



# ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Living and working as Jesus taught us*

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## School Update and Home Learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe at this time. As restrictions start to ease during lockdown, it is so important to appreciate the simple things in life and value all the wonderful people that are part of it. Sometimes taking the time to smile and say thank you shows us all how valued people are to all of us.

### School Update

We welcomed some Y6, Y1, Reception and Nursery children back this week on a shortened day, and our staff thoroughly enjoyed having our children on site. Each day and week, we constantly review systems to improve and we will constantly do this over the coming days and weeks with tweaks here and there to make new systems even smoother. Unfortunately, due to current government guidelines and as mentioned in announcements this week, we are currently full in these year groups. Again, our thanks to all our families who have adapted to the new one-way system in school.

### Home Learning

As mentioned previously we have discussed revamping what we send home as well as keeping the elements of what has worked well for so many of our children since school closed at the end of March and we entered the virtual phase. Moving forward, we still want to keep in contact with a touch base on 'Seesaw'. We are aware that some children do not want others to see their work on 'Seesaw' so if you just want to send it privately, please ensure that you are using the **home learning codes**, which our children were recently reissued with. This means that their work is only visible to the teachers and their families. We are so lucky, as a school, to have our staff respond quickly to work posted from home and receive feedback on this or even just acknowledging it, this makes such a difference to our children.

### Moving forward:

- Each week as we progress, our teachers will upload a video (as many of them already have) to say hello so our children can see us. It must also be remembered that a lot of our teachers will be in school in different bubbles so acknowledgement on 'Seesaw' may be from a different member of staff over the next number of weeks.
- An outline on our website of what each Key Stage will be doing for the week (this can be found in the home learning section).
- A whole school morning daily wellbeing focus which all of our 'Bubbles' and children at home will take part in too, this will be on timetables and shared through whole school announcements on Seesaw.
- A physical activity every day next week which links to our Virtual Sports Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (more information on this will follow). This will link to our class countries and we will link the Olympics to lots of our foundation subjects over the next few weeks.





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- Send a picture of your Design Technology creation for our St Anne's Bake Off challenge by 1<sup>st</sup> July either via 'Seesaw' or Twitter.
- A whole school text approach for the next number of weeks starting with Monday using the book 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann and 'The Smeds and the Smoos' by Julia Donaldson the week after. These texts have been particularly chosen as they link to cultural diversity and difference
- 'Wellbeing' Zoom sessions will be timetabled for children to take part in under parental supervision.
- Timetables will also be available on our school app.
- Work packs are available for your child to use at home; if this is your preferred option please contact your child's class teacher and they will be available to collect from our office by appointment.
- Transition booklets to prepare for next year for all our children and also for children who need additional support (these will be on our home learning section of our website <http://stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk/home-learning/>)
- Olympic Games links to other Foundation Subjects which are now on our home learning section.
- Fun quiz task like 'Guess the teacher' from old or recent photographs.
- The weekly debate which will be a question in our newsletter to discuss with your children.

As you can see there are lots of different tasks to keep us all busy over the coming weeks and I am sure that there will be many other tasks and activities that we will share with you. Some of the work that we are witnessing from our children and families at home is amazing – so a big well done for your efforts.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support at home during these unusual times. Also, to thank you for your kind words and messages in support of what we are doing as a school, they are much appreciated by all.

Yours sincerely,

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