



**St. Anne's Catholic Primary School**  
**DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER**  
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St Anne's Governors wish me to inform our families about the outcome of the consultation process to change the boundary fencing for the benefit of the children.

The vast majority of people were in favour of applying for planning permission to change the schools boundary fencing; 84% in favour of the proposal and 16% against. Thank you for your support!

However, the consultation has shown that there is still a misconception amongst local residents and the Ward Councillors that the school field is a "community space" ... and it is not. This has been confirmed by the Council's Asset Management Team, which is the team that manages the Council's land. The Council have confirmed that it is Knowsley MBC land which was purchased for school and is identified for specific educational purpose by the Council.

The Council have also confirmed that the school field is only open to access by the public by default, due to the inadequacy of the existing outer fencing. Children cannot use an area that is not safe for them; this would be a serious breach of safeguarding requirements.

The absence of effective secure fencing means that the school is unable to provide the full and varied curricular and extra-curricular activity that it would wish to do so in a properly safe environment.

The current space available to the school within its existing secure inner fencing does not meet Department for Education minimum requirements for a school of St Anne's size. It has not been possible for the school to fence off the school field in accordance with its designation because it has not had the money to do so. The current proposal is only possible with the financial support of the Archdiocese of Liverpool for which we are very grateful and do not want to miss this opportunity, as the school would not be able to afford to fund the project itself.

The school knows that it has the right to erect fencing up to 2 metres in height for its playing field, without seeking planning permission. It chose not to do so because this height of fence would not provide sufficient security and also the school wanted to be open and transparent about its current plans.

It was also recognised during this process that some members of the public were concerned that the new fencing might be an eye-sore and might make the school look like 'a prison'. The governors agree that our school fencing needs to be updated so as to be more aesthetically pleasing. The new proposed fencing would combine security with an aesthetic design, in line with current building regulations.

Some objectors thought that the fence proposal would impact on the section of the field that is allocated to Blacklow Brow as its school field, it will not. Blacklow Brow now belongs to an academy chain and it will be a decision for its new governing arrangements as to whether they wish to introduce fencing on their section.

As there has been overwhelming support shown for the school to proceed with applying for formal planning application, it intends to do so, but it will need the on-going support of the families to make this happen for the benefit of our children.



The children are now starting to get ready for the Christmas plays and events and school is a hive of activity.

### YEAR 5, 6/5 AND 6 VISIT TO KNOWSLEY LEISURE AND CULTURE PARK

On **MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**, Years 5, 6/5 and 6 will be visiting Knowsley Leisure and Culture Park to see the Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'. Please pay £7.00 via Parentpay if you have not already done so. The Panto doesn't finish until 3.40pm, so the children will arrive back at school at approximately 4.15pm.

### KEY STAGE 1 VISIT TO THEATRE ROYAL, ST HELENS

On **FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**, Years 1, 2/1 and 2 will be visiting the Theatre Royal St Helens to see the Pantomime 'Snow White'. Please pay £15.00 via Parentpay if you have not already done so. Thank you.

### CHOIR EVENTS

St Anne's School Choir will sing for:–

The elderly at St Helena's Care Home on **WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 3.15 pm**

The elderly at Huyton Resource Day Centre at their Christmas lunch on **THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 1.15 pm**

St Anne's Parent's Association Christmas Fair on **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 3.30pm**



Choir members should remember to bring their 'Red Santa Hats' into school in readiness for all choir events.

### YEAR 3, 4/3 AND 4 CIRCUS WORKSHOP

This will be held in the school hall on **THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. Please pay £4.70 via Parentpay if you have not already done so. Thank you.

### YEAR 3, 4/3 AND 4 CAROL CONCERT

This will be held in the school hall on **FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 2.15 pm**. Families are invited to attend.

### YEAR 5 TRIP TO 'HEAVEN SENT' LIVE NATIVITY

Year 5 will be visiting the live nativity at 'Heaven Sent' on **FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. Please complete the consent slip on the school App to give permission for your child to attend if you have not already done so.

