

Newsletter

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Lent and Good Shepherd

As you know during Lent we are raising funds for the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal which helps disadvantaged children here in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. Please remember to fill your sheep with silver coins and return them to school before the Easter break. Thank you to those who have returned them already!! 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.

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

First Forgiveness took place on 27th February 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.

Prayer Garden

We will be receiving an extremely generous donation towards our garden from The Friends of St Anne's who are matching penny for penny the funds the children have raised so far. This will enable us to begin work fairly shortly. 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.

Year 4 Trip to the Manchester Museum of Science & Industry

Year 4 children had an excellent time at the Museum on Thursday 6th March. They enjoyed taking part in a wide range of experiments, visiting the Power Hall and the Air and Space Centre.

Year 2 Trip to Nantwich Museum

Class 3 had a very interesting morning on Tuesday 11th March when, as part of their history work, they visited Nantwich Museum to learn about the Fire of Nantwich. Allison, the Curator of the Museum, met us wearing a Tudor costume and led us on a guided tour of the town. She showed us places of historical interest and told us of life in Tudor times. We then spent time in the Museum learning how to put out fires and enjoying the role play. We learned a great deal and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you very much to those parents / carers who were able to accompany us.

Year 6 Victorian Day

On Thursday 28th February Year 6 children dressed up in Victorian costume and gained an insight into life as it would have been in the Victorian era. Here are some of their comments following the day!

“Dear Diary – Today it was my first day in Set V. I brushed my teeth, cleaned my hands and washed my face. I hoped our new teacher, Mrs Rossiter, is not too harsh on me. I try my best. I go to St Anne’s Roman Catholic School down Welsh Row. I am IV years old and come from Beam Street.

When I arrived in the classroom it was cold and gloomy. Mrs Rossiter looked very mean. It was sunny outside. This looked like a very bad day for me!

The first thing we were given were our dip pens and our copy books. Then we did the alphabet. Then we did our object lesson on the horse which was great because my friend has got a few! We then did our boring times table and we did a drawing. I had to draw a rock – how amazing! Some lad called Leo Wainwright blotted his copybook so 6 canes for him on each hand (12 altogether) – we heard him do a girl’s scream!!!”

Rebekah Williams

“Dear Diary – We walked into a very cold and dark classroom and sat down with the feared dip pens in front of us. It was probably one of the largest classrooms in the school. Our classroom has a lovely view of the school field but there is no time to admire the view as there is work to do! We received our copy books. The first thing to do was to write out the alphabet. My pen did not work as Mary Hall had switched it for one with a broken rib. Then there was a Bible reading and someone got out some rosary beads. In the object lesson we looked at the horse – I did not know it could be so interesting!

Then we did money sums with pounds, shillings and pence. I myself have had no more than a shilling in my life! Then we learned about the current affairs of our gracious Queen Victoria and the American Civil War.”

John Austin-Sheridan

Barnaby Bear

Barnaby Bear is feeling a little sad at the moment because holiday times are approaching and no-one has invited him to join them! Recently Barnaby has spent holidays with Daniel Kettle and Christine Lawson and he had a great time! Thank you to them. Barnaby is washed and ready to go! Please see Mrs Barnes if you wish to take him on holiday over the Easter period.

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.

Football

On Wednesday 27th February Year 5/Year 6 football team went to Crewe Alexandra Soccer Centre for a football tournament. The team finished fourth place in our group. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the morning and took great delight in beating the group winners 2-1!!

P E Surveys

Thank you to all parents / carers who have completed and returned the PE Questionnaire which was distributed last week. It is a pleasure to collate the sporting achievements of our children and to acknowledge the high standards they are reaching in their various sports. We do ask **all** parents / carers to return a questionnaire for each child in order to help us fill in a school survey and build our PE 'Wall of Fame' for sporting superstars!

Sports Relief

On Friday 14th March St Anne's will be helping to raise funds for Sports Relief by 'Rising to the Challenge'! Children will be asked to wear sports clothing and will be challenged to complete at least a mile of our Golden Mile route. We ask that children bring £1.00 to help support this cause and we are sure we will have a fun-filled and active day!

Year 3 Swimming

The last swimming session for the academic year will take place next Monday 17th March.

Friends of St Anne's

Copies of the Yellow Moon catalogues have been distributed to children this week. Please do take a look at them and place your orders if you can. We receive commission for the school on all orders placed so this is an easy way to raise funds for our children. Thank you.

Year 5 Residential to Conway

Our Year 5 residential trip to Conway was a fantastic success and all the children had a fabulous time learning about different cultures around the world following a theme of 'Shared Earth'. They turned their hand to African drumming, t-shirt painting, Indian dancing and even a little Romany story telling! The Year 5 assembly, which will show what we did whilst we were away, will take place on Friday 14th March at 9.00am. A big thank you to all parents / carers for enabling the trip to go ahead and to all the Year 5 children for making St Anne's proud of them. A huge thank you also to Miss Georgiou who organised this trip so ably.

School & Nursery Photographs

Just a reminder that the photographer will be in school 10th April for the annual school photographs. The session will start in school from 8:30am for those who wish any pre-school children to be photographed with their sibling/s. A photographer will also be available in the Nursery on 11th April.

Nantwich Triathlon

St Anne's are entering a team for the Nantwich Triathlon in June. We are hoping to be sponsored and are also hoping that many parents will volunteer to take part and represent the school. If you would like to be part of team St Anne's, please let Mrs Fau-Goodwin know.

Diary Dates

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