

Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new school year – despite the drizzle we've had a positive start to the term so far. It has been great to hear about everyone's summer adventures these last few days – and the children certainly look relaxed and refreshed.

We extend a particularly warm welcome to Mrs Mosley who joins our teaching staff; to Harvey, Aisha, Melissa, Erin, Sophie, Maria, Samuel C, Ben, Freddie, Thea, Eleanor, Ty, Eva, Esther, Oliver, Millie, Jessica, Georgina, Louis, Elliot, Claire, Edward, Jasmin, Sam R, Euan, Nathaniel, Grace, Callum, Harvey and Morgan who join us in Reception; and also to Cameron and Orla McMurray who sneaked in just before the summer break in Y5 and Y1. Welcome also to Sara who joins us in Y3.

This week is the Reception children's first full week in. The signs are that they have all settled extremely well so far! We have even managed to manoeuvre wet starts and coming in a strange door!

The school structure and classes are as follows for this academic year :

- Class 1 YR Mrs Mosley (30)
- Class 2 Y1 Miss McGonigle (30)
- Class 3 Y2 Mrs Barnes (25)
- Class 4 Y3 Mrs James and Mrs Roberts (25)
- Class 5 Y4 Miss Hughes (28)
- Class 6 Y5 Miss Georgiou (27)
- Class 7 Y6 Mrs King and Mrs Cameron (23)

This makes our school population 188 in total this term. The classroom bases will remain the same as last year.

As always, thank you to all our parents / carers for ensuring that our children are immaculately turned out in their school uniforms and new shoes.

Sadly over the summer break we were the victims of some wilful damage and vandalism. We no longer have our full quota of benches for the children, the roof has been tampered with and our litter bins have been removed from the site. If you live around the school site, please be vigilant and report anyone on the front or the back of the site over weekends and evenings directly to Nantwich Police.

SATs Results 2008

Following a catalogue of well publicised disasters surrounding the marking of the SATs this summer I am delighted to share with you our results from Summer 08.

These figures are based on a cohort of 21 children

	Level 4 + (average)	National Average approx	Level 5 (above average)	National Average approx
English	90.5%	80%	61%	33%
Maths	90.5%	77%	38%	33%
Science	85.7%	88%	81%	46%

Congratulations to all our past Y6 pupils who worked extremely hard to achieve these results and a huge thank you to **all** our teaching and support staff, particularly Mrs King and Mrs Cameron who ensure that all our children reach their potential.

New Arrival

Welcome to Daisy Lewthwaite who arrived safely just as we returned to school! Both Oliver and Ysabel are enjoying being the big brother and sister. Congratulations ! We look forward to meeting her soon.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening (Target Setting) will take place on Wednesday 22nd October. Appointments will be made nearer the time.

Holiday List & INSET

	School Closes	School re-opens
Summer 2008		Wednesday 3 rd September
Autumn Half Term	Friday 24 th October	Monday 3 rd November
Christmas	Friday 19 th December	Monday 5 th January 2009
Spring Half Term	Friday 13 th February	Monday 23 rd February
Easter 2009	Friday 3 rd April	Monday 20 th April
May Day	Friday 1 st May	Tuesday 5 th May
Summer Half Term	Friday 22 nd May	Monday 1 st June
Summer 2009	Tuesday 21 st July	

Parents are reminded that wherever possible holidays with children should be taken during the official school holidays. Please note that leave of absence will not be granted during the test period in the Spring & Summer Terms.

INSET DAYS (school closed for pupils)

Friday 13th February 2009; Tuesday 5th May 2009; Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July 2009

Office Protocol

Please be aware that the school office is constantly busy. The door and telephone will be answered as soon as possible, but as you will appreciate, Mrs Ashbrooke may well be engaged on another task. Please bear in mind also that if you are contacting the school by telephone, it is our policy that you will be asked what it is regarding so you can be directed to the most appropriate person to deal with your query. To improve your contact with the office the following things are expected; ensure that lunch money and all monies are received in clearly marked envelopes; ensure that your child has all they need for the day before 8:55am; ensure that your child arrives on time and that arrangements are in place for collection at home time or that child care arrangements are clear; please remember that Monday mornings are particularly busy and the office should only be contacted as a last resort. Thank you for your consideration.

Please remember that appointments must be made to speak to staff as they are teaching all day and they must be your first line of contact if you have any issues or problems. Please make use of Monday 'drop in' time from 3:15pm – 4:00pm as staff are available to see you informally with any issues you wish to raise.

Medication

If your child requires long or short term prescription medication, please ensure that all the relevant paper work is in place by contacting Mrs Tobin as soon as possible and completing a medical form during parent information evening this week. If your child requires an inhaler or epipen, please ensure they are in date.

Parent Governor Election

We have a vacancy on the school governing body for an elected parent governor. Nominations are needed for a parent governor together with a proposer, seconder and a pen portrait of the nominee to school by Friday 26th September.

Ballot papers will be issued to parents on Friday 11th October, to be returned by Friday 17th October 2008. Mrs Ashbrooke has further details if you are interested.

Class Led Collective Worship

Please join us for Class led assemblies on Friday mornings as listed in the diary dates. Any changes to these arrangements will be sent in writing with your child.