### CHRISTMAS HAT or JUMPER DAY – FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER



Children may wear a Christmas hat (and/or Christmas jumper) with their school uniform to school on **FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** in exchange for bringing a gift into school to contribute to the Parent's Association Christmas Fair.

The children in Lions and Tigers, Bumblebees, Dragonflies and Ladybirds should bring chocolates and the children in Key Stage 2 should bring anything in a bottle (for the tombola).

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

On **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** we will be having our traditional Christmas dinner. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a meal on this day instead, please pay £1.90 via Parentpay; a slip will be sent home shortly, which should be returned by **MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** so that our catering staff are able to have final numbers for ordering. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 do not have to pay for their dinners but if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a meal on that day please return the slip to school.



### KEY STAGE ONE AND LOWER KEY STAGE TWO READING CAFÉ

On **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** from 2.30pm – 3.00pm, Bumblebees, Dragonflies and Ladybirds and Years 3, 4/3 and 4 will be holding a Reading Café in their classrooms. Grandparents (or other relatives) are invited to attend to enjoy reading a book with the children. As this event is being held in the classroom, younger siblings will not be able to attend and unfortunately prams cannot be accommodated due to health and safety reasons.

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair will be held in the school hall on **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** from 3.00pm; please attend and show your support. In addition to Father Christmas visiting and lots of fun activities and stalls, this year there will also be donkey rides on the field from 3.00pm – 4.00pm! The money raised from this event is used to subsidise school trips for families and to support school priorities. Many thanks to the Parents Association and all the parent helpers for all their hard work to raise funds in a fun way for the children.

## NURSERY

Nursery breaks up for Christmas holiday on **TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**.

## KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This service will be led by Year 6 and will be held at St Agnes' Church on **MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** at 1.30 pm. If you are able to volunteer to walk with the children to church, please let your child's class teacher know. The children will be allowed to go home with their families after the service.

## REMINDER OF CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES:

Foundation Stage Christmas Play **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm**  
Foundation Stage Christmas Play **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am**  
Key Stage 1 Christmas Play **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm**  
Key Stage 1 Christmas Play **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am**



Prize draw souvenir programmes will be on sale for £1.00.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES



The children may wear their own clothes for their Christmas parties on the following dates:

FOUNDATION STAGE (Lions, Tigers and Lion/Tiger cubs) – **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
KEY STAGE 2 (Years 3; 4/3; 4; 5; 6/5 and 6) – **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
KEY STAGE 1 (Bumblebees, Dragonflies and Ladybirds) – **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Please send £1.00 per child into school as a contribution towards the party food. Thank you.

## TOY MORNING THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER



Children will be able to bring their toy or game into school on the above day (no battery operated toys or please).

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Club	Year group	Day	Time	Teacher	Last session before Christmas
Dance	KS2	Monday	3.10– 4.10 pm	Miss Martin	11 <sup>th</sup> December
Go Ride Go	KS1	Tuesday	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Miss Howarth	12 <sup>th</sup> December
Choir	KS2	Tuesday	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Miss Frodsham & Mrs Keating	19 <sup>th</sup> December
Girl's Football	KS2	Wednesday	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Miss Howarth	13 <sup>th</sup> December
Archery	KS2	Wednesday	3.05 – 4.05 pm	Judo Fencing Ltd	6 <sup>th</sup> December
Archery	KS2	Thursday	3.05 – 4.05 pm	Judo Fencing Ltd	7 <sup>th</sup> December
Yoga	KS1	Friday	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Miss Critchley	8 <sup>th</sup> December
Spanish	KS1 and KS2	Friday	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Language Academy	15 <sup>th</sup> December

## **PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE 2017 - VIEWS OF PARENTS**

There were 71 audit returns – many thanks for all your comments and feedback! These will be analysed by the Senior Leadership Team and Governors and will help inform our work and identify priorities for the coming year.

