

Newsletter

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Advent Service

The KS2 Advent Service will take place this year on Wednesday 3rd December at 2.00pm here at St Anne's School – not at 7.00pm as previously advertised. Apologies for any inconvenience! The Advent Service will be a quiet spiritual school reflection and **NOT** a Christmas performance. It is intended that KS2 classes will lead Easter/Lenten events and KS1 are involved in Christmas performances for parents. However, you are more than welcome to join the children next Wednesday if you so wish.

Parent Governor Election

We received 4 nominations for the position of parent governor and the ballot papers were sent out last week. The closing date for their return is 9.00am on Friday 28th November so please ensure that votes are sent in before that date. Many thanks.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 5th December will be a non-uniform day with a £1.00 fine for wearing own clothes! The proceeds will go towards our planned prayer garden.
Mrs Cameron will be attending a meeting at Reaseheath College on Wednesday 10th December to ascertain whether the students will be able to assist with this project.
Brine Leas children will be helping us to develop a sensory garden around the nursery as part of one of next year's community projects.
Attached is a Press Release regarding the progress of Mr Cameron's Barclays £4 £ fund raiser. A big thank you to Mr Cameron for all his hard work in raising these funds for our school and for his constant support.

Christmas Coffee Morning

On Friday 12th December we will be hosting a Christmas Coffee Morning for parishioners, grandmas and granddads. The choir will be singing a selection of carols. Please come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a cake. We would be delighted if parents/carers would be able to donate some biscuits or cakes for this event.

Football

On Friday 21st November St Anne's played their final match in the Autumn League competition. This was a home match against Leighton. Once again the boys did not let us down and we

claimed our fourth victory, winning 3-2. Well done to all the boys, especially our goal scorers – James F, George and Matthew, and thank you to Mr Dickenson for refereeing.

Friends of St Anne's

The Christmas cards designed by the children were received back in school yesterday and have been passed on to the families. They are all lovely and we are sure parents/carers will be thrilled with the results. Thank you to Mrs Peberdy for organising this fund raiser. Miss Georgiou and the cheerleading club were thrilled this week with the arrival of their pompoms kindly purchased by the Friends of St Anne's – many thanks again.

Steering Group

The next Parent Steering Group will meet on Tuesday 9th December at 4.00pm. We are always looking for new members and this is an ideal opportunity for you to discuss school improvement issues with Mrs Fau-Goodwin. All are welcome – so if you have not attended a meeting before, do give it a try.

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous week at Boreatton Park near Shrewsbury. The children led an exciting assembly during which they told us all about their adventurous activities! All returned home safely, although extremely tired! Thank you to Mrs King, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Williams and Mr King for making this adventure possible.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week began on 24th November. Class 5 (Y4) will lead an anti-bullying assembly on Friday 28th November at 9.00am. There is also a drama workshop arranged for Thursday 27th November, with a focus on cyber-bullying with Years 4, 5 and 6.

Community Events

Community Warden

As part of our Citizenship work Mr Keith Davies, our Community Warden, came into school to speak to both KS1 and KS2 children over the last two weeks.

Choir in the Community

Our school choir have again been invited to get involved in two local events. On Tuesday 2nd December, the KS2 members of the choir will be singing at the new Health Centre on Beam Street in Nantwich. On Thursday 4th December, as part of a fund raising event for the Marie Curie Cancer Appeal, the children will sing at St Anne's Catholic Church from 7.00pm onwards.

Nantwich in Bloom

On Tuesday 2nd December Year 5 children will be involved in tree planting at the Weaver Basin as part of the Nantwich in Bloom project. Information has already been circulated to parents.

Indoor Athletics

The indoor athletics competition took place at Brine Leas High School on Thursday 13th November. Thank you to all those who took part and to Miss Georgiou and Miss Hughes who accompanied the children. Without our Year 6 children, the Year 4s and Year 5s had to compete against Year 6s from other local primary schools. This meant that although we put up a valiant fight – we unfortunately came last! Well done to all who entered.

Key Strings

Key Strings came into school again on Thursday 20th November to lead the children in a strings/musical workshop. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we were delighted that the nursery children were also able to join us for the KS1 workshop.

Playground Development

The nursery play area has now been remodelled with additional turfing and fencing. Work has also been completed 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, and at lunchtime by all the pupils. As you are aware this is something which we have been working on for some time and we are now delighted that it has finally come to fruition. We look forward to seeing the children enjoying their enhanced learning opportunities as part of their entitlement within EYFS.

Diary Dates

- 3rd December – Advent Service led by KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) at St Anne's School – 2.00pm
(KS2 will be leading events during Holy Week and Easter 2009)
- 12th December – Carol Concert led by the Choir in school – 4.00pm
- 15th December – Class 1 YR – Nativity – 1.30pm
- 16th December – Classes 2 & 3 (Y1 & Y2) – Nativity – 1.30pm and 6.00pm
- 18th December – Christmas Lunch & Disco
- 19th December – School closes for Christmas
- 5th January 2009 – School reopens

Hooded Sweatshirt Order Form

The hooded sweatshirts are proving very popular. If your child requires a hoodie for PE, please complete the form below. The tops cost £12.50 each which includes our printed logo.

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.

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 :

Website

Our website is currently being updated. In order that it closely reflects our school, we would like to include images of our children involved in a broad range of activities. Mr McGrath, one of our school governors, will be taking the photographs for the site before Christmas and will update the site regularly throughout the year. Children will not be named.

If you do not wish your child to appear on our website at any time, please complete the form below and return to school as soon as possible.

If we have not received your disclaimer by Wednesday 3rd December, we will assume that your consent is given.

I do not wish my child's image to appear on St Anne's Catholic Primary School's website.

Child's Name : Year R 1 2 3 4 5 6 (please circle)

Signed : (Parent/Carer)

Dated :

Newsletter Mailing

The newsletter will shortly be available on our new website for you to read/download. This will make distribution much cheaper, with an eye on our carbon footprint. We are also investigating the possibility of emailing parents / carers directly wherever possible. If you would be interested in receiving information in this way once we have organised a system, please forward your email address to school on the slip below.

Child's Name : Year R 1 2 3 4 5 6 (please circle)

E Mail Address :