

St Ann's RC Primary School
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Dear parents/guardians,

I would first of all like to thank you for your patience and understanding this half term. It has been a strange half term, where we have had a lot of staff absence due to Covid-19 and self-isolating due to outbreaks. I hope that you feel we have managed to continue to function as normally as possible and to our usual high standards. I think we all need a break, time spent relaxing with our loved ones and enjoying the late autumn weather.

Hopefully things will pick up after the break and we can enjoy my favourite time of year in school – the preparation for Christmas!

Our Outstanding Children

Over the past two Saturdays, I have had the pleasure of being in church to celebrate the First Holy Communion of some of our Year 4 children. They were a credit to their parents and their teachers.

Every child was so respectful and proud to be participating. Well done to those children!

Thank you to Father Ged, the catechists, Mrs McGarry and Mrs Whittaker for their hard work leading up to the celebrations.

Punctuality

May I remind you that registration is at 9am and the school day begins at that time. We are still experiencing quite a large number of late arrivals and this can cause distress to the child and disruption to the child's day.

Traffic

Thank you to all parents for the efforts you are making with parking at pick up and drop off times. It is becoming much safer at those times of day and all of us at school appreciate this.

The week beginning 15th November, the school will be taking part in Road Safety Week. More details will be shared nearer the time.

As we are focussing on the important subject of traffic and road safety, I would like to hold a competition for the children to take part in over the holiday. See below for details:

COMPETITION

Design a poster for one of the following issues:

1. Parking safely.

- Think about the markings on the road which keep us safe
- Why it is important to park safely
- Children who need to cross the road safely

2. Shutting off the engine, when parking up and waiting

- Think about pollution – what happens if we keep our engines running
- Why is polluted air harmful to humans and the environment
- What could we do to stop the problem

Remember to make your poster bright and colourful. The wording should be clear and easy to read.

Prizes

There will be prizes for the winners in

- EYFS (Reception and Nursery)
- KS1 (Y1 and Y2)
- LKS2 (Y3 and Y4)
- UKS2 (Y5 and Y6)

Also the winning posters will be made into posters to put outside our school.

Please bring in your posters on Monday 1st November 2021

Keeping your child safe online

As we are in a very fast moving world of technology, it is important that we do everything we can to keep our children safe when they are online. This maybe using tablets, games consoles, computer or phones. It has come to our attention that some children are accessing games and apps which pose a risk. These include, **tik tok, discord & twitch**. Mrs Bradbury will be sending out parent information sheets about each of these apps to help you make more informed decisions about allowing your child to use it, as well as giving you advice about how to put additional safety control in place. Please contact school if you would like further advice or have any concerns.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Please note the last date for making your application to secondary school is 31st October 2021.

Dates for the first week back

| | HALF TERM |
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| <u>Week 9</u> | |
| Monday 1 st Nov | Return Road Safety Posters |
| Tuesday 2 nd Nov | |
| Wednesday 3 rd Nov | |
| Thursday 4 th Nov | |
| Friday 5 th Nov | Archery 12.10pm – 12.50pm |

Break the Rules Day

Thank you for supporting our Break the Rules Day. The children have had a lot of fun and it has been a fantastic success! We raised an amazing £830.39 for the Friends of St Ann's.

ParentPay

Please ensure you are able to log onto ParentPay for future payments into school. We are strictly a cashless school and from 1st November we will be unable to accept any cash whatsoever. If you have any problems logging onto ParentPay, please contact the school office. The only exception to this is any fundraising done by the Friends of St Ann's.

Thank you for your continued support, have a wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 1st November 2021 at 9am.

Mrs Noctor