

Newsletter

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Bishop Brian's Visit

The children were delighted to welcome Bishop Brian to school on Thursday 24th January to celebrate Mass with us and to bless the new classroom. As a treat the children had ice lollies and an extra playtime! The Bishop commented on our children's outstanding behaviour and their respectful approach to prayer and worship. Thank you to those parents and parishioners who were able to join us.

Lent and Good Shepherd

As you will be aware from a letter sent out earlier this week, during Lent we are raising funds for the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal which helps disadvantaged children here in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. Please fill your sheep with silver coins and return them to school before the Easter break. Raffle tickets are also on sale for Easter eggs which will be raffled each Friday in every class. Tickets are available for 20p each.

On Maundy Thursday 20th March, we will be holding a 'Wear White for Peace' event. The children are asked to come to school dressed in white, with a £1.00 donation towards the appeal. Thank you in advance for your support (Persil on standby!!).

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place on a voluntary basis each Friday lunchtime during Lent. Please encourage your child to join us as we prepare for Easter in prayer.

Sacramental Preparation

There will be a meeting for Year 3 parents on 20th February here in school, and First Forgiveness will take place on 27th February at 7.00pm at St Anne's Church. The parents' First Communion meeting will be held on 23rd April at 7.00pm here in school. First Holy Communion will take place at 12 Noon on 8th June. We look forward to working with you on your child's very special and important journey.

Latecomers

An astonishing **20 pupils** were late for school last week. Please ensure your child arrives on time (i.e before 8;55am) as it disrupts your child's start to the day and delays work in the office.

Prayer Garden

We have received an extremely generous donation towards our garden from Mr and Mrs O'Hagan and their son Andrew who is now a pupil at St Thomas More Catholic High School. Following the death of Mr O'Hagan's Grandma, donations were requested in place of funeral flowers as Mrs Marjorie Lloyd spent many happy years at St Anne's as a Dinner Lady. She retired in 1985 after 25 years loyal service. Please see attached photograph – do you recognise anyone?!! The O'Hagan family then also made a further donation to our prayer garden fund. We thank them for their generosity and thoughtfulness. The School Council are busy making plans and designs for the garden. We hope to embark upon this project as soon as the weather improves.

Helping Hands at St Anne's

Last week the Helping Hands from Year 5 organised a 'Golden Mile' competition to raise money for additional lunchtime playground equipment. Thank you for your support. £31.85 was raised – well done! We have managed to purchase lots of lovely new equipment which the children are now enjoying each day.

Choir Concert

The end of the year Choir Concert will take place on 10th and 11th July at 7.00pm. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Lunches

We are still receiving lunch money late in the week. Please remember that lunch money must be sent in on Monday morning. This includes the Friday Special as all produce is fresh and needs to be ordered in advance. Friday Special is £1.80. Lunches for the week are £9.00 with cheques payable to Cheshire County Council.

Uniform Re-Sale

On 18th February at 3.15pm Mrs Bibby has arranged for a uniform sale to take place in the hall. If you require any extra uniform, please make a note of this date in your diary.

Cricket

Cricket will be available as an after school activity from Thursday 21st February. If your child is interested in taking part in coaching sessions with Stuart McCleod, please contact Miss Hughes. A letter detailing cost and arrangements is available from the parent pockets. The cost is £18.00 for 6 weeks sessions payable in advance.

Photocopying

Apologies if this Newsletter reaches you later than usual this week – we continue to have problems with the photocopier!

Travelling Books

Thank you to those parents who supported the Scholastic Book Fair in school this week. £60.00 was raised to spend on books in school. The Travelling Book Fair will be with us from 18th to 25th February in time for World Book Day. On 20th February a representative from Travelling Books will lead an assembly on the importance of reading.

Rainy Mornings

If we have a rainy start to the day, we invite all children to come in and shelter from 8.40am onwards. Children must enter the school via the double doors on KS2 corridor. As is our usual routine, parents do not need to accompany their child as we feel it is important to continue to develop independent skills. There is adequate supervision in the hall and around the building.

Friends of St Anne's

The next meeting of the Friends of St Anne's will take place on Thursday 7th February at 8.00pm in the Crockinson Farm pub. Please come and support us – all are welcome!

Forthcoming Events

Film Night – KS2 – 6.30pm on 29th February
Fancy Dress Disco

Year 5 Residential

Class 6 will be spending 4 days in Anglesey at the Conway Centre from 4th to 7th March. The children are looking forward to a busy programme of art, drama and music. The theme will be Global Citizenship. We look forward to sharing their experiences on their return.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 6th March from 8.15am. This will be for individual and sibling photographs. A photographer will also be available in the Nursery on 11th April who specialises in babies and toddlers.

INSET

Our final three INSET days are :

6th May 2008

21st & 22nd July 2008

School closes for Easter on Thursday 20th March and reopens on Monday 7th April

Please make a note in your diaries

End of Key Stage Assessments and Tests

End of Key Stage SATs for Year 6 take place week beginning 12th May. During this week the whole school will be involved in tests and assessments. Please make a note in your diary.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on 20th May for Key Stage 1 children – ie Classes 1 to 3 – and Key Stage 2 – ie Classes 4 to 7 – Sports Day will take place on 22nd May. This will enable us to reschedule if the weather is inclement on those days. We will follow our usual format which will be competitive sports in the morning and team activities in house groups in the afternoon. Both scores will combine for an overall house winner.

Parental Feedback

Thank you to those parents / carers who returned their feedback forms. Most feedback requested information regarding the content of the Spanish curriculum. In response to this, please find attached a sample overview of the learning objectives and activities in which your child is involved. Senor Reuben would be happy to speak to any parents individually regarding the progress of their child. An appointment would need to be made for after school on Mondays only as this is the day Senor Reuben is in school.

Party Ideas

If you are looking for ideas for your child's birthday party, please see details below from Abbie's Mum in Class 5.

Walk for Wingate

A 4km Children's Walk/Run in aid of the Wingate Special Children's Trust is to be held at Cholmondley Castle on 28th April 2008. There is a £5.00 registration fee and for this each child will receive an event T-Shirt, a medal, certificate and a healthy snack box. The walk will also qualify towards their Golden Mile achievement. Further information and registration forms are available via Annabelle Maguire-Jones (Class 3) or ring Vicki on 661881.