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22nd September 2023

Spotlight on Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been very busy. We began the week by learning all about the author and illustrator Oliver Jeffers. On Tuesday we found a suitcase in the classroom, but what was inside? The children thought of different questions about what was inside the suitcase and why it was there. We discovered that all the clues linked to our new English text 'Lost and Found'. We made predictions about what would happen in the book and wrote about the different characters and their feelings. We can't wait to delve into the book even further next week!

In Maths we have been learning all about counting forwards and backwards as well as recognising one more and one less than. We have been working really hard on some tricky word problems on the carpet together too!

In Religion we have continued to focus on the theme of 'families' and have learnt what a psalm is. The children have written some gorgeous prayers throughout this week. Thanking God for his love and care.

In Science we have been continuing to learn all about our bodies and recognised the similarities and differences in humans. In History we have been learning all about the Royal family, particularly our new monarch King Charles III. We all came together for our music lesson this week and loved learning all about pulse and rhythm. It was very noisy!







Near the end of this week we have enjoyed our PE sessions. In tennis we worked on balancing the ball on the racket as well as beginning to bounce the ball on it – we were very focused! With West Lancs we worked on our jumping technique to jump as far as we could. Watch out Olympic long jump here we come!





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Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and grandparents,

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Curriculum Evening this week. We hope you found the information useful and that it provided a valuable insight into life at St Anne's. Please click on the following link to access my presentation. <u>https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/welcome</u>

<u>Knowledge Organisers</u>

This half term's knowlegde organisers are available on the school website and can be accessed by clicking on this link. <u>https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum/whole-school-</u> <u>curriculum</u> Please click on the 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds' tab to access your child's year group.

<u>Polite reminder</u> - No dogs are allowed on the school grounds. We have a number of children who are frightened of dogs. No smoking is allowed on the school grounds. This includes vapes.

<u>Nut allergies in school</u> - We have a number of children in school who have serious nut allergies. Foods that contain nuts are not allowed to be brought into school.

School Admissions – St Anne's Catholic Primary School

You may know a family friend whose child is due to start school in September 2024. We need your help to remind them the application window for primary school admissions is now open. The following link will take your family and friends to the 'Admission Page' on our school website <u>https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/admissions</u>

<u> School Admissions – St Bede's Catholic High School</u>

Secondary school admissions are open and close on 31st October 2023. If you wish for your child to attend St Bede's, it is essential that you also complete their Supplementary Faith Form and return this form to St Bede's. The following link will take you to St Bede's website where you will find the Supplementary Faith Form. <u>https://www.sbchs.co.uk/key-information/admission-agreements/</u>

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher



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Curriculum News

Nursery In Nursery this week the children have been talking about their families, they have been counting how many people there are in their family and have drawn beautiful pictures which are displayed in the Nursery. We have been continuing to develop friendships, playing together and caring for each other. The children have been looking at the book 'A wet Walk' in Literacy and have been engaging in lots of activities, they really enjoyed experiencing a wet walk, listening for different sounds and having lots of fun! The children have really enjoyed exploring the play dough, cutting it and moulding it to making faces.

Mission Statement: Maddox C Star of the Week: Rishvik B

Reception This week in Reception we having been learning some new sounds in phonics, we are trying really hard to blend and segment using our new sounds. In maths we have been matching and sorting items, we even collected some items from outside and then sorted them with a partner in different ways.

Year 1 <u>See Spotlight</u>

Year 2 The children certainly brightened up a rainy week with their wonderful costumes and creativity on Roald Dahl Day! They had such fun - making dream jars, creating powerful potions, inventing super sweets for Willy Wonka's factory and drawing like his friend, Quentin Blake. Thank you so much for your support in making it such a wonderful day! The rest of the week has been filled with great learning opportunities. The children have been Phonics superstars by learning how to make the soft 'c' sound in words. In Maths the children have been estimating numbers on a number line (which was quite a challenge!). They have also written some beautiful acrostic poems to describe the beauty of God's creation as part of our RE theme of 'Beginnings.'

Year 3 This week, Year 3 have been finishing off their English topic of Biographies by writing a biography of the late Queen Elizabeth II. The children have used the facts that they have learnt to write wonderful information texts. This week, the children have been continuing to work hard in the Health and Wellbeing sessions in the PE lessons. The focus was lower body exercises! In Computing, the children became familiar with the online resource Sketchpad. The novel The Astounding Broccoli Boy continues to entertain the children.

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Year 5 We are drawing to a close on our topic on legends - now we are writing them with expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials to make them more interesting. We have looked at rounding large numbers and had great fun looking at negative numbers (especially subtracting them). We have studied the human life-cycle and learnt what it is like to be old and in RE we have been studying how we can become more like Christ.

Year 6 Our work in English about famous and inspirational Paralympians has continued and we are now full of knowledge and ideas ahead of writing our hybrid text next week. The children have identified healthy snacks, their nutritional value and were able to answer questions on the design of the snack and its origin. Our PE lessons of both netball and athletics have continued to show the children's sporting prowess and competitive nature.



