

St Anne's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



I hope everyone enjoyed their Summer holiday! As we look forward to the new term, I would like to extend a special warm welcome to all the children, families and staff who are new to St Anne's!

Miss Williams, who will be a familiar face to many, has been appointed for the Autumn term to cover Year 4 and we hope she will settle happily into our school family.

Congratulations to Mrs Severs and her husband who had a little boy during the Summer term. She will soon be popping into school with Maximus to meet the children and staff.

We have had a great start to the new term. The children's behaviour around school has been exemplary; they are a credit to their families, our school and themselves. Well done children, we are very proud of you all!

The children have returned to school looking immaculate in their winter uniforms and very smart wearing their red coats. Well done to parents - please keep it up!

Parents are reminded that our School Uniform Policy is now that red school coats or plain red coats ONLY are to be worn for school.

Parents are also reminded that for children to achieve '**green for uniform**' they must continue to adhere to the School Uniform Policy. (Ear rings; hair decorations such as bows and flowers, and clothing with designer/football/sporting logos are not acceptable and are marked as 'red'). Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

START OF YEAR MASS

Father Anton will be joining us to celebrate an outdoor mass for the start of the new academic year on **THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER at 1.30pm**. The mass will take place on the grass in front of the gazebo; it will also mark the official opening of the school grounds as it demarcates a quiet area for prayer and reflection for use by the children and staff.

Parents who wish to attend are very welcome, however, please be aware that the event may be cancelled at the last minute without warning if there is a change in the weather. Therefore, parents will need to use their own judgement about whether to attend or not, so we would be grateful if you would not query this with the school office.

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

Following the Parent Governor election in the Summer term, we wish to inform you that Sianne Usher received the highest number of votes and duly commenced her four year term of office from 1st September 2017. We would like to express our thanks to Mr Golding and Mrs Shallcross for also standing for election.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS NEW TO ST ANNE'S

- For parents new to St Anne's, please be aware that our school newsletter is published monthly. It is available on the school website at the above address, and is also uploaded to the school App. Additional hard copies of the newsletter are always available from the foyer or the school office and on the school App; St Anne's has a mobile App which you can download for free from the Apple and Google Play App stores by searching for 'St Anne's Catholic' – you will be able to identify the right one by our school logo. The App has many invaluable features which we are sure you will get a real benefit from. The App is our preferred method of communication with parents, so please download it as soon as possible.
- Teachers will send out curriculum information about their classes for the half term this week and a termly Religious Education newsletter will also be sent home for your information. These will also be available on the school website and on the App.

- Breakfast club is open daily from 8.00am and school staff will be on playground duty from 8.40am. The children's gate will close at 8.50am, which is the start of curriculum time. Any children arriving after this time will need report to the school office for access via the front entrance. Breakfast Club costs £2.00 per day or £8.50 for a full week, which must be paid in advance via Parentpay. Sessions must be booked in advance using the booking form on the school App.
- After school 'Wraparound Club' is available daily for all children from 3.00pm – 5.30pm, at a cost of £10.00 per session, which must be paid in advance via Parentpay. Sessions must be booked in advance using the booking form on the school App.
- Foundation Teachers will meet with parents this week and next week on a one-to-one basis as part of our transition process and you will be able to tell us about all your wonderful children. For the rest of the school, there will be an Open Evening so that parents/carers can meet school staff and governors. It will be an opportunity to have a look around the school and to see your child's classroom. There will also be a presentation from the class teachers explaining your child's curriculum and how you can help them make better progress with the support that you give at home.
- If any parents would like a tour of the school, please contact the school office.
- Children are encouraged to bring transparent water bottles (500 ml) which have a sports cap into school on a daily basis so they can sip water as and when needed. They need to be clearly labelled with your child's name. Flavoured water or any type of juice is not allowed.
- Just a reminder, our school is now on Twitter! Please follow us for regular updates, you can find us at: @StAnnesKnowsley
- Every class in school now uses Seesaw as both a way of communicating with parents and building a bank of evidence to support children's learning. Please ensure that you sign up to Seesaw when you receive your QR code from your child's class teacher and regularly check for updates.

PUPL INFORMATION FORM

It is vitally important that the school office has up to date information about your child, so please return your pupil information form to school before the end of this week.

PUPIL VOICE WEEK

There will be a Pupil Voice Week from **MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER** on the theme of "It's good to talk". The week aims to highlight the importance to children about keeping themselves safe, anti-bullying and providing pupils with a safe and accessible way of reporting their concerns. The children will identify a key member of staff, who they feel comfortable speaking to if they have any worries. In Foundation Stage, a 'key person' is already allocated but in the rest of the school, it is each child's choice.

