

Newsletter

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Welcome!

We would like to welcome Isabella Powell who has recently joined us in Reception. We are sure Isabella will settle quickly into our routine and make new friends.

Diocesan School Building Fund

Thank you to those parents / carers who have sent in their donations for the Diocesan School Building Fund. If you have not already done so, could you please forward your donation into school in a clearly marked envelope. As outlined in Bishop Brian's letter sent out last week, this fund plays an essential part in the ongoing development of Catholic schools within the Diocese of Shrewsbury and St Anne's has benefited greatly from it in recent years with the two new classrooms. Also, please bear in mind that if we do not cover the £15.00 per child in donations, we will need to make up the shortfall from our own school fund. Thank you for your support.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mrs Barnes would like to invite you all to coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. This event will take place this Thursday 24th September from 9.00am to 10.00am in the school hall.

Please come along and support this very worthy cause. We would be grateful for any donations either for raffle prizes or cakes/biscuits. Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child

Please make a note that we will be collecting the shoeboxes again this year for Operation Christmas Child. Leaflets will be sent out as soon as we receive them in school.

Mass in School

On Friday 11th September Fr Daly said Mass in school in celebration of the new academic year. Thank you to all those parents / carers who were able to attend.

CAFOD – New Resources

This term the children will be using the new resources on the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk/picturemyworld. We would like to draw your attention to the parent's page which explains how Picture My World supports your child's learning at school.

Boreatton Park

Letters will shortly be sent out regarding further payments for the Y6 residential in November. Mrs King has arranged a parent information evening for those parents/carers whose children are taking part in the visit. This will take place on Thursday 15th October at 6.00pm in school.

Choir

Mrs Roberts and Mrs Barnes would like to inform you that the school choir which practices on Friday after school is currently full. However, there is a waiting list in operation so if your child would like to join the list, please send a note into school.

Lunch Money

Could you please ensure that all lunch money is sent in on Monday mornings! Lunch money is only dealt with once a week and late payments cannot be processed until the following Monday. In addition, late payments and reminders do take up substantial extra administration time in the office. The price of school lunches increased from 1st September 2009 to £2.00 per day (£10.00 per week). Cheques are payable to Cheshire East Borough Council. If your child usually brings a packed lunch but would like to have a Friday Special, please ensure that the £2.00 is brought into school on a Monday morning so that adequate notice is given to Mrs Burd in the kitchen.

Marine Stewardship Council Invites the World to Lunch!

On 30th September 2009 Cheshire East Council will join forces with restauranteurs, caterers, not-for-profit organisations and businesses around the world to promote certified, sustainable seafood the first MSC Sustainable Seafood Lunch. In the UK, children in more than 1000 schools (including ours) will have a sustainable seafood lunch option offered to them. The aim of the day is to encourage children to think about what they eat, where food comes from, and why it is so important to eat sustainable seafood.

Temporary Vacancy

Mrs Burd is looking for a temporary kitchen assistant to help out from 11.30am until 1.00pm each school day until Christmas. The work involves general kitchen duties. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Burd on 01270 625100.

Nestle Box Tops For Books

Mrs Marshall is very kindly collecting the Nestle cereal box tops on our behalf again this year. Please remember to save any box tops you may have and send them into school.

Bedtime Story

Just a reminder that the KS1 and preschool children's Bedtime Story Evening will take place this Thursday 24th September from 6.30pm until 7.30pm – cake donations are appreciated!

School Uniform

Please remember that uniform is now purchased directly from the supplier – Schoolwear For Less. There is a link on our school website and the process is self-explanatory. The supplier website is www.schoolwearforless.com

St Anne's School Governing Body

For your information the current membership of St Anne's Governing Body is as follows :

Mr E G Smith (Chair); Mr S McGrath (Vice Chair/Foundation Governor); Mrs C Cameron (Acting Headteacher); Fr J Daly (Foundation Governor); Mrs L Tobin (Foundation Governor); Mr A Pearson (Foundation Governor); Mr M Wilcock (Foundation Governor); Mrs B King (Teacher Governor); Mrs J Barnes (Co-Opted Governor); Mrs P Lockett (Local Authority Governor); Dr J Dixon (Foundation/Parent Governor); Mr A Baxter (Elected Parent Governor); Mr L McDonnell* (Elected Parent Governor)

- * Mr McDonnell's term will end on 31st December 2009 – an election for the position of Parent Governor will take place before the end of the Autumn Term
Further information can be found on our school website.