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Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week Mission Statement

lvy S **Beatrice W Rafael G** Seb J Luca H Ava M Karter C Nyah C Seren L William C Noah E **Daisy F** Harriet S **Dexter** C

Ellie K Henry B **Daniel B Florence MC** Esme M Ezra D Sophie M **Yasmine S** Arthur C **Rafferty S** Isabelle M Zach MR Millie M Harrison H



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PTA News

Christmas Cards

Your child will have brought home a Christmas Card Drawing template this week. They can design a Christmas card, which will then be printed professionally and available to buy. The design needs to be bright and colourful and fit within the box on the template. **All designs must be returned to school by FRIDAY 29**th **SEPTEMBER** in order for them to be printed and returned to you in time for Christmas.

St Anne's Toddler Group

St Anne's Toddler Group meets every Thursday morning during term time. It is open to all families and it is a great opportunity to meet new people whilst your children play. Each week there is a different activity including Creation Station, a local craft activity company, offering lots of different crafts for children to do. We also offer fun with food activities, messy play, stories, singing and lots more.

There is no need to book just come along to St Anne's School on a Thursday morning, 9am - 11am. A small charge of £2.00 for the 1st child and 50p for each other child is required.

St Anne's Church Bulletin

The Bulletin is available on the Church website:

stannes-ormskirk.org.uk

A link is available at the bottom of every page on our school website also.



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PTA News – 22nd September

Next PTA Meeting

Friday 29th September 9am – St Annes School, Staff Room

Welcome back! The first PTA meeting of the new school year! Please join us and help plan exciting events for the children over the coming months. We would also like to give a very warm welcome the new parents and guardians to our school. We are looking forward to meeting you. Please come along if you can. **All welcome!** Did you know that as a parent or guardian of a child at St Annes you automatically become a member of the PTA? You do now!

Pre-Loved Uniform – we are bursting at the seams with your generous donations!

Your generosity knows no bounds! Our new pre-loved uniform store is bursting at the seams! Thank you all very much for your donations, they are very much appreciated. However, for the time being we are asking to **pause new donations** whilst we catch up. Our new pre-loved uniform room is coming very soon – we will let you know when its ready to browse. In the meantime should you need anything; you can still request via our dedicated email address stanesuniformspares@gmail.com

Christmas Card Project - It's never too early to mention - or is it?!

Separate comms will be sent out with further details; but in summary; very soon all children will receive a blank template to take home and do some wonderful festive drawings. For those taking part the completed template should be returned to school no later than **Friday 29th September**.

Your School Lottery To learn more, how to sign up and buy tickets follow the link below:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-annes-catholicprimary-school-ormskirk

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

EasyFundraising

Every time you shop online first go to the easyfundraising website, find the brand you want & start shopping. Sign up here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stannesormskirk/



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"Loving God in all we do"

EYFS Reception and Nursery Open Day



7th and 10th November 2023

For Parents/carers whose children are starting school September 2024.

We would like to warmly welcome you and your families to show you around our Nursery and Reception setting. Our tours and talks will enable you and your child to get a real sense of what life is like at St Anne's Catholic Primary School and will provide you with lots of opportunities to ask any questions you may have. Choosing your child's school is an important decision and we are here to help you in anyway we can. Please call the school office to book on to one of our available slots.

Tuesday 7th November

9.30am-10am

Friday 10th November

1.30pm-2.00pm

If you cannot make these times, please contact the school office to organise an alternative time.

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School Aughton Street Ormskirk Lancashire L39 3LQ Tel: 01695 574697

Admissions

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School is a Voluntary Aided Roman Catholic School. It serves the parishes of St Anne's, Ormskirk and St. Mary's, Aughton in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The school is maintained by Lancashire Local Authority as a voluntary aided school. The school's Governing Body, appointed by Douai Abbey, is the admissions authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The appeals process is managed by Lancashire County Council.

For the school year commencing September 2024;

Apply here... <u>https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-</u> families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/











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Holly Lane, Aughton, L39

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th September 2023

12pm - 4pm

Join us in our apple harvest celebrations

Tours of our heritage orchard Opportunities to taste and buy Sales of Apple Juice Refreshments

Free Parking Donations Welcome Managed by NorthWest Ecological Tru Charity No: 327788 www.nwecotrust.org.uk



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WRAP UP WEST LANC Donate your good quality **PRELOVED COATS!**

Drop off your COATS at the following Donation Stations:

Monday 2 October 9:30am - 1:00pm

Tuesday 3 October 3:00pm-6:00pm

Coronation Park Bowling Green, Ormskirk, L39 3LB



Tuesday 3 October 9:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday 5 October 3:00pm-6:00pm

The Grove, Burscough, L40 ORZ

Hesketh Bank Community Centre, PR4 6SR

> West Lancs Youth Zone. Skelmersdale, WN8 6PZ

Keep someone warm this winter! Call in and choose a free, preloved COAT at the following venues:

Monday 16 October 11:00am - 6:00pm Green, Ormskirk, L39 3LB

Tuesday 17 October 12:30pm - 6:00pm Coronation Park Bowling The Grove, Burscough, West Lancs Youth Zone, L40 ORZ

Thursday 19 October 11:00am - 6:00pm Skelmersdale, WN8 6PZ



Friday 20 October 11:00am - 6:00pm **Hesketh Bank** Community Centre, **PR4 6SR**

www.westlancs.gov.uk communityconnectors@westlancs.gov.uk