A DAY IN THE LFE OF ST ANNE'S

We look forward to having a photographer in school on **TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER** to record the children's daily activities so that we can update the photographs on the school website and App and to also use them for promotional materials. If you do not wish your child to be photographed and included, please inform the school office.

OPEN EVENING - Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2



An Open Evening will be held on **MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER**, which will give parents the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher, receive an overview of the curriculum and homework; national expectations for your child's year group and information of how your child will be assessed.

Please do your very best to attend the meeting and introduce yourself to your child's teacher as this will really aid teacher/parent communication during the forthcoming year. As this evening will not be repeated and as teachers do not have sufficient time during the Autumn term teacher/parents progress meeting to repeat this information, teachers are hoping for a great turn out.

Entrance to the classes will be via the school hall where you will be able to meet myself, Mrs Revell, Miss Kidd (SEnCo) and the School Governors. We would like to know what parents think we are doing well and what you think we could do even better.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available in the hall so please do stay and have a chat.

Each teacher will present the same session twice; the first session will begin at **3.40pm**, and it will be repeated again at **5.00pm**.

For Health and Safety reasons we ask that children are not brought to school on this occasion. Thank you for your co-operation.

MARY'S MEALS BACKPACK PROJECT

Mary's Meals is a global movement of people from all walks of life, united by their belief that no child in this world should endure a day without a meal. Mary's Meals offers hope to some of the world's poorest children by providing them with a daily meal in their place of education.

Many children receiving Mary's Meals don't have the basic tools they need to learn, such as pencils and notepads. By donating a backpack filled with educational and hygiene items, you can help a child make the most of their lessons and, for many, give them the only gift they have ever received.

We would like to support the parish of St. Agnes' & St. Aidan's with this project; good quality second hand items are ideal so please see this as a great recycling opportunity.

What goes in a backpack?

- Backpack/School bag
- Exercise book/Notepad
- Pencil case with: 4 x pencils, 4 x pens, ruler, crayons, pencil sharpener & eraser.
- Flip-flops/sandals
- Shorts and T-Shirt (for a boy)
- School dress/Skirt and blouse (for a girl)
- Hand towel
- Bar of soap
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Tennis ball
- Dessert spoon

Please send your backpacks into school by **FRIDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER** or take them to Church by **SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER**. Thank you for your support with this valuable project.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Children are awarded 'smilies' for excellent effort, perseverance, attitude, manners, homework and for following our School Mission Statement over the academic year. (Bronze certificate for 100 smilies; Silver certificate for 200 smilies and a Gold certificate for 300 smilies.)

Congratulations to the following children who achieved their awards during the Summer term!

Gold - Isla Clayton, Grace Wray, Ruby Coleman, Jessica Burgess, Ruby Roberts.

Silver - Amy Tapp, Reece McKane, Patsy McGrath, Lucie Walker, Evie McFarlane, Tom Ward, Alex Virgo, Faye Stanhope, Poppy Huyton, Joe McFarlane, Rose Littlewood, Callum Russell, Tomir Baba, Annabel Lewis, Francis Lynch, Oscar Townley, Joseph Dwyer, Gabriella Osborne, Alice Waters, Isabella Williams, Nathan Lyons.

Bronze – Ciara Barkey, Penny Rawcliffe, Finn Duncan, Ruby Bigelow, Lola Flett, Isla Keegan, Sonny Finnigan, Gabriel Ladusans, Joshua Jones.

For those children who achieved a 'Gold Award' last term, their parents will be invited to the Awards assembly on **FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER** to see their children receiving their certificates. The children will have their Golden Tea Party in October and the invitations were sent for this in July.



PARENT WORKSHOPS AND INFORMATION

Parent workshops are set up throughout the year as we aim to help you support your child's learning at home as much as possible with a focus on the school priorities. The courses and workshops will support the schools improvement priorities of Maths, English, Science, Safeguarding and Healthy Eating.