Year 1 Visit to the Salt Museum

Class 2 Year 1 will be visiting the Salt Museum in Northwich on Friday 2nd October. Letters have been circulated to the pupils.

Year 3 Visit to the Grosvenor Museum

Class 4 Year 3 will be visiting the Grosvenor Museum in Chester on Tuesday 3rd November as part of their History curriculum. The children will enjoy a Roman Tour of the city and take part in a workshop.

Charity Jazz Evening

Mrs Burns and Mr Hughes (both parents of children in our school) and Miss Gemma Roberts (an ex-pupil) will be performing in a charity jazz evening at the Crown Hotel in Nantwich on Friday 16th October at 8.00pm. The evening is in aid of 'Lifebox' – a charity which provides emergency shelter and life saving equipment for refugees in the Third World. The evening will be relaxed and informal, with jazz, swing and latin classics. Tickets are £10.00 each and can be purchased from Mrs Burns on 01270 619717. Please come along and support what promises to be a fantastic evening!

Parent & Pupil Questionnaires – Results

Thank you for taking the time to complete our annual questionnaires. Attached are the results relating to the academic year 2009-2010.

Year 6 Science Talk

On Tuesday 22nd September Year 6 enjoyed a talk on Stars & Space given by Dr Bronder, an astrophysicist. *"On Tuesday, Year 6 had a talk on space. We learned about how stars are made and lots of interesting facts. Dr Bronder came in and did a power point presentation on space and did fun activities with the class. He told us how stars blow up and life cycle of stars and black holes."*

Hollie Nash – Year 6

Bouncy Castle Hire

One of our parents has set up a bouncy castle hire business, with discounted rates for the parents/carers of children in St Anne's. If you are interested, please contact Mr Frost on 07973 367852.

Labelling Clothes!

Please ensure that your child's uniform is adequately labelled so that any lost items can be returned to their rightful owner with the minimum of fuss! A substantial amount of class time is being wasted trying to reunite items of clothing with their owners. Also, if your child has had to borrow any items of clothing from class reserves (especially in Reception), please ensure that they are returned to school after washing so that they can be used again.

First Forgiveness & First Holy Communion

Below is the timetable for those children in Year 3 who will be making their First Forgiveness and celebrating their First Holy Communion during this current academic year.

Wednesday 4th November – 7pm in Church – Sacramental Preparation for Parents – Session 1

Wednesday 11th November – 7pm in Church – Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion

Wednesday 3rd February – 7pm in Church – Sacramental Preparation for Parents – Session 2
(First Forgiveness)

Wednesday 3rd March – 7pm in Church – First Forgiveness Service (Parents and Children)

Wednesday 28th April – 7pm in Church – Sacramental Preparation for Parents – Session 3
(First Holy Communion)

Sunday 23rd May – 12 Noon in Church – First Holy Communion Mass

Wednesday 27th May – 9.30am in school – Corpus Christi – School Mass
(First Holy Communion children) photographs and party

Friends of St Anne's

Diary dates for the Friends of St Anne's are as follows :

Thursday 24th September 6.30pm to 7.30pm – Bedtime Stories

Friday 2nd October 7.00pm to 9.00pm – Family Quiz Night

Friday 6th November 6.30pm to 8.00pm – Children's Disco

Friday 4th December 6.30pm to 8.00pm – Christmas Bingo

A big thank you to all the parents who supported the Friends last year. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with many new projects in the pipeline. An introductory newsletter for all new parents will follow shortly.

Class Assembly Dates

9.15am – Friday 2nd October – Class 5 / Year 4

9.15am – Friday 9th October – Class 4 / Year 3

9.30am – Friday 16th October – Class 3 / Year 2 (Harvest Assembly)

9.15am – Thursday 22nd October – Class 7 / Year 6

9.15am – Friday 6th November – Class 6 / Year 5

9.15am – Friday 20th November – Class 1 / Year R

9.15am – Thursday 3rd December – Class 2 / Year 1

Christmas Concerts

Monday 7th December – 1.30pm – Class 1

Tuesday 8th December – 6.30pm – Classes 2 & 3

Wednesday 9th December – 6.30pm – Classes 6 & 7

Thursday 10th December – 6.30pm – Classes 4 & 5

Friday 11th December 4.00pm – Choir Concert