

Newsletter

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OFSTED

As you are all aware from your OFSTED notification letter and questionnaire, our school was inspected on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April under the new pilot framework. I am delighted to share with you that all went well and I am hoping the final report will be with us by the end of the week. Once this is received, a copy of the judgements will be forwarded to each family and the report will be available for you to read on the new website.

A paper copy of the report will be available on request.

Launch of Our New Website

We are delighted to announce the 'uploading' of our new school website which can be accessed at **www.stannesprimaryschool.co.uk**

This will be an invaluable resource for the school community as holiday lists, uniform orders, emergency arrangements, class information, newsletters, inspection reports etc can all be accessed through the site. Please take time to navigate around, investigate all the useful links and list it in your favourites! This will be an evolving site, and over time the children will be involved in part of its maintenance and design.

Mr & Mrs McGrath (Rachel & James' parents) have designed and will host our website through their web site design business as a very generous gift to the school community. May I take this opportunity on everyone's behalf in thanking them for their time and patience in designing and building our website – I know it will make such a difference for parents / carers having on line information about school at the touch of a button.

Holy Communion

Our Y3 children receive their First Holy Communion this weekend, Sunday 17th May at 12 noon. Please remember them in your prayers. It is a very special day for them, their families as well as the school and parish community.

There will also be a school Mass of celebration followed by the official group photograph on 16th June. A reminder letter will be sent nearer the time, outlining the arrangements for the day. Please make a note on the calendar!

Rosary

As May is the month of the Holy Rosary, the children have been attending voluntary rosary prayer sessions on Friday lunchtimes. The sessions have proved so popular (over 94 children last week) that we have had to split the groups into Key Stages. As from this week KS1 Rosary will be on Monday lunchtime at 12:45 led by Mrs James in Class 4 and Friday for KS2 at 12:45 led by Mrs Cameron in Class 7. Please remind your child/ren of the changes to the arrangements for the remainder of May. What a delight that so many children enjoy praying in this way!

Y6 Pentecost Assembly

Y6 will lead the whole school collective worship on the Feast of Pentecost at 9:00am on Friday 22nd May. All welcome!

Whit Break

School closes on Friday 22nd May and re-opens on Monday 1st June.

Attendance

Attendance is a key focus within the new framework as outcomes for children can be significantly affected if the children are not in school. Our school attendance rates are just around the National Average, due to families taking holidays during term time. The OFSTED team asked that this was given some serious thought and consideration by parents and governors. Our school education welfare officer has now been alerted, as we fall into the 'amber' category, where we have traditionally always been in 'green'. The national average is 95% and 'red' is 93% and below.

The recent attendance rates per year group are as follows :

YR – 93.2%

Y1 – 92.9%

Y2 – 92.3%

Y3 – 92.4%

Y4 – 92.7%

Y5 – 91.8%

Y6 – 94.1%

Total Overall Average Percentage : 92.7%

Y6 Growing Up Talk

On Wednesday 3rd June from 12.15pm to 1.00pm the School Nurse will be available in Class 7 to discuss issues with Year 6 parents surrounding the 'Growing Up' talk. She will also show materials that she will be using during her talk to the pupils. The pupil talk will take place on Monday 8th June. If you wish to be aware of the contents of the pupil talk, please come along to the parent meeting on 3rd June.

Arrangements for Sports Day

Sports Day for Key Stage 1 children will take place on Tuesday 19th May (please see separate letter for further details). The morning session will be held on the school field from 10.00am until 12.00pm. Multi-activities will then take place in the afternoon from 1.30pm until 2.30pm approximately. All welcome!

Sports Day for Key Stage 2 children will be held on Thursday 21st May. A separate letter will also follow shortly.

We would be grateful for any volunteer helpers for both days. In order that parents/carers do not miss their own child/ren, we would suggest that KS1 parents could help on KS2's day and vice versa. Please contact Miss Georgiou if you can help.