Information for this terms timetable will be sent home shortly, but in the meantime, below is a link to a free e-learning course aimed at parents and carers to help increase their understanding and how to protect children against sexual exploitation:

Also attached to this newsletter is a simple infographics sheet with some facts about parents knowledge of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

MILK MONEY

£1.50 is now due for all of the infant children who have school milk. This amount will cover the full academic year. Please send it in an envelope marked with your child's name and class.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS AUTUMN TERM

Club	Year group	Day	Time	
Dance	Years 3, 4/3, 4, 5, 6/5 and 6	Monday from 25 th September	3.10 – 4.10 pm	Miss Martin
Choir	Young Voices Years 3, 4/3, 4, 5, 6/5 and 6	Tuesday from 12 th September	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Miss Frodsham and Mrs Keating
Art and Craft	Year 6	Tuesday from 12 th September	3.10 – 4.10 pm	Mrs Revell
Yoga	Year 1	Wednesday from 13 th September	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Ms Critchley
Cross Country	Years 5, 6/5 and 6	Wednesday from 13 th September	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Miss Howarth
Little Growers	Year 2	Wednesday from 13 th September	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Mrs Feeney and Mrs Revell
School Council (Half Termly)	Years 2 - 6	Friday	Lunchtime	Mrs Keating and Mrs Revell
Boys Football	Year 6	Friday from 15 th September	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Mr Keating
Spanish	KS1 and KS2	Friday from 22 nd September	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Language Academy

DINNER MONEY FOR AUTUMN TERM



The price for school meals will increase to £1.90 per day from 5th September. The amount due in the new term will therefore be £9.50 per week, or if you wish to pay for the whole term the amount payable will be £64.60 (for the period Tuesday 5th September to Friday 20th October). Payment must be made via ParentPay.

ATTENDANCE

St Anne's has the highest attendance rate in Knowsley Central Area. The Knowsley Attendance Hero will be visiting school on 13th October to award certificates to those children in Years 1-6 who achieved 99% and 100% attendance for the last academic year. There will also be special Gold Awards given for attendance on behalf of the Attendance service.

The Chair of the Governor's Admissions Committee, Mrs Murphy, will help award certificates to those children with outstanding and excellent attendance and punctuality. Well done to children who have achieved outstanding attendance and punctuality! (Please see Appendix 1 attached).

HEADLICE AVOIDANCE

Please check your children regularly and treat as necessary to avoid headlice outbreaks in school.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Parents are reminded that **dogs, smoking or chewing gum are not** permitted on school premises; this includes e-cigarettes. The only exception to dogs being allowed on the school grounds, is if they are assistance dogs.
- We ask that parents are considerate of our neighbours when parking on Marina Crescent, by not blocking driveways and by observing the no-parking road markings at the entrance to school.
- Please be aware that the school car park is for visitors and staff only. Parents should not drive in and out of the car park when dropping off or collecting children, including bringing children to Breakfast Club or collecting them from Wraparound Club.
- The school car park is for staff and visitors, however we can allow parents/carers who are disabled to use it but you must first go to the school office and produce your 'Blue Badge'. **Please note that if the person for whom the badge is eligible is not the person collecting a child from school, then you cannot use this facility.**
- We have changed our policy regarding birthday cake or biscuits in school. These will no longer be allowed as a birthday treat due to the increasing number of children with severe allergies and food intolerances. The children will still have lots of fuss made of them, by being able to sit on the birthday cushion, being sung happy birthday to in class and by the rest of the school at our awards assembly, and their names will also be published in the monthly newsletter. Many thanks for your support and understanding.



REMINDER - REQUESTS FOR HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TERM

Regulations regarding requests for family holidays during term time have been in place since 2013. This means that there is no legal entitlement for parents to take their children on holiday during term time. The regulations also made it clear that Headteachers may not authorise leave during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, which do not include holidays.

If you believe that you have an exceptional reason for requesting leave during term time for your child, you must do this in advance of the date and contact Mrs McCrystal in the school office who will provide a 'leave of absence request form'.

The school will work with Knowsley Council to use the full range of sanctions available where leave of absence is taken without permission. The Council will regularly monitor school absence during term-time and will work with Headteachers to ensure parents adhere to the legislation.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

The school will break up at **3.00pm** on **FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER** and return to school on **MONDAY 30th OCTOBER**.

BIRTHDAYS!

We would like to wish the following children who celebrate their birthday in the month of SEPTEMBER '**Happy Birthday**':

Erin Barton, Sadie Corrigan, Miller Holloran, Patrick Edwards, Zach Lister, Francis Lynch, Jessica Burgess, Frankie Lee, Dominic Bradshaw, Erin Hughes, Bobby Flynn, Scarlett Harrison, Ava Pryor, Lilian Reeves, Harry Dodd, Oscar Lee, Charlie Humphreys, Sofia Jarauta, Heidi Lee, Kiera Wharton, Joseph Goth, Eva McGovern, Kiera Coleman-Hopkins, Lily-Sue Jones, Charlie McCoy, Charlie Astbury, Jamie Astbury and Faye Gillard.



