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'Loving God in all we do'

Easter letter to all families

Friday 1st April

Dear parents,

I wish all our families a peaceful and enjoyable Easter holidays and would like to thank all our children, staff and families for working together to help our school and parish community continue to thrive. Children return to school after the Easter break on Wednesday 20th April.

Miss Rawlinson completes her last day teaching at St Anne's today. Miss Rawlinson has served St Anne's exceptionally well over the past five years and we wish her the greatest happiness as she begins her new career outside of teaching.

I would like to thank all the PTA, parents, children and staff for your efforts in organising, supporting and taking part in the PTA events this term. We are very fortunate to have a strong group of parents who are willing to give their time and energy to support our school. We look forward to being able to plan summer term events for our children.

Celebrating children's work

On Wednesday 18th May, parents are invited to visit their child's classroom to celebrate learning. Classrooms will be open from 3.30pm through to 4.30pm. Children will sit with their parents and share their favourite piece of work from one of their books. This is a great opportunity for children to show how proud they are of their work. Please consider staggering visiting times during the hour so that the classrooms are not too full at 3.30pm. Teachers will be present to share in the celebrations.

Use of the school car parks

Throughout the summer term, we have planned building works which may well restrict parental access to the car parks for parents who use the Breakfast Club and After School Club. I will be able to communicate more once building contractors confirm exact start dates. During time of restricted access, we will need to reserve parking for staff members. Parents will need to find alternative parking and walk into the school grounds. School will email parents exact details as appropriate.

Sports Day

We would like to give parents two options for how we organise Sports Day this year. Last year we had single year group sports days whilst in previous years, we have held combined year group sports days. There are pros and cons to any sports day arrangements and we would like to listen to parental preference prior to making a final decision. Please click on the following link to express your preference and whichever option has the highest vote will win!
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-8SRUitIfUertJo62ySxZatPSGM_SGgGoLfuxY4FAFxEkYVEISMVJYTTNaQUpBTDNUVVIGQjRVQi4U

Parents' Evening

Over the past five years, we have fine-tuned our parents' evening arrangements. Reflecting on the autumn and spring term attendance data, we feel confident that our families prefer attending in person for parents night rather than online. The online booking system works, with both parents and teachers appreciating a timed schedule that enables information to be shared without encroaching into precious family time. Entering and exiting through the external classroom doors reduces footfall inside the school building and helps punctuality. We recognise the need to improve external lighting once all building works are completed.

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The following attendance data is provided for you:

Class	% engaged in autumn term 2021 parents' night	% engaged in spring term 2022 parents' night
1	N/A	71%
2	100%	95%
3	94%	100%
4	100%	100%
5	88%	96%
6	100%	89%
7	80%	85%
8	93%	80%
9	88%	85%
10	92%	96%
11	91%	88%
12	100%	94%
13	81%	78%
14	81%	85%

Healthy Minds/Healthy Bodies Garden

Our Healthy Minds/Healthy Bodies garden has been fully planted and we encourage all families to visit the garden and have a look as our plants grow during the summer term. When visiting the garden area, please explain to your children that they cannot play in the flower beds, climb on the borders or remove the stones from the pond area. With your help our garden will keep our children healthy for many years.

Punctuality and school uniform

We all take great pride in our school and we should reflect and celebrate the highly regarded position St Anne's holds in our local community. School uniforms provide a visual indication to the local community of the standards expected at St Anne's. Parents, please continue to help promote St Anne's by ensuring your child is dressed in the correct school uniform, including the correct school shoes, when you leave your home in a morning. Punctuality is a vital life skill and arriving ready for school to start from is really important. The classroom doors open at 8.45am with lessons beginning at 8.55am. No child likes the feeling of walking into class late when learning has started.

School Dinners

Due to an increase in cost by Lancashire County Council, the cost of a school dinner will increase from £2.35 to £2.40. This increase will begin from Wednesday 20th April 2022.

Best wishes,

Mr P Bates

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