New Intake Meeting & Visits for September 2009

On Tuesday 16th June we will be holding our New Intake meeting at 6:30pm to provide information and guidance on starting school in September 09. **Please note that this is a change of date.** The visits to school for the children have been planned for the week beginning 6th July. If you have a child starting, your visit days and times will be sent to you with your letter of invitation to the meeting on the 12th June. We look forward to meeting our new parents and our new reception class!

E Safety Session for KS2

We are very aware of the issues around children accessing the internet and keeping them safe. On 23rd June we will be having an E-safety & Cyber bullying awareness raising session for all KS2 children, led by Mr Clarke from St Thomas More ICT department. Following the session, please talk to your child about the session and the issues and solutions shared with them.

Primary College 2009

Primary College for Y6 will take place on 30th June & 1st July. The traditional Primary College week unfortunately has had to be limited to two days because of the extensive £70million building work being undertaken at this time. Details about primary College 09 will be sent home with the children nearer the time.

Year 1 Field Study

Year 1 took a trip along Wellington Road on Thursday 7th May to investigate the features of the local area. The weather was fine and everyone behaved extremely sensibly. Well done and thank you to all involved, especially to Mrs Peck who organised this visit!

Year 1 Visit to Tatton Park

On Thursday 14th May Year 1 children will be visiting Tatton Park for the day. There they will be making a comparison between a typical Victorian home and their own home. Recounts of the day to follow shortly!

Year 2 Visit to Chester Zoo

Year 2 visited Chester Zoo last Thursday 7th May as part of their science topic on 'Variation'. The children had an excellent day and the visit was enjoyed by all. We also had the best of the week's weather! Thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to come and help.

P E Shirt Found

An un-named T Shirt has been found in Y2 classroom after games (size 9-11). If your child has lost his/her PE shirt, please contact Mrs Barnes.

Class 1 Visit to Nantwich Museum

Class 1 enjoyed their visit to Nantwich Museum. They had a fantastic time learning about the toys children played with long ago. The children became museum detectives and were asked to find the objects in the museum which were on the photographs. Thank you to those parents/carers who accompanied us on the visit.

Swimming Gala

Nantwich Swimming Gala will take place this year on Tuesday 9th June from 9.00am onwards at Nantwich Baths. Miss Georgiou will be asking Y5 and Y6 children to volunteer to represent the school in this event. Further details to follow. If you are available to help with walking the children to and from the Baths, please contact Miss Georgiou or Mrs Fau-Goodwin.

Moving On

The 8th July is our Y6 feeder day to St Thomas More. On this day all children transferring to St Thomas More in September 09 make their way to and from STM independently, and the day is directed and organised by STM staff.

Children transferring to Malbank or Brine Leas will be contacted directly by the schools to make their own similar arrangements. Staff from all our receiving High Schools also visit the children here, make their introductions and also speak to Mrs King and Mrs Cameron about academic, social, pastoral and friendship information which will benefit the children in September.

Reports

End of year reports will be sent to parents / carers on 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.

Supervision Before School

Following an incident last week, may I remind all parents that the school is not legally responsible for your child on site until 10 minutes before the start of the school day. If your child arrives on site unsupervised prior to 8:45am you must be aware of this and be confident that they will be able to act responsibly and stay safe. If you are unsure or feel your child needs care and supervision, please book them into Sunflowers@stannes from 8:00am onwards where they will be supervised and will be cared for until 8:55am.

Arrangements for SATs Week

The children in Y6 are working hard and this is their chance to show what they can do! As in previous years, please keep phone calls and visits to the front of school to a minimum this week as the phone and the door can be heard in the hall. There will not be snacks available to buy from the kitchen at morning break as this involves walking through the hall – the children have also been reminded about this.

Summer Choir Concert

On 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.

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.

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.

