

# Newsletter

---

St Anne's Catholic Primary School  
Wellington Road  
Nantwich  
Cheshire  
CW5 7DA

**Telephone:** 01270 625100

**Facsimile:** 01270 620651

E-mail: [admin@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk)

---

Week Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Issue No : 140

## Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to the following children who have joined our St Anne's family since the half term : Wil and Ben Pittam (YR Y3); Riley Strachan (Y2); Cordelia Weston (Y3); and Lauren Coulter (Y5). We are sure they will all settle very quickly and begin to enjoy their educational and spiritual journey within our school. Our school community has now risen to 192 pupils.

## Holy Souls

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Each child will be given a silver card to decorate and write on the names of family members and friends who are now in heaven. The cards will be displayed in a basket in the hall and used as a prayer focus over the next four weeks.

## Parent Governor Election

The closing date for nominations for the post of parent governor is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you wish to apply for the position and have not already done so, please send in your pen picture together with a proposer and seconder by 9.00am on Friday. So far we have received 4 nominations. The ballot papers will be sent out next week and the closing date for their return is 9.00am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

## Remembrance Day Visit

Class 3 walked to the War Memorial and the American Pilots Grave on Monday of this week as part of their history and citizenship topics. They looked at all the wreaths, read the names on the monument and did some sketching. This was a very worthwhile visit and was a success despite the inclement weather. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this visit possible. A special thanks to Mrs Chatwin for her kindness and hospitality with drinks and cakes!

The whole school gathered on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am for an assembly and period of silence to show respect for those who have lost their lives in conflict. The children were prayerful and reflective, and showed a great deal of maturity. Well done!

## Morrisons Vouchers

The gardening vouchers have now finished in Morrisons. If you have any at home, please send them in with your child as soon as possible so that we can begin the big count! Thank you to all those who have already sent in so many vouchers.

## Manchester Jewish Museum

Thank you to Mrs James for organising the Key Stage 2 visits to the Jewish Museum in Manchester last week as part of their focus on Judaism. All the children had a very enjoyable and thought provoking experience. They learned a great deal about Jewish customs, festivals, heritage and food and were given a guided tour of the museum which used to be a synagogue. The staff commented on how well behaved and respectful our children were. Thank you to all those who joined us for this memorable trip.

Here are some of the childrens' comments.

*"We went to the Jewish Museum on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. When we got there we were told that the Museum was actually a synagogue. I found out that if someone could read the Torah Scroll, it would take them 52 weeks. I really enjoyed the day."* Niall Murphy – Year 4

*"We learned about Jewish rules. There were 613 of them. Inside the synagogue there was an Arc. Inside the Arc there were Torah scrolls. The Torah scrolls are twice the length of a football pitch! They use a gad to read the scroll. I liked the trip because it was a different way to learn."*

Jonathan Maxfield – Year 4

*"The windows were made of beautiful stained glass. The pictures were all stories of God but there were no people on them. I loved the trip because we got to see all the artefacts the Jews use to worship. My favourite part was the Torah scroll in Hebrew."* Orla Nutkins – Year 4

## Drumming

Year 5 and Year 6 visited Brine Leas High School to take part in a drumming and percussion workshop led by the guitarist from Status Quo. The children enjoyed the experience and meeting a real rock star!

## Friends of St Anne's

The Halloween Disco took place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November. This event raised £350.00. The Steve Burgin hair event was also a great success and raised £200.00. Thank you to all those who organised these events and to those who supported them in many different ways. This fund raising has resulted in the Friends of St Anne's being able to make a significant donation to school for the purchase of additional reading materials for Key Stage 1. This investment for the children would not be possible without the ongoing support of our school community. Many thanks!

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December will be a non-uniform day with a £1.00 fine for wearing own clothes!

## Year 6 Residential

Year 6 are currently on residential at Boreatton Park in Shrewsbury, accompanied by Mrs Cameron, Mrs King, Mrs Williams and Mr King. All is well and even the weather seems to be behaving! We look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return on Friday. Year 6 will lead an assembly on 19<sup>th</sup> November to share their experiences and photographs with us.

## Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week begins on 24<sup>th</sup> November. During this week we have arranged for speakers to come into school, workshops and a drama group to focus on cyber-bullying with Years 4, 5 and 6.

Class 5 (Y4) will lead an anti-bullying assembly on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am.

## Community Warden

As part of our Citizenship work Mr Keith Davies, who is a Community Warden, will be speaking to KS1 on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am. He will be speaking to KS2 pupils on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to seeing him again.

## Indoor Athletics

The indoor athletics competition will take place at Brine Leas High School on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 4.00pm until 6.00pm. We have entered a team and Miss Georgiou has already circulated letters and information. We look forward to competing again this year. Good luck everyone!

## Key Strings

Key Strings will be in school again on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November to lead the children in a strings/musical workshop. The ensemble have been into school on many occasions and this is always an enjoyable and valuable curriculum enrichment experience. The cost of this visit will be covered through school.

## Playground Development

As you will have seen, the nursery play area has started to be remodelled this week with additional turfing and fencing. Work will also commence this week on a designated play space for our YR children. Both areas will be used by the nursery and YR as part of our developing Early Years Foundation Stage provision. As you are aware this is something which we have been working on for some time and we are now delighted that it is finally coming to fruition. We look forward to seeing the children enjoying their enhanced learning opportunities.

## Diary Dates

- 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Advent Service led by KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) at St Anne's Church – 7.00pm  
(KS2 will be leading events during Holy Week and Easter 2009)
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Concert led by the Choir in school – 4.00pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Class 1 YR – Nativity – 1.30pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Classes 2 & 3 (Y1 & Y2) – Nativity – 1.30pm and 6.00pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch & Disco
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas
- 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 – School reopens



# Hooded Sweatshirts

Miss Georgiou and Miss Hughes have been wearing hooded sweatshirt tops as part of their staff PE uniform. As a result we have had a number of requests from children who would also like to purchase one.

**PLEASE NOTE that we are happy to pursue this option providing everyone is very clear that this is not part of our mainstream uniform and the top must be worn only for use during outdoor PE, sporting activities, team events and outside of school.**

We have been in touch with the supplier and we can purchase the tops at a cost of £12.50 each which includes our printed logo. Please indicate below if you would be interested in purchasing one.

Name : .....

Class : .....

Size Required :    Age 5-6 { }      Age 7-8 { }      Age 9-11 { }      Age 12-13 { }

Number Required : .....

I enclose a cheque in the sum of £ ..... payable to St Anne's School Fund.

Signed : .....

---

## Parental Feedback – November 2008

---

We would be interested in your views and comments regarding provision of the creative curriculum here in school – ie art, craft, music, dance, drama, creative writing etc.

**Strengths :**

**Areas for Development :**