

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 16th April 2021



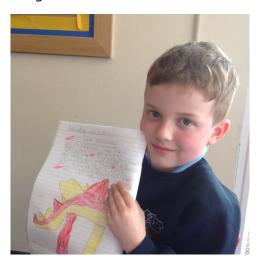
Spotlight on Year 2

It has been lovely to welcome back Year 2 after the Easter Break. The children have settled well into the new school routine and worked incredibly hard! We have made the most of the sunny (and slightly chilly) weather and taken our lessons outside as much as possible.





To kickstart our 'We are Scientists' theme this half term, we have been exploring the different wild plants in the school grounds and learnt about the different parts of a flower. In English, we have started reading a fantastic book called 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' and we cannot wait to find out what adventures Tomas and Flicker get up to over the coming weeks! In R.E as part of 'Spread the Word' topic we have looked at The Jolly Postman and discussed the different ways messaged can be sent and received and how we have received messages.





We are all very excited for an amazing Summer Term with lots of exciting lessons planned...keep a lookout on our class pages on Twitter to see what we get up to in year 2!





Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers, grandparents and parishioners,

Our children returned to school after their Easter break full of excitement and enthusiasm to see their friends and enjoy their learning. We are all hopeful that our school can return to normal after what has been an extremely challenging year for all. However, Covid restrictions are still in place. Children continue to remain in class bubbles throughout the school day following all the appropriate guidelines. I ask all children, staff and parents to continue to work as one to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Reception intake - September 2021

Parents of children starting school in Reception Class this September will have received confirmation of their preferred schools today. You may well have friends who might have forgotten to apply for a place for their child or who may not be happy with the school they have been allocated. Please encourage parents to contact St Anne's for help or advice. We all care deeply for our school and your support is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank all the parents who responded to the questionnaire regarding parents evening. The feedback was extremely informative and will help shape future decisions.

Mrs Ellis returned back to St Anne's from maternity leave this week. Mrs Ellis will be working in school on a Tuesday and Wednesday across Year 3, 4 and 5.

As Covid restrictions are eased, the traffic flow around school will inevitably increase. One of our greatest strengths is that all parents at St Anne's care for all children. I ask everyone to drive carefully and park appropriately when travelling to and from school. All children should be in school by 8.55am with the school day finishing at 3.30pm.

Wishing everyone a relaxing weekend,

Mr P Bates Headteacher





Curriculum News

Nursery This week in Nursery has been really exciting! We have been observing ducklings hatching! We have fed them and stroked them and watched them have their first swim. We have enjoyed learning about their lifecycle and have completed lots of related activities.

Reception This week we have been very excited with our caterpillar visitors in class. We are loving watching them and learning about the life cycle of the butterfly. We have also enjoyed making butterflies using lots of media and materials.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have started our new English topic 'Poems on a Theme'. The children have loved listening to different poems all about animals. In Maths we have been busy using our addition and subtraction skills to solve calculations. We loved going on an exciting Spring walk around the school grounds and identifying all the different signs of Spring.

Year 2 Please see this week's 'Spotlight'.

Year 3 It's been all about rocks this week in Year 3! We've begun looking at Stig of the Dump, looking at volcanoes and beginning our work on the Stone Age. A very hardworking week to begin the summer term!

Year 4 What a great start to our Summer term! Year 4 started our 'We are scientists' theme by exploring liquids and solids. We worked hard to find out what a solid and liquid is before separating everyday items into the two groups. We also had our first cricket lesson from West Lancs which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Year 5 Year 5 have been introduced to the fascinating, if not bizarre world, of Professor Branestawm as we focus on a novel set in the past.

Year 6 In Year 6 we have started an electricity topic in science. In DT we are investigating roller coasters.





Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week Mission Statement

Charlotte S James D

Josh M Grace P

Evie C Zach M

LilyC Phoebe E

Jessica B Aaron C

Leo MY & Spencer C Elsa T

Ben C Oliver F

Sawyer R Sham D

Sadie P Madeleine F

Daisy F Joshua M

Isabelle M Freddie D

Ted C Annie E

Luna J Finlay S

Lucy B Bella G





Key Messages



Reception Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Every child in the Reception class has received an invitation to have their vision tested in school. A detailed letter has been emailed home to Reception parents/carers.

Vision screening will be taking place for Reception children on **Wednesday 5th May**.

An Opt-Out consent form has also been sent home. If you did not receive one and wish to Opt-Out, please contact the school office.

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Covid₁₉

The key messages to try to reduce the spread of Covid-19 are:

Ensuring good hand washing routines using soap and hot water.

Adults and children to maintain a 2 metre distance wherever possible.

Parents and children not to gather at the start or end of the day on the school grounds.

<u>St Anne's Church Bulletin</u> is available on the Church website. A link is available at the bottom of every page on our school website:





