



27.1.25

**Our Motto:** Believe and Achieve

**Our Christian Values:** Love. Respect. Friendship.

**Our Vision:** Here at Anson we provide a stimulating environment of discovery and learning. Living our core Christian values of Love, Respect and Friendship. Developing helping hands and open hearts each and every day. Nurturing every young mind to achieve their very best.

**Our Symbol:** Helping Hands

**Bible Verse:** 'Let all that you do be done in love'. 1 Corinthians 16:14

Dear Families,

We have enjoyed a very busy start to the spring term. All our children have returned to school with a real thirst for learning and are flourishing as a result.

### **Christian Distinctiveness**

At the start of this term, the children were introduced to 'Stilling - seeing things more clearly'. Stilling is an ancient practice using breathing techniques, so that a person can become aware of oneself and one's surroundings. This introduces a simplified form of the Ignatian Examen technique and at the same time in the hope to improve children's mental health and to develop their own understanding of spirituality.

Stilling was introduced to the children with a jar of muddy water. What does this mean?

When we are busy and active, our distractions, thoughts, worries and fears swirl around inside us like the little bits of mud in the jar of water. When we are still, these little bits of mud eventually sink to the bottom. They don't disappear, but they aren't in control: we can see them more clearly, we can name them and we can leave them there. And then we can see other things more clearly; we can see ourselves, others, our world and even God (if we are open to him).

This practice has been used across many Church of England schools with such a positive impact that we wanted our children to be given the same opportunity. Ask your child/ren about this very new addition to the school week as we'd welcome your feedback too.

[The Muddy Jar](#)

[Stilling](#)

### **National Younger Leadership Groups**

As part of our whole school focus on 'Courageous Advocacy', seniors within our Worship Council have been asked to join the Archbishops' National Younger Leadership Groups. They have been involved in two meetings so far this academic year and been able to discuss issues that are of concern both locally and nationally with church schools across the country. Gracie, Isla, Isolde, Ruby

and Isacc have been pivotal in leading discussions and thinking deeply how important their voices are in shaping their future world - they even came up with their own catch phrase:

**'We may be tiny but we are mighty!'**

In the next issue, our young leaders will be reporting on their next task. If you would like to find out more about Courageous Advocacy and/or Spirituality then please visit our website and/or ask Mr Davies or Myself we'd be happy to chat to you about our journey and why it is important to us all at Anson.

[Courageous Advocacy](#)

#### COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY

THIS HALF TERM, WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY - THE ACT OF SPEAKING OUT AGAINST AN ISSUE OF INJUSTICE, OFTEN ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHOSE VOICE IS NOT HEARD. WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT WELL-KNOWN COURAGEOUS ADVOCATES AND DISCUSSING HOW WE CAN OURSELVES CHANGE THE WORLD.

#### **Worship**

Our value, Truthfulness, has been the focus of our worship this half term. We have been looking at what truthfulness means and how we can share this value both in school and within the school community.

## Think Together

### Words of Wisdom

"To be  
truthful  
with others, you must  
first be  
truthful  
with yourself"  
Anon

During a whole school worship, we have been thinking about the importance of telling the truth and if you would like to continue this discussion at home then here is a link to the website to support this.

[Truthfulness](#)

[Anson's Christian Foundation](#)

Here is a list of key dates that are to follow.

Reminders:

#### **School Library**

- Class 1 are invited to change or select a library book - Mondays
- Class 2 are invited to change or select a library book - Mondays
- Class 3 are invited to change or select a library book – Tuesdays
- Class 4 are invited to change or select a library book – Wednesdays
- Year 5/6 librarians support the changing of books during their break times

#### **Dinners**

- Lunch menu is now available on the school website
- Remember Class 1 and Class 2 do not pay for their lunch
- Remember to pay for all your lunch via ParentPay
- Remember your child can only have a lunch if they are paid for
- Remember to contact the office if you **think you may** be entitled to free school meals

*Thank you for all your continued support this half term!*



**Reminders:**

1. **Remember to return Bikeability Permission forms**
2. **Remember to complete Care Club forms to reserve a place**
3. **Remember to have paid for clubs via parentpay**
4. **Remember to complete permission forms for trips and residentials**
5. **Remember to check expiry dates for inhalers or medication held in school**
6. **Remember to contact the office if you need a meeting with the class teacher, Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher to discuss any concerns so that they can be addressed as soon as possible.**

**Please remember that dates and times may have to change so continue to check your emails and the website**

**Key Dates:** <https://www.anson.staffs.sch.uk/events>

Wednesday 29th January	Chinese New Year Celebration and special menu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Menu emailed out</li> <li>● Menu on school website</li> <li>● <a href="#">menu</a></li> <li>● Includes stir fry and noodles!</li> </ul>
Friday 31st January	Celebration Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School Hall</li> <li>● 2.45pm</li> <li>● All are welcome!</li> </ul>
Monday 3rd February	Class 4 work on the electric car with Dr Allen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8.45am - 12pm</li> <li>● School Hall</li> </ul>
Tuesday 4th February	Great Big Assembly: Children's mental Health Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Class 2-4</li> </ul>
Friday 7th February	Diddi Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Class 1</li> <li>● School Hall</li> <li>● 10.30am</li> </ul>
Friday 7th February	Celebration Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School Hall</li> <li>● 2.45pm</li> <li>● All are welcome!</li> </ul>
Tuesday 11th February	Phonics Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Class 1 families</li> <li>● 2.45pm</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Class 1</li> </ul>
Friday 14th February	Eco Council and PTFA Jumble Sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School Hall</li> <li>● 2pm - 3.30pm</li> <li>● All welcome</li> <li>● Details to follow</li> </ul>
Friday 14th February	<b>NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY</b>	
Friday 14th February	Last Day of half term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Children will be allowed to leave with family after visiting the jumble sale if desired</li> <li>● Details to follow</li> <li>● 3.15pm school closes to all</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 24th February</b>	<b>School open to children</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>First day back at school</b></li> <li>● <b>8.45am gates open</b></li> <li>● <b>Welcome back!</b></li> </ul>
Monday 24th February	Class 4 work on the electric car with Dr Allen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8.45am - 12pm</li> <li>● School Hall</li> </ul>
Wednesday 5th March	PCSO working with Class 4 - Outreach project	<b>Details to follow</b>

#### Term Dates

<https://www.anson.staffs.sch.uk/termdates>

#### ***A prayer for our school and school community***

*Give me the strength to be kind,*

*And to respect everyone and everything.*

*Remind me always to use my manners,*

*And give me the courage to make the right choices.*

*Bless our whole school family,*

*And our wider family across the world.*

*Thank you for being with us,*

*And helping us in all that we do.*

*Amen.*

Thank you for all that you do to support us at Anson, and ensuring our school remains a place of love and kindness so that we can all flourish.

Best wishes

Nicola Jarrett

Headteacher