

Newsletter

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Lent & Good Shepherd Appeal

We are now half way through Lent and our fund raising for the Good Shepherd appeal continues.

Each Friday we are holding an Easter Egg raffle in every class and we have already raised a substantial amount. Tickets are 20p each. Please remember to send in your sheet with the coins attached before 3rd April. Thank you to those who have already sent theirs in.

Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent, we are continuing with our voluntary stations of the cross each Friday lunchtime during which the children have the opportunity to join staff in prayer and reflection. Please remind and encourage your child/ren to attend as part of their spiritual preparation for the feast of Easter.

Parental Parking

We continue to receive complaints from our local residents regarding parental parking on Tanners way and Park Road. We have received complaints about verbal abuse, unsupervised children running into driveways, near misses and general discourtesy. As parental parking is parents' own responsibility, rather than residents continually making complaints directly to school, of which I can do little about apart from apologising on parents' behalf and feeling embarrassed, I am now suggesting that individual complainants note registration plates, take a written account of the incident and report them directly to the Police.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation was received by our Y3 children on Wednesday the 4th March. Please keep the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they continue on their sacramental journey.

Y5 Residential

Year 5 had a super time on the residential to the Conway Centre. The children presented their assembly last Friday sharing their experiences which included drumming, dancing, art and story telling. Planning is already underway for this group to take part in a visit to Boreatton Park in Autumn 09.

Allotment Plot

We are desperately trying to sort out our allotment plot and kick-start the gardening club. In order to ensure that the plot is an effective learning environment we need help with the following; paving flags, small greenhouse, scaffolding boards or planks of wood. If you are able to help with any of these items, please contact Sonia Canny (Mason's Mum Class 2 Y1) who is on the playground every day.

Mobile Mast

A letter will be circulated regarding a planning application by Vodafone for a 14.3m high phone mast, antenna and equipment cabinet by Peter Destapleigh Way. Please read the information and respond as you feel appropriate. If you need any further information, please telephone 07525041253.

Lunch Money

Please remember that lunch money must be paid on Monday morning as this is the only time when the money is dealt with and banked. If lunch money does come in after Monday morning for any reason, it is kept in the safe until the following week; consequently any change due will not be issued until then. Friday special money also needs to come in on Monday so that Mrs Burd knows the number of children for whom she has to cater.

Just a reminder also that lunch money is **£9.50** per week and any cheques made payable to Cheshire County Council. Many thanks.

Head Lice

We have had a number of reported incidents of head lice and would ask that each and every family is vigilant in checking and detecting! This is the only way we can keep infestations to a minimum. Thank you in advance!

Outdoor Play

Prior to half term it was agreed that children may play on the field and in the woods at lunchtime providing that wellies are worn and removed before entering the building. No other footwear apart from wellingtons is acceptable on the field. **No wellies. No field.** There is ample space for ball games in the sports area wearing normal shoes.

Artist in Residence

On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March our Y3 children worked with professional ceramicist Jane Dixon on a topic called 'The Magicians of the Earth'. The children produced some beautiful pieces which are now being finished and glazed off site. We look forward to seeing the final, finished piece. Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to support the children and the artist over the two days. The additional pairs of hands made a big difference.

School Photographs

Please remember to note Friday 20th March on the calendar as the school photographer will be visiting St Anne's on that day. She will be in the hall from 8:30am to enable any families to have photos taken of their school children with **pre-school siblings**. All school children will have both an individual and a photograph taken with their siblings who are also in school from 9:00am onwards which will be organised by the staff. Proofs, costs and order forms will be available almost immediately. Please ensure your child/ren is/are in full, correct uniform on that day.

Many thanks.

Mass Times & Services at St Anne's Church

Wednesdays during Lent – Holy Hour 11:00 – 12:00noon
(exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross & quiet prayer & reflection)
Followed by Mass at 12noon

Mothers Day Mass 10:30am (Sunday 22nd March)

Anointing of the Sick 12:00noon (Wednesday 1st April)

Palm Sunday – Distribution of Palms (6:30pm Vigil Mass & 10.30am Sunday 5th April)

Maundy Thursday Mass 7:30pm (Thursday 9th April)

Good Friday Mass 3:00pm (Friday 10th April)

Easter Vigil Mass 7:00pm (Saturday 11th April)

Easter Sunday Mass 9:00am & 10:30am (Sunday 12th April)

Diary Dates

20th March – School photographs (8:30am onwards for pre-school with sibling/s)

26th March – Full Governing Body Meeting 4:30pm

3rd April – School closes for Easter Break

20th April – School re-opens for Summer term

29th April – Y3 Parents Sacramental Preparation Meeting (First Holy Communion)

Church meeting Room 7pm

5th May INSET (school closed for pupils)

11th – 15th May – SATs, Tests & Assessments

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

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