

St Anne's Weekly Newsletter - 23-24 - Spring term week 7



Our weekly newsletter is sent out at the start of each week with all the important updates from school with all the information to keep our parents and families up to date.

The Year Five children saw Maple on Friday, as I am sure you can imagine both the children and Maple were incredibly happy to see each other. Mrs Clegg is incredibly grateful for her cards, gifts and well wishes from the children & parents.

We continue to keep her & her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Overview of updates for this week: 12.02.24

Our news for this week:

- Dates
- Dentist
- Snack - playtime
- Class assemblies
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Dentist:

We have a Dentist from Park Dental welcoming parents on Friday morning to sign their child up to the local Dentist Practice. This will be first thing on Friday (16th) morning at the main entrance.

Snack - playtime:

As a school we provide fruit snack for all children across school.

Children are allowed to bring in their own snack but this must be fruit only.

Over recent weeks we have a number of children trying to bring in snack, sausage rolls, cereal bars and other items. This is now allowed.

Staff will continue to remind children that it's fruit based snack at playtime only.



Dates:

Week beg 12.02.24 & 26.02.24 - Bikeability - Y6 pupils

12.02.24 - Hate Crime Awareness Sessions with Year 3-6

13.02.24 - Shrove Tuesday - Mardi Gras

14.02.24 - Ash Wednesday - Mass

15.02.24 - Tree Planting Workshop - Year 5

16.02.24 - Finish at normal time for half term

17.02.24-25.02.24 - February half term

26.02.24 - Return to school - Spring 2

26.02.24 - Art Week

01.03.24 - Art Gallery show for parents and the community

07.03.24 - World Book Day

07.03.24 - Y4 Camp Curiosity

11.03.24 - Islam week linked with Our World Religions for RE - children will be visiting a local Mosque

15.03.24 - British Science week - celebration day

25.03.24 - Holy Week

28.03.24 - Finish for Easter Holidays - 1pm close



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Class assemblies:

This term we're inviting parents to come to class assemblies. The below dates have been organised up until February half term. Classes that don't have an assembly invite for this half term will have a date in Spring 2 half term. These will be shared closer to the time.

The Tuesday assemblies take place:

Y4-6 - 9.05am-9.30am

Y1-3 - 2.40pm -3.05pm

Each child is allowed up to two parents for their assembly. Please arrive before the time above as assemblies will start promptly.

Tuesday 13th February

Year 2HR

Year 4W

Next half term assemblies will be shared later this week for parents to sign up to.

Please use the link to sign up to your child's assembly: <https://forms.gle/fvyN6E8y7BWT5h4SA>



Picture News:

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Religious Education:

Lent is nearly here

This week is an incredibly busy and significant week for us in our continuing faith journey. We celebrate two special days, Mardi Gras on Tuesday and Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent the following day.

Mardi Gras is traditionally a day when people indulge in rich food as part of a celebration before Lent begins. Typically, people would use up their eggs, flour, milk and oil, before Lent.

Mardi Gras is the last day of the carnival season. It has other names too, such as; Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Day! It is a happy day, people wear green, purple and gold and put on colourful masks. They participate in parades and celebrations, they might even eat some King Cake, a sweet and colourful cake.

Then on the following day, Lent begins...

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. On this day many Christians attend mass and receive ashes on their foreheads. Lent is 40 days when we pray, fast and give as we prepare to celebrate Easter. In prayer, we put aside time to be with God and to let God love us. In fasting, we give up something we want, so that we can be open to what God wants. In almsgiving, we give generously to others, as God has been generous to us.

Laudato Si Centre Visit

Last week some of our children from the GIFT Team and the Laudato Si Eco Team visited the Laudato Si Centre in Wardley. They learned all about the Encyclical letter from Pope Francis to the world and learned about how we can further care for Our Common Home. The children came away with lots of ideas. Watch this space!

Our Gospel Value for February – Trust

We trust in each other to try new challenges.

God, help me trust you with my decisions and future. Let me lean on you with all my heart instead of relying on my own imperfect understanding. Give me clear guidance in my life. I ask for your help to direct my path.

Amen

A Reading from the Holy Gospel for this coming Sunday 18th February

Mark 1:12-15 (9-15)

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. **11** And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, **13** and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted[g] by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Jesus Announces the Good News

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. **15** “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Feast Days and notable events:

13th Mardi Gras, Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday

14th Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent

14th St Valentine





Attendance:



Our Attendance team are more than happy to discuss your child's attendance and how we can continue to work together on attendance. If you have any questions please speak to Miss Garside or Mrs Shakespeare-Regan

Well Done to 3K on achieving the best attendance.

Nursery - 85.3%

Reception H - 90.1%

Reception MC - 79.6%

Y 1C - 96.8%

Y 1S - 96.5%

Y 2O - 97.9%

Y 2HR - 95.6%

Y 3C - 98.8%

Y 3K - 99.2%

Y 4J - 97%

Y 4WD - 97.2%

Y 5WO - 92.3%

Y 5CK - 86.6%

Y 6B - 95.9%

Y 6WI - 86.8%

If your child is not going to be able to come to school for any reason it is important that you let us know.

There are a number of ways to do this

- 1. Report your child's absence using the Parentsapps**
- 2. Telephone school**

We may require evidence of the reasons for your child being absent (such as an appointment card / letter from your doctor) but please speak to a member of staff about your child's absence and we can let you know if we require any further evidence.

Punctuality

Please ensure that children are on time for school. The gates close at 8.50am and all children are expected to be in class and registered by 8.55am. If your child is later than 8.50am they will receive a L (late) mark. If your child is later than 9.20am they will receive a U (unauthorised) mark.

Latecomers cause disruption for pupils and teachers, and learning time is lost. All latecomers are recorded in a 'Late register' in the main entrance. Children should be collected punctually by a responsible adult (over the age of 16) at the time their class finishes. When children are not collected on time, they will wait in after school club and you will be charged for the session.

Safeguarding & Health:

The updated Instagram Checklist for 2024 quickly answers those common questions about your profile such as:

- Is my account private or public?
- How to share with a select group of followers?
- How do I block someone?
- Do you know how to report content?
- How do I hide comments and message requests?
- How do I delete or report comments?
- How do I delete my account?

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Free School Meals:



Eligibility is based on one of the following benefits :

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Click on the link to see if you're eligible:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/apply>

Updating Contact details:



It is really important that we have the most up to date details for us to be able to contact you - this makes sure that if there is an emergency or your child is not too well then we can get in touch with you or with someone that you have nominated to be able to care for your child in an emergency.

This also makes sure that we are sending out any letters / updates / newsletters to the correct email address.

Please make contact with the office if you feel your details need changing.

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