Sun Protection

Just in case the weather does decide to become more summer-like, please remember the policy in terms of sun care. The children must not bring lotions and potions into school and staff are unable to apply cream to your child. Please ensure that the children have a long lasting, high factor cream applied prior to school, they have a named sun hat with them, and a clear school water bottle. If the weather does become hot, we have plenty of shaded areas on site and the children have access to parasols and gazebos. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Slip Slop Slap

Please remind the children about Sid the seagull, wearing board shorts, t-shirt and a hat who says;

Slip, Slop, Slap!

It sounds like a breeze when you say it like that

Slip, Slop, Slap!

In the sun we always say "Slip Slop Slap!"

Slip, Slop, Slap!

Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen and slap on a hat,

Slip, Slop, Slap!

You can stop skin cancer - say: "Slip, Slop, Slap!"



Swine Flu Pandemic

We are all aware of the concern surrounding this virus and its implications and as a school we receive regular updates from central government and DCFS. Any updated information including our pandemic plan, can be accessed on the new school website.

Friends of St Anne's

Tickets are now on sale for the Summer Ball to be held on Friday 3rd July and can be purchased from Mrs Peberdy on 650731.

The Easter Bingo session was again a great success with more than £150.00 raised. Thank you to all those who supported this event.

Golf

Recommences for 6 sessions on the following days :

(please note the different days & dates)

Monday 8th June, Tuesday 23rd June, Friday 26th June, Tuesday 30th June, Tuesday 7th July, and final session on Tuesday 14th July.

The cost is £21.00 for the six sessions, payable in advance. Places on first come first served basis. Parental Disclaimer & Booking Form available from parent pockets

Contact & Arrangements

Please remember that it is a parent / carer responsibility to inform us and to complete and return an updated data form to Mrs Ashbrooke in the school office if **any** information changes regarding contact numbers for places of work, relatives, mobile numbers etc. as without this information we cannot contact you in an emergency. Contact details for adults involved in collection arrangements are also useful if they are available

Please remember to send a written letter of confirmation with your child/ren if there are any changes to collection arrangements or indeed the arrangements for the week ahead if they

change from day to day or different family members have differing arrangements. This ensures that we are able to guide and reassure children if they forget or are confused at the end of the day. As always, we cannot rely on information given to us verbally by young children.

Non-Uniform Day

Many thanks to everyone who supported our non-uniform day last month by donating their £1.00. A super £150.00 was collected for Sam Walker's sister who is currently raising funds for to support an overseas community project.

School Holiday Calendar 2009 -2010

Please find below a copy of the approved holiday dates for the next academic year.
Please keep them in a safe place !

	School Closes	School re-opens
Summer 2008		Wednesday 2 nd September
Autumn Half Term	Friday 23 rd October	Monday 2 nd November
Christmas	Friday 18 th December	Monday 4 th January 2010
Spring Half Term	Friday 12 th February	Monday 22 nd February
Easter 2009	Tuesday 30 th March	Monday 12 th April
May Day	Friday 30 th April	Tuesday 4 th May
Summer Half Term	Friday 28 th May	Monday 7 th June
Summer 2009	Friday 16 th July	

Diary Dates

- 11th – 15th May – SATs, Tests & Assessments
- 14th May – Class 2 Visit to Tatton Park
- 17th May – First Holy Communion 12 noon
- 19th May – Sports Day KS1
- 21st May – Sports Day KS2
- 22nd May Y6 Class 7 Assembly (Pentecost)
- 25th – 29th May Whit Break**
- 1st June School re-opens
- 11th June Y6 Class 7 Assembly
- 12th June Y4 Class 5 Assembly
- 16th June Mass & Photographs for Y3 First Holy Communion Children
- 16th June – Induction Meeting for New Reception Parents
- 19th June – Year 5 Retreat Day to St Thomas More
- 2nd July Full Governors meeting 4:30pm
- 10th July Reports due to parents / carers
- 10th July Summer Choir concert 4:00pm
- 17th July 9:30am Y6 Leavers Mass in church
- 17th July School Closes for Summer Break**
- 20th & 21st July STAFF INSET