



St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER



It is with great sadness that we learnt of the sad passing of Susan Clarey just before Christmas. Susan, who retired from St Anne's five years ago, was our Office Manager for 50 years and was the sparkling centre to school life. She saw generations of families come through St Anne's and formed ever lasting relationships with those she worked with. Susan's service and dedication for the children and families of St Anne's, was marked when she was awarded a British Empire Medal in the Queen's New Years Honours list in 2018. We are so honoured to have had Susan in our lives and her love for St Anne's will never be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this difficult time.

Your life was a blessing

Your memory a treasure

You were loved beyond words and missed beyond measure



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you well for 2024.

Upon our return to school we welcome Mr Hogg, who will be teaching Year 2 whilst Miss McHale is on maternity leave. We also welcome Miss McDermott, who will be covering in Nursery and are delighted to welcome back Mrs Parry who will be working with Year 4.

Today, Miss McHale starts her maternity leave and we wish her well for her upcoming arrival. We look forward to meeting the little bundle of joy very soon. Miss Banks is leaving St Anne's today and will soon be welcoming her bundle of joy too. Miss Banks will be greatly missed by the staff, children and families of St Anne's, please keep in touch!



This week the children have completed a variety of activities and workshops on the NSPCC Talk Pants Programme.

EYFS need your help. In Nursery and Reception, we are looking at a new Reading Scheme called Dialogic Reading. In order for us to do this, we need the following story books. If you have any of these stories at home and would like to donate them to us, we would really appreciate it. The more copies we have the better as we can use them in our Reading Areas, Outdoor Reading Shed and Library.

Thank you



It's party time...!



Valentine Disco 2024

Wednesday 14 February

With Rob Proud Disco, Games & Dancing

EYFS & Key Stage 1: 4.30pm--5.30pm

Key Stage 2: 5.45pm--6.45pm

£3.00 per ticket including juice. Available at the Main Entrance on Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 February

**NOTE TO PARENTS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL DISCO
TO SIGN UP AT MAIN ENTRANCE**

Please note: there will be an opportunity for the children to purchase refreshments and goodies from the Tuck Shop during the disco



Head Teacher: Mrs S Binks

Minds to learn hearts to care.



Safeguarding Training/information for Parents

[Childline/IWF Report Remove](#) is a free tool that allows children to report nude or sexual images and/or videos of themselves that they think might have been shared online [Report Remove \(iwf.org.uk\)](#)

Medication in school

Polite reminder that children should not have medication in their bags. All medication must be handed to the Office and the relevant form completed.

Breakfast Club

Could we please remind everyone attending breakfast club that the last entry is **8.30am**.

Names on clothing

We regularly have items of clothing which are lost around school. To help us identify who the clothing belongs to and return items to their rightful owners, could we please ask that all items of clothing are labelled with either your child's name or initials.

Smart watches

A number of our children were bought Smart watches for Christmas. Whilst these are wonderful gifts, they can only be worn in school if they do not have a camera and/or games facilities.

Mobile phones

Reminder that children who bring mobile phones to school, should hand them to the Office, switched off. They can be collected from the Office at the end of the day.

Leaving children at gate

Polite reminder that children should be encouraged to walk onto the yard each morning on their own. The main gate and the yard are supervised by members of staff.

Polite reminder that children who have vomited or have had diarrhoea should remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode. This is to ensure your child is fully fit before returning to school and also to help stop the spread of illness to children and staff. Thank you





Parking

Could we please ask you to consider our neighbours when parking your car outside of school. On a number of occasions ,drive ways have been blocked.

Absence reporting

Polite reminder that all absences and medical appointments should be reported to the Office by telephone on 01388 603359 each day.

Medical appointments

We have a large number of children leaving school early each day for medical appointments. Whilst we understand the difficulties in booking appointments, could we please ask that wherever possible appointments are made outside of school hours to limit disruption to your child's education. We will also be asking for evidence of medical appointments. This can be an appointment card, text etc.

Holiday requests

Polite reminder that all holiday requests must be made in advance, with forms available from the Office. Please be aware that only in exceptional circumstances will your request will be approved.

Earrings

Could we please remind you that earrings should be removed for PE lessons and where they cant be removed, they should be taped.

Reading books

We have a number of reading books being returned from home damaged or not being returned at all. Could we please ask that care is taken with any books taken home. Any lost or damaged books will be charged at £2.00 per book, to your child's Arbor account.



School holidays for the 2023/24 academic year

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2023	Friday 21 July 2023	Monday 4 September 2023
Autumn half-term 2023	Friday 27 October 2023	Monday 6 November 2023
Christmas 2023	Tuesday 19 December 2023	Wednesday 3 January 2024
Spring half-term 2024	Friday 16 February 2024	Monday 26 February 2024
Easter 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024	Monday 15 April 2024
May Day 2024	Friday 3 May 2024	Tuesday 7 May 2024
Summer half-term 2024	Friday 24 May 2024	Monday 3 June 2024
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024	Wednesday 4 September 2024

PD dates for 2023/24 are:

Monday 4 September 2023

Tuesday 5 September 2023

Friday 17 November 2023

Friday 24 May 2024

Friday 28 June 2024

On these dates school will be closed for all children.



January	February
1 Holiday	1
2 Holiday	2 Tuck shop/hot chocolate
3	3
4	4
5 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	5 Mental Health week
6	6
7	7 Safer Internet Day
8	8
9	9 Tuck shop/hot chocolate
10	10
11	11
12 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	12
13	13
14	14 Valentine Disco
15	15
16	16 Tuck shop/hot chocolate
17	17
18	18
19 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	19 Holiday
20	20 Holiday
21	21 Holiday
22	22 Holiday
23	23 Holiday
24	24
25	25
26 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	26 Fair Trade Fortnight
27	27
28	28
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