Statement		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Q1	My child/children is/are happy at school.	100%				
		46	25			
Q2	My child/children feel safe at this school.	100%				
		52	19			
Q3	My child/children make good progress at this school.	100%				
		45	26			
Q4	My child/children are well looked after at this school.	100%				
		53	18			
Q5	My child/children are taught well at this school.	100%				
		46	25			
Q6	My child/children receive appropriate homework for their age.	93%		7%		
		39	27	5		
Q7	This school makes sure it's pupils are well behaved.	100%				
		47	24			
Q8	This school deals effectively with bullying.	95.5%		3%		1.5%
		39	29	2		1
Q9	This school is well led and managed.	100%				
		41	30			
Q10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	97%		3%		
		42	27	1	1	
Q11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	97%		3%		
		35	34	1	1	
Q12	I would recommend this school to other parents.	98.5%		1.5%		
		48	22	1		

## **WILLOWBROOK HOSPICE**

Small soft Christmas toys are currently on sale on behalf of Willowbrook Hospice from the school office for £1.00.



## **PARISH OF ST AGNES AND ST AIDAN CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2017**

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December Reconciliation Service	St Agnes – 7.30 pm
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent St Agnes – 11.00 am	St Aidan – 9.30 am
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord	St Aidan – 5.30 pm St Agnes – 8.30 pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Family Mass	St Agnes – 11.00 am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December St Stephen Feast Mass	St Aidan – 12.00 noon
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December Feast of the Holy Family Mass	St Agnes – 5.30 pm
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December Feast of the Holy Family and Mass of Thanksgiving Mass	St Aidan – 9.30 am St Agnes – 11.00 am
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January – New Year Mass Mass	St Aidan – 12.00 noon
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany of the Lord Mass	St Agnes – 5.30 pm
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany of the Lord Mass	St Aidan – 9.30 am St Agnes – 11.00 am

## **CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Ethan Jones from Year 4, whose design was chosen to be used for the Christmas Mass Times Card for the Parish.

## **BRONZE AWARD**

Congratulations to the following children who are the first to achieve a Bronze Award this academic year for gaining 100 smilies; Aaron Gillespie, Joseph Gallagher, Ruby Coleman, Jamie Gillespie, Jamie Astbury, Gerrard Dever

## **WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK**

Congratulations to the following children who took part in 'Walk to School' Week recently:  
Lee Wright, Jamie Astbury, Charlie Astbury, Jessica Burgess, Katie Evans, Ava Pryor, Julia Baba, Jamie Gornell, Mia Ainsworth, Alex Virgo, Harry Dodd, Ewan McQueen, Daniel Brown, Rose Littlewood, Charlie McCoy, Tiaanne O'Reilly Paton, Joseph Gallagher, Grace Hughes, Evie Tapp, Joshua Blackman, Jessica Kehoe, Liam Golding, Holly Bergquist, Sonny Finnigan, Ethan Bryan, Zack Lister, Jacob Maher, Layla Bouchier, Mahalia Virgo, Sasha Hayes, Ethan Doolan, Freddie Foster, Alfie Evans Dowd, Hollie Lowton, Bobby Flynn and Mae Rattigan.

## **ECO MONITORS**

The Eco-Monitors will focus on recycling, reducing waste and sustainability for the school.

Year 1	Charlie Riley
Year 2/1	Sasha Hayes
Year 2	Penny Rawcliffe
Year 3	Scarlett Harrison
Year 4/3	Tiaane O'Reilly-Paton
Year 4	Lilian Tirant
Year 5	Hayden Jones
Year 6/5	Bobby McElhinney
Year 6	Joe Walkley

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**



We would like to ask that individual Christmas cards are NOT sent into school; if every child were to bring a card for their classmates, it would result in over 9,000 cards. If children still want to send a card to each other, parents will need to distribute the cards themselves after school. A card to the whole class or a Christmas picture instead would be lovely and will support our commitment to being an eco school.

