

Newsletter

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Parking

Please find attached a letter received yesterday from Cheshire Constabulary regarding our ongoing parking issues.

Parent Consultation Evening

Letters inviting you to attend this term's Parents Consultation Evening were distributed yesterday. Please complete and return the reply slips for your child/ren to enable staff to begin planning and co-ordinating appointments. We look forward to seeing you on the 11th February.

Silk FM – Our Children's Voice!

From Monday 2nd February, St Anne's will be featured on Silk FM as their school of the week. The broadcasts will be aired at 7:20am and 8:40am each day. Please tune in and listen to our children's views on a variety of issues!

Marie Curie Cancer Care

On 12th February the children are invited to wear blue and yellow (jeans etc) for a £1 fine to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. We look forward to raising lots of money for this worthwhile cause, especially as our Chair of Governors, Mr Gerry Smith, is an active fundraiser for this charity. Please be as generous as you can.

Race Equality Policy

Thank you to those parents/carers who have kindly returned their reply slips regarding this policy. If you have not yet returned your slip, please do so as soon as possible.

Unclaimed Children's Tax Allowance 02/03

The year before tax credits were introduced there was a different non-means tested allowance available which was not advertised by the Inland Revenue. It is called the Children's Tax Allowance for 2002/2003 and can still be claimed before the 31st January deadline. You would need to telephone your local HMRC office and give them your NI number so that they can check whether or not you have received this allowance. You are eligible to claim if : you have a child born between 6 April 1986 and 5 April 2003; the child lived with you for all or part of 2002/2003; you worked and paid tax for all or part of 2002/2003; you or your partner earned £6000 plus in the 2002/2003 tax year. It's worth a try!

Birdwatching RSPB

Running from 19th to 30th January 2009, the RSPB Big School's birdwatch survey hopes to encourage children to look for and count the birds that share their school environment. Annabelle Dixon thought it would be a good idea to take part in the survey and report our findings back to the RSPB website at www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch. Thank you Annabelle.

Sunflowers@St Anne's

Please speak to Fiona or Marianne if you require child care places for February half term or the Easter break as planning is currently underway. If there is insufficient take-up there will be no need to employ additional staff and no holiday club will operate for these periods. Thank you in advance. For any further information please call Sunflowers on 623 333.

Parent Steering Group

The next parent steering group will take place on 3rd February at 4:00pm. All welcome!

Theatre Visit

Key Stage 2 visited the New Vic Theatre on Friday 16th January to watch a performance of 'Arabian Nights'. The children had a wonderful experience and thoroughly enjoyed being so close to the actors. Watching a live performance really helped to bring the stories to life.

Nantwich Museum

Y6 visited Nantwich Museum on Thursday 22nd January as part of their History work. The children made excellent historical detectives and found lots of places of interest in and around Nantwich. Thank you to the museum curator who led the workshop.

Smokebusters

Year 5 Class 6 took part in the Smokebusters experience here in school on Thursday 15th January with the Cheshire Fire Brigade. The session was informative and thought provoking and the children were encouraged to discuss an evacuation plan with parents/carers at home. Let's hope information like this will ensure our children stay safe.

Friends of St Anne's

There will be a Fancy Dress Disco towards the end of February organised by the Friends of St Anne's. The date and theme will be advised nearer to the time.
A very big thank you also to the Friends for their generous offer to purchase a substantial amount of resources for individual classrooms.

Year 5 Residential

The Year 5 residential to Conway is fast approaching. We have arranged a parent information evening for all those taking part and this will be held on Monday 9th February at 7.30pm here in school. We look forward to seeing you then and sharing the planned itinerary with you. If you have not already sent in your third instalment, this is due and we would appreciate payment as soon as possible.

Help Your Child with Maths

Please come and join us on Thursday afternoons from 1:15pm – 3:15pm! This is an informal, friendly course aimed at parents / carers who wish to know more about the way maths is taught in school. Don't worry if you missed the first few sessions, the next one is tomorrow, 29th January.

Diary Dates

These are the diary dates so far! Please make a note on your calendars!

- 4th Feb Y3 Parents Sacramental Preparation Meeting (Reconcillation) 7pm
(Church meeting room)
- 6th Feb Y4 Class 5 Assembly 9:00am
- 11th Feb Parents Consultation Evening
- 12th Wear Yellow & Blue Jeans for Marie Curie Cancer Care
- 13th Feb INSET (school closed for Pupils)**
- February half term 16th – 20th February**
- 3rd March – 6th March Y5 Residential to Conway (Multicultural Arts)
- 4th March Y3 Sacrament of First Forgiveness
- 10th & 11th March – Artist in residence
- 13th March Y5 Class 6 Assembly
- 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

Parent Consultation / Question January 2009

Please indicate your view on the following statements :

Statement	Agree	Disagree
Our school is effective, efficient and inclusive.		
Our school has high standards.		
Our children make good progress.		
Quality and Standards are high in the Early Years.		
Our children develop well socially, morally and spiritually.		
Our children enjoy learning.		
Our children are safe at school		
The curriculum meets our childrens' needs and interests.		
Children are cared for, guided and supported.		
Leadership and management of our school is effective.		

Which areas could we improve / further develop?