

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



23rd October 2020

Spotlight on Year 4!

It has been an extremely busy week for the children of Year 4. We have been writing an explanation text all about teeth for the end of our English and Science topics.





We have researched the digestive system ready for our independent explanation text. A fabulous experiment using a man-made digestive system was carried out too!





Swimming was successful and the children have really enjoyed going.





Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers, grandparents and parishioners,

I would like to thank the whole school community for our combined efforts over the past eight weeks in providing pastoral support and care for all our children. School life will continue to be affected by Covid-19. After the holidays, I will communicate how we intend to prepare and celebrate Christmas with our children. Everyone will understand that our arrangements and celebrations will need to be different to previous years.

The Government have allocated a large sum of money to schools in recognition that the pandemic has, and will continue to, impact negatively on children's learning. Over the next twelve months, I intend to provide numerous additional learning opportunities for all our children with the money allocated to St Anne's. This may involve interventions during the school day or interventions prior to or after the school day. Class teachers will communicate with families to invite your child to attend additional small group or 1:1 teaching if provision is to take place before or after the school day. It is important to recognise that this is a whole school approach to maximise opportunities for all our children. Children of all abilities will receive quality teaching in addition to their normal school day.

Many thanks to all the Year 1 parents who have completed the survey based on their experience of home learning. Your responses will help shape changes to how we provide 'Blended Learning' should a class or year group need to self-isolate.

Wishing you a wonderful half-term holiday,

Mr P Bates Headteacher



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Curriculum News

- Reception This week we have been looking for signs of Autumn on our Autumn walks around school. We have listened to the story Leaf Man and have made our own collage characters.
- Year 1 This week Year One have written and performed their own version of a traditional rhyme. They have also completed their art topic about making self-portraits and have explored how to use collage, charcoal and paint to create some wonderful masterpieces!
- Year 2 This week we have been learning to write recipes using titles, sub-headings, numbers, and 'bossy' verbs. Yesterday was our last PE session on striking and fielding skills. We have loved practising our cricket skills! In our afternoon sessions we have been developing our sketching and sculpture skills, looking at the work of Henry Moore. Look at our amazing pieces on the class Twitter pages.
- Year 3 In Year 3 this week we have worked hard to complete our Olympic posters and they look brilliant! We've also found time to plan, design and create smoothies to complete our 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds' topic. Have a wonderful half term break.
- Year 4 Please see this week's spotlight.
- Year 5 Year 5 have been wowing their teachers with their Maths knowledge during assessment week.
- Year 6 In Year 6 this week we have focused on the poem the Tyger by William Blake. This has inspired us to write our own poems about an animal.

Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week Mission Statement Isabella **Josie** Chloe Nancy Timothy Sebby Charlotte Ted Joshua Joseph Karter Seren Lucia Henry Rebecca Jessica Eve Henry **Patrick** Josh Joe Nancy Florence Leo Rafael Grace Evie Harrison





Poppy Appeal



Dear Parents, Carers and children,

At this time of year, we are usually busy preparing for Remembrance Day by selling poppies to raise funds for the Royal British Legion to support the families of those affected by war. This year, like so many things, the Poppy Appeal has to adapt, and they are asking the public to support them in a different way.

On your child's Class Charts page there is a download of an outline of a poppy that we would like the children to colour, paint, finger paint, collage or design (perhaps with an image of Remembrance Day). Alternatively, you can log in to Purple Mash and create a poppy by simply following this link

https://www.purplemash.com/#tab/pm-home/art/paint projects events

The designs can then be sent back to school and we will laminate and display them along the school railings to show our support for this appeal. You can then, if you wish, go onto the Royal British Legion website and make a small, one off donation.

https://donations.britishlegion.org.uk/donation/oneoff

We look forward to receiving and displaying the children's art work after the half term break.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Preston





Key Messages

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>Primary School Admission - September 2021</u>

Please share Primary School Admissions information with friends and family members who have young children starting school next year. Many toddler groups are not operating as normal during the current restrictions and this could lead to parents not knowing about the timeframes for applications. All information is on St Anne's School website.

Secondary School Admission - September 2021

Parents of children in Year 6 are reminded that the deadline for application to High Schools is October 31st 2020. If you wish your child to attend St Bede's you must also complete a supplementary faith form. St Bede's website contains all the information. There is a link to St Bede's website at the bottom of every page on St Anne's School website.

<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:



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What to do if	Action needed	Back to school
my child has COVID- 19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	 Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	when child's test comes back negative and child is well enough
my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	 Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
in my household has COVID- 19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	 Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days	when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

^{*} Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/





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What to do if	Action needed	Back to school
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)	 Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days
we / my child has travelled and has to self- isolate as part of a period of quarantine	 Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed: Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days
we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	 Child shouldn't attend school Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)	 Only people with symptoms* need to get a test People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

For further information:
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gov.uk/backtoschool