## **HOUSE CAPTAINS**

The House Captains and Vice Captains for 2017-2018 are as follows. The children are already doing a fantastic job on behalf of all St Anne's pupils:

More House Captain	Ethan Porter
More Vice Captain	Shannon Rowan
Assisi House Captain	Jamie Gornell
Assisi Vice Captain	Joe Bate
Bosco House Captain	Drew Parry
Bosco Vice Captain	Rosie Burgess

## **SCHOOL COUNCILLORS 2017-18**

The focus on the new School Council is to support the school in further developing the outdoor space for sport and play.

Year 6	James Dineley, Jessica Burgess
Year 6/5	Joshua Jones, Thomas Moran
Year 5	Harry Dodd, Hannah Mitchell
Year 4	Joshua Phillips, Rubi Hindley
Year 4/3	Grace Hughes, Charlie McCoy
Year 3	Niall Smithwick, Tess Dunne
KS1	Harry Woods, Zach Lister

## **BUDDIES**

The buddies have an important job of looking after others and encouraging positive playtimes.

Grace Colleran, Hattie Kenny, Holly Roscoe, Ruby Todd, Grace Wray, Hayden Jones, Joseph D'Arcy Lang, Ewan McQueen, Nancy Holleran, Hannah Mitchell, Katie Parry, Natasha Smith, Matthew Craig, Harry Dodd, Jacob Harnick, Joanna Duncan, Katie Evans, Isabella Holleran, Ava Pryor, Lillian Reeves, Evie Shallcross, Eva Courtney, Talula Humphries, Sofia Jarauta, Heidi Lee, Ava Walkley, Jack Egan, Ben Grainger, Joe Moore, Nancy Holleran, Hannah Mitchell, Katie Parry, Natasha Smith, Matthew Craig, Harry Dodd, Jacob Harnick.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The safety of our pupils as they travel to and from school is of great concern to the Governors, Local Authority and Police, as there are still a small minority of parents who are parking inappropriately and sometimes dangerously. Some cars have parked on the pavement leaving insufficient room for children and parents with pushchairs to pass and blocked neighbours driveways. Taxis ordered by parents and carers also park on the single or zig zag lines.

**WE ASK THAT ALL PARENTS/CARERS PARK WITH DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN AND NEIGHBOURS AT ALL TIMES!**

We have had several complaints recently from neighbours concerning a very small minority of parents who are particularly abusive when asked to move their car if they are blocking a neighbour's drive – please be aware that your details are passed to the Police and the situation is being monitored by them.

**TRAVEL-A-THON**

Key Stage One raised £930.00, which has been used to buy new books for their library. Thank you for your support with this event.

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION '100 CLUB' PRIZE WINNERS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize – 27 –	K. McCrystal
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize – 87 –	W. Hardacre
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize – 83 –	K. Riley

**ADMISSION INTO RECEPTION**

If you have a child whose date of birth falls between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014, and you wish for them to attend St Anne's, you must complete a 'Co-ordinated Admission Form' to apply for a Reception class place for September 2018. These forms are now available from school. Alternatively you can complete an online application on the Knowsley Council website. The closing date for applications for the Reception class for September 2018 will be 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**BIRTHDAYS!**

We would like to wish the following children who celebrate their birthday in the month of DECEMBER 'Happy Birthday'!

Robyn Doyle, Neve McElhinney, Freddie Yeadon, Millie Griffiths, Mia O'Donnell, Evie Tapp, Isobel Tomlinson, Holly Jones, Shannon Rowan, Jazmine Holmes, Peggy Monaghan, Callum Rooney, Darcie McElhinney, Ruby-Mai Wolhuter, Gabriel Keating, Eva Courtney, Alice Waters, Natasha Smith, Ethan Bryan, Sasha Hayes, Xander Sim and Una Lawless.

**LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM**

The last day of term for school will be **THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER**. The children will finish at 1.30pm. Please collect your children promptly. If your child/ren will be attending Wraparound Club please let the school office know by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

**FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM**

All children will return to school on **MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018**.

**SCHOOL SECURITY**

In the event of any problems with school security and safety during the school holidays, we would be very grateful if Knowsley Security could be informed on **0151 443 2823 / 2804**. Many thanks!

**WISHING ALL OUR FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL AT ST ANNE'S**

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