

# Newsletter

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## Welcome Back

We hope you all had a super Easter break! The children have returned to school refreshed and ready for the new term.

## Inclusion Quality Mark

We were delighted to receive confirmation over the Easter break that St Anne's has been awarded the Gold Inclusion Quality Mark. This follows an initial self evaluation audit, a number of visits to the school and an assessment day which included interviews with governors, pupils and staff. The full report will be available to read on our new website which we hope will be live shortly. In the report "*Mrs Cameron is to be congratulated and thanked for her hard work in the coordination of the portfolio and IQM process. The portfolio is to be commended as a model of good practice.*" There are 10 elements, of which 5 are noted as 'significant strengths' of the school. This, coupled with our successful SAT results and league table position, is a great way to begin the summer term! As always, many thanks to all involved in the school.

## Good Shepherd Appeal

Thank you to all those who supported our Good Shepherd Appeal throughout the Lenten period. We raised a fantastic £309 for this worthy charity and will be sending our cheque off soon.

## Prayer Garden

Planning is underway in earnest and work will now begin very shortly. Thank you to Mrs Cameron, the School Council and for the help and support given by Reaseheath College. We look forward to this special addition to our grounds.

## Palm Sunday

Class 3 celebrated Palm Sunday with a very thought provoking assembly just before the Easter break. The children re-enacted the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and they led the school into the celebration of Holy Week. All the children really enjoyed the experience. Thank you to all those parents/carers who came to support this event.

## 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 are now to be made payable to **Cheshire East Borough Council**. Many thanks.

## Barnaby Bear

Would you like to invite Barnaby to join you on holiday? He is available for the May Bank Holiday weekend and also for the week of half term. Please write to Mrs Barnes to arrange his visit.

Barnaby Bear is used in school as a fun way to learn about Geography. He loves to visit new places – far and near!

## Lego Experience

Classes 2 and 3 welcomed Mr and Mrs Garside into school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April with their vast store of lego. The children learned building skills and thoroughly enjoyed this 'lego experience' as they worked cooperatively to create a lego city. Thank you to Miss McGonigle for organising this event.

## Umbrella Workshop

Mrs Boone, a local community artist, visited school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to work with Class 3 decorating umbrellas for Nantwich Town's Easter Parade. The children and their families were invited to the Parade and the children thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon of craft.

## Friends of St Anne's

The Friends of St Anne's have arranged a Family Bingo Night for 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in school. Also a Summer Party is also being organised for 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the Hunters Lodge in Crewe. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Please try to support these functions as the Friends raise substantial amounts of money for the benefit of all the children in the school.

## 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 re assure 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

This Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April is a non-uniform day in school. Children are asked to bring in £1.00 each to raise funds in support of an overseas community project. This is a special project being undertaken by the sister of Sam Walker in Year 4 on behalf of TravelAid. It is a student run, UK charity which works to alleviate poverty and build social capacity throughout the developing world. Volunteers bring valuable skills to the local communities and the money that they raise is a valued source of revenue used for investment in the future, helping local people to help themselves. None of the money raised goes towards the expenses of the volunteers.

## 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
<b>Summer 2008</b>		Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
<b>Christmas</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
<b>Easter 2009</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May Day</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Summer 2009</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	

## Diary Dates

29<sup>th</sup> April – Y3 Parents Sacramental Preparation Meeting (First Holy Communion)  
Church meeting Room 7pm

**5<sup>th</sup> May INSET (school closed for pupils)**

7<sup>th</sup> May – Class 3 Visit to Chester Zoo

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May – SATs, Tests & Assessments

14<sup>th</sup> May – Class 2 Visit to Tatton Park

17<sup>th</sup> May – First Holy Communion 12 noon

19<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day KS1

21<sup>st</sup> May – Sports Day KS2

22<sup>nd</sup> May Y6 Class 7 Assembly (Pentecost)

**25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May Whit Break**

1<sup>st</sup> June School re-opens

11<sup>th</sup> June Y6 Class 7 Assembly

12<sup>th</sup> June Y4 Class 5 Assembly

16<sup>th</sup> June Mass & Photographs for Y3 First Holy Communion Children

19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Retreat Day to St Thomas More

2<sup>nd</sup> July Full Governors meeting 4:30pm

10<sup>th</sup> July Reports due to parents / carers

10<sup>th</sup> July Summer Choir concert 4:00pm

17<sup>th</sup> July 9:30am Y6 Leavers Mass in church

**17<sup>th</sup> July School Closes for Summer Break**

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July STAFF INSET