

Newsletter

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Welcome!

This week we welcomed Sanchez Lawrence into Year 4 Class 5. I am sure Sanchez will soon settle into our St Anne's routine and make lots of new friends.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dane Gilby and his family on the safe arrival of baby sister Lilly. I am sure Dane will enjoy helping Mum with his new sister! Congratulations too to the Cassidy family on the safe arrival of Matthew. The boys tell me they are very good at looking after younger siblings already!

Swine Flu

As I am sure you are aware there are a number of confirmed cases locally, both at Brine Leas, Stapeley Broad Lane and St Thomas More High schools. There is no need to panic! The advice remains the same – **anyone with symptoms must not be brought into school. Anyone we suspect to be ill will be sent home.**

It is vital therefore that we have up to date contact information for all our parents/ carers. If you need any advice or are concerned that your child is ill, please keep them off school and seek medical advice.

Amnesty!

As we approach the end of term, please scout around the house and return any school resources you may still have at home! We are still waiting for town sport t-shirts, football kit to be returned as well as reading books, library books etc. Many thanks in advance for your help!

Traffic on Wellington Road – Petition Continues

The increase in traffic on Wellington Road due to the revision of traffic signs within the town is causing considerable concern to the residents and pedestrians using the road. Little consideration has been given to the safety of pupils attending the cluster of primary schools and the high school (with impending sixth form) nearby. I would ask all parents to sign a petition from St Anne's school supporting the call for the introduction of 20mph speed limit along Wellington Road/Audlem Road. The petition is still available for parents to sign as they collect their children from school. Each class teacher has a copy, so please call in and sign up.

Gerry Smith – Chair of

Governors

Parent Questionnaire

This year our annual parent survey will be available on our website (see above for address). Please take the time to share your views and opinions on the school.

Gymnastics Competition

Children from KS1 & KS2 will be taking part in a gymnastics competition at Camm St Gym on Thursday afternoon, 9th July. Those whose children are involved have been informed and will be accompanied by Miss Georgiou. Good luck!

St Anne's Day

On 14th July we will be celebrating the feast of St Anne. St Anne's feast day is traditionally celebrated on 26th July but this falls during our summer holiday. The children are invited to wear party clothes and staff are planning some activities for the day.

Ranger

Classes 2 and 3 were visited by The Ranger last week to investigate mini beasts and our local school environment. The children had a super time classifying and sorting the creatures as well as learning about environmental issues.

Transition

On Thursday 9th July all our children will be involved in a transition morning where they will spend time with their new teacher. Our current Y6 have already visited their High Schools and will spend the morning with Mrs Cameron. We find this 'changeover' time invaluable, it avoids any anxiety during the summer break and gives our staff time to get to know the children a little bit better before September. As a small school, transition is fairly straight forward as we know everybody anyway and there are no significant staff changes either for September, so this also ensures continuity of care.

Choir Concert

The School Choir will be presenting a concert in St Anne's Church on Wednesday 15th July from 1.00pm until 2.00pm. All parents, friends and relatives are welcome. Please come along and support

the children. Parishioners will also be invited. Free refreshments will be available. Proceeds / donations will be in aid of the Marie Curie Cancer Fund.

Y5 Community Day at STM

On Wednesday 15th July our Y5, Class 6 children will be visiting St Thomas More for the day to take part in a 'Community' day. The sessions will be lead by St Thomas More staff, and involve the children in song, dance, reflection and prayer. A Form C will be circulated by the end of the week. The transport cost for the visit is covered by STM. All children will need a packed lunch. Please re-adjust your lunch payments accordingly!

Year 6 Primary College 2009

Primary College for Y6 took place on 30th June & 1st July. The children tell me they had a great time, and enjoyed a wide variety of workshops.

Stockley Farm

The children from Class 1 enjoyed their trip to Stockley Working Farm. The children fed the animals and enjoyed a ride on a tractor! Thank you to all parents/ carers who were able to accompany the children on the visit.

Reception 2009

The children joining us in reception in September have visited the school. Mrs Mosley and Mrs Mooney have told me that the children settled well and they very much enjoyed meeting them all and how much they are both looking forward to September!

Year 3/4 Football Competition

The Year 3 / Year 4 football tournament took place on Friday, 26th June. Unfortunately we lost to Hungerford Road School 3-1. Miss Hughes reports that we put up a valiant effort and the team played well as a unit.

Friends of St Anne's

The Friends of St Anne's will be circulating a questionnaire to gauge your views on what you think the monies raised should support in school. Please respond, as this will clarify thinking for next year and the allocation of the money raised so far. As you are all involved in fundraising activities it is important that your opinion is taken into account.

World Book Day

World Book Day took place in school on Thursday 25th June. What a great success! Thank you to everyone for making such an incredible effort with costumes. A great deal of thought, creativity and imagination went into the day. The children enjoyed the different activities and visiting different classrooms for different themed work.

Reports

End of year reports will be sent to parents / carers this week, Friday 10th July. Please sign and return the acknowledgement slip together with yours and your child's comments on this year. These are retained and kept in their Records of Achievement. Many thanks in advance.

Summer Choir Concert

On Friday 10th July the choir will be performing their Summer medley. Please put this event in your diary! Everyone is welcome! It is a real treat to hear the children singing.

End of Term

School closes for pupils on Friday 17th July.

Y6 will be involved in a Bowling Party on Tuesday 14th July. Letters have already been circulated.

Thank you for responses received so far.

The Leavers Mass will take place at 9:30am on Friday 17th July **at St Anne's Church**. Please come along and celebrate our academic year and pray for the children leaving us and moving on to High School.

Year 6 BBQ

Following the Leavers Mass on Friday 17th July, Year 6 children will be celebrating the end of term with a BBQ. If your child has a school lunch, please remember to deduct one day's lunch money from the usual amount.

Sunflowers@St Anne's Holiday Club

Sunflowers are now making arrangements for Summer 09. If you require place/s for the holiday club, please contact Marianne or Fiona on 623 333 for further details.

Diary Dates

10th July Reports due to parents / carers

10th July Summer Choir concert 4:00pm

15th July Choir concert in Church in aid of Marie Curie 1.00pm to 2.00pm

17th July 9:30am Y6 Leavers Mass in church

17th July School Closes for Summer Break

20th & 21st July STAFF INSET

Tuesday September 1st INSET

Wednesday September 2nd School Re-Opens for pupils

And finally....

As this will be my very last newsletter before we finish for the summer, I would like to say goodbye and thank you to everyone here at St Anne's and to those associated with it. It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated staff team and to meet and work with so many wonderful children and their families over the past nine years. The school is in great shape, will be left in good hands and the focus on continuous improvement will continue.

Thank you for your support, co-operation, good humour and shared vision for our children at St Anne's. With every good wish and Happy Holidays!

Mrs Fau-Goodwin