Religious Education Parent Leaflet

Please find attached, this terms Parent information on our Here I Am topics and religious education programme.

Sunflowers at St Anne's

If you require a place for either before or after school care, please contact Mrs Johnson (Fiona) on 623333 for further information. There are places available and the system we operate is as flexible as possible to cater for your needs. Sunflowers@StAnne's now operates a special rate for children wanting to stay for after school activities. Again, for any information, please contact Mrs Johnson at Sunflowers@St Anne's.

Car Parking

Please remember that the school site is for nursery staff, school staff, nursery parents and visitors to school. **Parents of school children must not park on the school site at any time.** Parents/ Carers accessing Sunflowers before and after school club should use the spaces in the middle of the car park as the spaces in front of the Hall are for school staff use.

The disabled parking space is reserved for those with a disabled badge AT ALL TIMES.

Extra Curricular Activities

Dramarama re-started this week on Mondays & Tuesdays. Please check availability with Mrs Speet directly on 619390.

Golf will take place from October and details will be available soon.

We are delighted to now able to offer 'Multi skills' on Mondays from 3:15pm – 4:15pm for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children from Monday 15th September. The sessions will be run by professional coaches from Sportscape, who are now covering part of our PE curriculum in school during the week. 'Multi skills' is a recognised programme which develops the fundamentals of all sports through skills such as running, catching, striking, throwing, balance and coordination. The sessions will be £3.50. Please collect a flyer from the parent information pockets for more information.

KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics will be held in the school hall on Tuesday afternoons. The KS1 session will run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and KS2 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. The sessions will be led by a coach from Camm Street Crewe & Nantwich Gym Club and the cost will be £1.50 per session (£9.00 for this half term made payable to St Anne's School Fund – payment to be made once a place has been confirmed). In order make access easier, any child in KS2 requiring a place at Sunflowers until 4.30pm, will be offered a special rate of £15.00 for the half term. This will need to be made payable to Sunflowers @ St Anne's. Places have already been offered to children who showed an interest last year but there a very limited number of places left. Application forms for these sessions are available in the parent information pockets.

Swimming

Swimming for Y3 begins on Monday 15th September.

Head Lice

Please see information sheet in parent pockets which includes FAQ's. Please continue to be vigilant!

Admission 09

Cheshire County Council are now collating details for admission to Primary Schools for September 09 for children born between 1st September 2004 and 31st August 2005. On line applications are available from www.cheshire.gov.uk/admissions or complete and return the application form sent to you in May ASAP. Please ring 0845 1110 304 for any further information.

It is vital that forms are received on time.

Parents of children in Y6 have also been contacted recently about admission to High School. Again, it is imperative that your child's form is received on time.

School Lunches

The price of school lunches has increased from 1st September 2008 to £1.90 per day (£9.50 per week). Cheques will still be payable to Cheshire County Council. Many thanks.

The school menu will be updated later this half term and the healthy mid morning snacks are still available.

Prayer Garden

The school council and Mrs Cameron are in the planning stages of the garden, and will soon be offering everyone the opportunity to 'put roots down' by sponsoring a tree, shrub, stepping stone etc in memory of a loved one or as a family group etc. Look out for more information about how you can take part during this term.

Reports & Questionnaires

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Van Needed

If you would be able to collect a shelving unit from a school in Crewe within the next few days, please contact Mrs Fau-Goodwin. Thank you in advance!

School Fund

Our School Fund helps to subsidise activities and equipment that are not provided for in our school budget. In the past we have been able to pay for artists in residence, subsidise coach costs for trips, buy digital cameras for school, lunchtime play equipment, gazebos, benches – the list is endless. We very much rely on the generosity and support of our parents and thank them for the donations they have made over previous years. We look forward to your continued support. Until now we have always kept this rather low key, and certain families have made individual independent donations. With a very tight budget, being a small primary school and with costs increasing all the time, we will now have to operate the system more formally than before. Please support our school and your children by sending in this term's donation of £5 per family or £15 for the year in a clearly marked envelope with your child as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance!

Friends of St Anne's

The next event will take place on Monday 20th October. Please look out for the flyer and make a date in your diary!

Toddlers

A parent and toddler group will operate at the back of St Anne's Church on Fridays from 9.15am to 11.30am. All are welcome! The cost is £1.50 per session for any child 0-4 years. This is a great way to meet other parents of similar aged children and make great friends.

Diary Dates

Friday 26th September Class 3 Y2 to lead Collective Worship 9:00am
Friday 26th September Class 2 Y1 to Northwich
Friday 26th September Class 5 Y4 to Food Festival in Nantwich
1st October Sacramental Preparation Meeting Y3 Parents 7pm in school
Friday 3rd October Harvest 9:30am
Wednesday 8th October Enrolment Mass in Church 7pm Y3
Friday 10th October Y3 Class 4 to lead Collective Worship 9:00am
Friday 17th October Y5 Class 6 to lead Collective Worship 9:00am
Monday 20th October Friends of St Anne's Event
Wednesday 22nd October Parents Evening (Target Setting)
Thursday 23rd October Class 6 Y5 Little Moreton Hall
Thursday 23rd October Class 2 Y1 to visit Nantwich
Friday 24th October Class 2 Y1 to lead Collective Worship 9:00am

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