Many thanks,

Mrs. M. Keating
Headteacher

APPENDIX 1 –

Well done to the following children who all achieved excellent attendance and punctuality in 2016-2017:

100% Attendance:-

Charlie Astbury, Harry Begg, Ethan Bryan, Isla Clayton, Peter Dempsey, Ethan Doolan, Katie Evans, Alfie Evans-Dowd, Daniel Geraghty, Aaron Gillespie, James Gillespie, Liam Golding, Jessica Griffiths, Jacob Harnick, Grace Hughes, Hayden Jones, Joshua Jones, Isla Keegan, Zach Keegan, Hattie Kenny, William Kitts, Frankie Lee, Charlotte Matthews, Ellis Maynard, Bobby McElhinney, Roisin Murphy, Joshua Phillips, Sonny Richardson, Evangeline Shallcross, Faye Stanhope, Isla Thomas, Ruby Todd, Alexander Virgo, Alice Waters, Lucy Winstanley, Ruby-Mai Walhuter and Grace Wray.

One half day absence:-

Ruby Booth, Scarlett Harrison, Sasha Hayes, Charlie Humphreys, Freya Peacock and Brandon Pryor.

One day absence:-

Noah Anglesey, Emily Busher, Joseph Gallagher, Sean Gallagher, Darci Heffey, Harry Humphreys, Megan Huxley, Hayden Ladusans, Joseph Lang, Niamh Matthews, Gabriella Osborne, Ava Pryor, Charlie Riley, James Riley, Ellie Smith, Niall Smithwick, Archie Sussex, Lucie Walker, Annie Wells and David Winstanley.

Pupils with 100% Punctuality:-

Mia Ainsworth, Poppie Arnold, Charlie Astbury, Jamie Astbury, Kaia Baba, Ciara Barkey, Joseph Bellis, Ruby Booth, George Bowers, Dominic Bradshaw, Daniel Brown, Emily Busher, Luis Busher, Eva Caffrey, Javier Cleverley, Sebastian Cleverley, Ruby Coleman, Grace Colleran, Alexander Craige, Harry Davies, Peter Dempsey, Harry Dodd, Cora Douglas, Charlie Drew, Patrick Dunne, Tess Dunne, Patrick Edwards, Jack Egan, Katie Evans, Sienna Farley, Sofia Farley, Bobby Flynn, Frederick Foster, Joseph Gallagher, Sean Gallagher, Aaron Gillespie, James Gillespie, Joshua Gilmartin, Liam Golding, Benjamin Grainger, Eden Griffin, Jessica Griffiths, Millie Griffiths, Sasha Hayes, Darci Heffey, Darcey Henderson, Matthew Hill-Edmondson, Bobby Hindley, Rubi Hindley, Charlie Holleran, Phoebe Horrocks, Emily Hughes, Erin Hughes, Grace Hughes, Charlotte Humphreys, Harry Humphreys, Isobel Humphreys, Rosa Jarauta, Zach Keegan, Darcey Kelly, Hattie Kenny, William Kitts, Tessa Lawson, Oliver Leather, Frankie Lee, Hollie Lowton, Joel Malone, Joseph Markey, George Mather, Charlotte Matthews, Niamh Matthews, Scarlett Maynard, Eva McGovern, Christopher McIver, Reece McKane, James McManus, Hannah Mitchell, Tomas Moran, Gerard Murphy, Roisin Murphy, Adam Murray, Barney Murray, Connor O'Donnell, Callum Ord, Tiaanne O'Reilly Paton, Gabriella Osborne, Drew Parry, Katie Parry, Harry Pendleton, Ava Phillips, Joshua Phillips, Lucy Harding, Ethan Porter, Sean Preston, Ava Pryor, Brandon Pryor, Jack Richardson, Charlie Riley, James Riley, Sophie Riley, Gerard Roberts, Zack Roberts, Callum Rooney, Danielle Roscoe, Hollie Roscoe, Shannon Rowan, Maxwell Sadlier, Felicity Sarbutts, Evangeline Shallcross, Harry Skinley, Frankie Smith, Halle Smith, Joshua Smith, Niall Smithwick, Luke Sosa Robinson, Faye Stanhope, Archie Sussex, Amy Tapp, Evie Tapp, Isla Thomas, Neve Thomas, Isobel Tomlinson, Oscar Townley, Autumn Trundle, Riva Wady, Lucie Walker, Ava Walkley, Joe Walkley, Alice Waters, Annie Wells, Kiera Wharton, James Woodall, Grace Wray and Jessica Wrigley.

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MATTERS

Are parents in the picture?

