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Spring Term Update

Friday 25th February

Dear parents and carers,

I hope all parents had an enjoyable half-term holiday. This letter will provide an update on school plans as we progress through the spring term.

This week we returned to being able to celebrate whole school assemblies and also key stage assemblies. On Monday, it was wonderful for all our children and staff to meet together as one school to celebrate the Gospel message. Dinnertime arrangements have changed too with children now able to sit together in the school hall and play together across year groups on the playgrounds. We will continue to promote good hygiene and follow all sensible guidance.

Extra-curricular activities enrich the school day and we can once again offer a wide variety of opportunities for our children. By clicking on the following link <https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/extra-curricular-activities> you can access the extra-curriculum page on our website. The information on this page will be added to regularly and provides families with an insight into the wider school life at St Anne's. We hope to be able to offer many more opportunities to all our children through the spring and summer terms by working together with our cluster networks of schools. Further information will be communicated as soon as possible.

The school curriculum drives teaching and learning and we continue to publish 'Knowledge Organisers' for children and families to be fully informed of the learning that takes place. Please click on the following link to access this half-term's 'Animal Kingdom Knowledge Organisers' <https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum/whole-school-curriculum>.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening for the spring term will take place on the evenings of Monday 7th and Thursday 10th March apart from Class 6 which will be on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th March. During the autumn term parents' evenings, we achieved 100% attendance in a number of classes with our lowest attendance being 81%. Both parents and staff appreciated meeting in person and we would like to offer this opportunity again. Feedback from parents and teachers also communicated the system of entering and exiting the classroom through the blue fire doors proved very time efficient and removed the need to wait inside the school building. We will therefore repeat this again this term. The school bell will ring every 10 minutes to ensure all appointments stay on track.

Parents to follow these instructions:

1. If any parents are presenting with any symptoms of ill health, they do not attend.
2. No children to attend parents' evening.
3. Parents will enter their child's classroom through the classroom's blue fire door. These are the doors that are used by the children at the start and end of the school day. Parents are asked to wait outside the classroom until their appointment time.
4. We do have lighting around the outside of the school building. Parents are asked to take care when walking to the classrooms and use a torch if required.

Headteacher: Mr P. Bates

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs G. Cleary



Parents will receive their child's spring term report during parents' evening. If parents cannot attend, reports will be sent home at a later date.

To access booking arrangements please log onto www.scopay.com with your email address and password. See instructions attached.

Celebrating Children Work

I would like to invite all parents to be able to share in their children's ongoing success by organising an 'Open Classroom' opportunity during the summer term. This will take place on Wednesday 18th May from 3.30pm through to 4.30pm. The purpose of this meeting is to enable children to share the work that they are most proud of with their parents. The classrooms will be open to all children and parents during this hour with the class teacher available to also share in the children's celebrations. Children and parents will sit together and look through a selection of the children's books to celebrate their learning and achievements.

School uniform

Children should be dressed in the correct uniform every day for school. On PE days children can wear the school tracksuit bottoms if the weather is cold. Please ensure school shoes are worn on the correct days. We take great pride in our school and wish to promote the highest standards for our children and our community.

Automated Gates

The gates on the main driveway are now fully automated. Times are programmed to enable parents to access school for breakfast and after school club in exactly the same way as when the barrier was in place. The gates will automatically close at 8.30am and open at 3.45pm. Access to school during these times will be controlled by the main office. During the school day, there is an intercom enabling communication and access if required. The main pedestrian gate to the side of the driveway will, once completed, operate in the same way. The pedestrian gates accessing the EYFS/KS1 playground and the Year 5/Year 6 classrooms remain manually controlled.

Dogs in school

Walking to school is an extremely healthy and environmentally friendly way to travel. Over the past few months, many parents have brought dogs onto the school site as they have walked to school with their children. May I remind parents that we do have a number of children and adults who are frightened of dogs in our school community. With the new automated gates in place we do have a safe space away from the road where, if required, parents are welcome to wait with their dogs whilst their children walk to their classrooms. Please refrain from bringing dogs onto the school grounds.

Kind regards,

Mr P Bates

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