red Hen.' They have been learning some facts about hens and Mrs Ridout brought in two of her hens so the children could see some features of a hen close up. This helped us with our sketching and hen art work.

Class One

This week Year 1 have enjoyed learning and retelling the story of 'Whatever Next' through Talk for Writing. They have created their own actions for key parts of the story and are now working on writing the story. They enjoy retelling the story to their friends and acting out different parts in the story.

Class Two

The children have been using floor robots in computing in order to see what happens when we change the order of instructions. They used the same instructions to create different algorithms before programming the sequence into a 'BeeBot'.

Class Three

This week Year 3 have continued their work on multiplication in Maths and they are working hard to develop and secure their knowledge of the three and four timetables. In History they have continued to develop their understanding of life in Britain during the Iron Age and have begun their learning about the Roman Invasion. Quentin Blake's illustrations have been their focus in Art this week, they looked at how he draws characters in an exaggerated way to emphasise a part of the text.

Class Four

Year 4 have had a busy week starting with their visit to Worksop College on Tuesday where they participated in the VOCES8 workshop with A Capella group 'Apollo 5.' Over the course of the day they learnt 6 new songs from 'Renaissance and Tudor pieces' to songs in 'Namibian and French', finishing with some more modern pieces. After a busy day of learning, rehearsing and plenty of refreshments, they performed confidently in a concert for their grownups. In Computing this week, Year 4 were learning to write algorithms in order to program a shape. They managed to program the algorithm to create their own initials. On Thursday in French, they were learning how to ask for a kilo of vegetables using the names of the ten vegetables they have learnt in previous weeks. It was very impressive to see them correctly pronouncing their sentences in French. Year 4 finished the week in Science by constructing their own circuits, they had to select the correct component and then fix any problems within their circuit.





Class Five

It has been another exciting week for Year 5 as they continue to travel back in time thousands of years to discover Ancient Egypt. They became historians on Monday and had to use the clues given to them to make comparisons between 4 of the earliest civilisations. They considered what was meant by the term civilisation and used their existing knowledge of the 'Stone Age' to discuss how early forms of communication evolved.

On Tuesday, they were treated to an afternoon workshop led by Rev Ken Johnson, who immersed them into the religion of Hinduism. They learnt about prayer, Diwali, practised traditional dance and joined in with drama to tell the story of 'Rama and Sita.'

In Maths, the children continue to impress Mrs Camish with their knowledge of multiplication and have moved on from the grid method to the trickier formal written method of long multiplication. This week, they have realised how vital a good knowledge of times tables is, so it is essential that children practise on TTRS regularly at home to secure this fluency.

Class Six

This week Year 6 have been learning how to 'spike,' 'dig' and 'set' in volleyball and tried really hard to perfect their techniques. They have started to research what life was like during WWII, specifically the Blitz. During Computing this week, children were able to change the variables, while coding and make their own score boards. Class 6 have just started their Algebra unit in Maths and have created and mastered function machines.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week

Class Reception – Eva Ann & Jack

Class One – Delilah & Lilly

Class Two – Marcus & Eliza

Class Three – Briea

Class Four – Toby

Class Five – Isobel N

Class Six – Harry A

Lunch time Stars:

Ewan (3) for playing well, Jasper (1) for having a great week and to Georgiano (4) for great sportsmanship.

Out of School Achievements:

Georgiana (3) Stage 8 and 9 swimming

James (4) wearing the Captain band and Man of the Match award for last weekend's game with SJR.

Ollie -Tom (4) received "man of the match" for both his academy football team he plays with on a Saturday and his football team he plays with for SJR on Sunday last week. He scored 2 goals in the Sunday match leading them to a win.

Annie (3) gaining her performance badge in brownies.

George (6) received 'man of the match' at his match last Saturday from his team which is part of Worksop Boys and Girls.

Well done everyone.

Church Services

Sunday 21st January

9am Holy Communion

10.15ish Service for All Ages

6pm St Anne's at 6pm

Wednesday 24th January 2023

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 January 2023

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 26th January 2023

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.

2023-2024 Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	96.7%
1	97.7%
2	95.9%
3	95.0%
4	93.2%
5	95.3%
6	97.7%
ALL	95.9%

Prayer for the week from Mia - Angel (6) and Ashley (6)

Dear Lord

Persevering and working hard may feel difficult but all will be worth it. Help us not to forget to work hard and achieve our goals. Amen

Dear God

Help us to remember to persevere and work hard – it does not come for free. 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:

January

22nd – Reception Forest Schools – Session 3
Year 6 Class trip
24th – Class 3 'Portals of the past' visitor
29th – Reception Forest Schools – Session 4
30th – Rev Ken Johnson leading Judaism workshop in y2 & Islam in y3

February

1st – Class 2 'Class Assembly' – **rescheduled to 21st March 2.45pm**
6th – Safer Internet Day
Parents Evening
7th – Parents Evening
9th – **Inset Day (Children not in school)**

HALF TERM

19th – Return to school
Year 3 start swimming
20th – Choir to Young Voices
23rd – Swimming Gala
26th – Gvs Admissions Committee
29th – Phonics screening workshop for Year 1 parents

March

7th – World Book day
14th – Class 1 Class Assembly
18th – Yr. 6 Parents SATS Information Evening 5pm
19th – Science workshops for whole school
Bikeability for Y3 and on 20th
21st – Class 2 Class Assembly
22nd - DaArt Graduation Y6 2.30pm – parents welcome
28th – End of term service 2pm

April

15th – Return to school
26th – Rugby Megafest – Y3/4

May

13th – SATS for Year 6 all week
27th – 31st Half term

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