



St Anne's Newsletter

November/December 2016



Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

This was a very busy and exciting time for the whole school community and we would like to thank our families for their fantastic support with all our activities and family events. We are especially overwhelmed by the huge turnout for our very first 'Children in Need Bake Off' and 'Family Christmas Craft Week'! If you have any further suggestions for future family events please let us know.

We would also like to thank you for taking the time to complete our parent questionnaire, we have really enjoyed reading all the lovely positive comments. We have also taken on board any suggestions you have made that will help us make St Anne's an even better place to be.

Attendance

To enable your child to reach their full potential, it is vital they have an excellent attendance record. Please support your child in achieving a green light with an attendance of 97% - 100%.

Remember that a £5.00 prize is awarded to the class with the highest attendance each week. Classes can also gain an extra 50p for each day they have 100% attendance. At the end of each term the children add up the money in their class piggy bank and spend it on a treat of their choice. We also have a £50.00 prize draw for parents whose children have 100% attendance!



Y3B's Family Assembly



Y3B made us all extremely proud as they performed their assembly all about our hands! They enjoyed telling us how we use our hands to pray, help others and to communicate with others using sign language. Their fabulous singing and great confidence was so lovely to see. Well done! Thank you to all those parents who joined us and wrote such lovely comments.

Y4P's Family Assembly

On Remembrance Day, Y4P brought the whole school together to help us remember all the people who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. Their whole performance was amazing as the children spoke clearly and with confidence. They certainly enjoyed performing their songs! Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us on this occasion. The children enjoyed reading all the wonderful comments you wrote!!



Remembrance Day



A big thank you to everybody who supported us in raising money for The Royal British Legion by buying a poppy. We managed to raise £280.73. On the 11th November at 11 o'clock we marked the occasion by observing a two minute silence. Mr Lucas played The Last Stand on his trumpet and we all thought it was very moving.

BBC Children in Need - Spotacular Event

On Friday the 18th of November we held a fundraising event to raise money for Children in Need. The children all came to school wearing something spotty or yellow for a family donation of £2.00. The children looked amazing and managed to raise a massive £600 for this very worthy cause. We held an assembly to think of what it means to be in need and how our fundraising could make a difference to the lives of others.

Each class had a great time taking part in our 'St Anne's Bake Off' and raised money by selling their creations at the cake sale. A huge thank you for all the wonderful donations received for the cake sale and the massive turn out after school!!



Underwater Street Visit



Reception, Year One and Year Two had a fantastic day when they visited Underwater Street.

The children took part in lots of scientific discovery and role play activities as well as lots of lovely Christmas themed activities. They really enjoyed making Christmas decorations and decorating Christmas cookies in Santa's Grotto. Back at school we wrote all about our fun filled day and produced some amazing written work. The staff at Underwater Street commented on the wonderful behaviour of all our pupils.

Church News

Please check the tree shaped notice board in the front yard for the latest Church Notices.



Toddler Group - Takes place in the Church Hall **every Thursday from 9.15am until 11.15am**. The group is aimed at children aged 0 to 4. Children 50p (under 1's go free!) and adults £1.00. Please note toddler group is only held during term times.

Year Five Swimming

Year Five children have really enjoyed taking part in swimming lessons this term. We have seen great improvements in both their swimming ability and water confidence. Learning to swim is so important in giving children the skills to keep safe around water. Once again we are extremely proud of the children's behaviour whilst they are at the swimming pool. Well done!



Water Polo Competition



Well done to our Year Five and Six pupils who took part in a water polo competition at Wavertree Aquatics Centre! They came fourth out of sixteen schools!! We are so proud of your achievement!!

Family Event Week

A big thank you to all those who joined us in our very first 'Family Event Week'. The



children and their families had a great time together making lots of different Christmas Crafts. The atmosphere in school was amazing and we can't wait to host our next exciting event in the Spring Term. We hope you can join us.

Phonics Fun



In November we held a phonics workshop for our Nursery and Reception parents in the school hall. We were pleased that so many parents attended the session and that they have found it really helpful in supporting their child at home with their phonics. We hope you have enjoyed sharing your free nursery rhyme cd with your child and have tried some of the fun games we suggested!! Why not download Hairy Phonics and Twinkl Phonic Suite apps at home?

Worship Warriors

Some of our Year Six pupils have been attending a new afterschool club called Worship Warriors. These pupils have brought many Bible stories to life through drama and also developed their skills in leading Collective Worship during Junior Praise assembly. They have been amazing and we can't wait to see what they do next. A big thank you to St Anne's Church for funding this activity.



Anti-bullying Week



During anti-bullying week we took part in lots of activities to raise awareness and promote positive messages about anti-bullying.

The children watched an anti-bullying drama called 'The Noise Keepers' led by Altru Drama. They explored;

- The importance of speaking out if you are being bullied.
- Consequences of bullying.
- The reasons why people bully.
- Forms that bullying can take, including the use of technology.
- How to seek help if you are being bullied.

The children really enjoyed taking part in these activities as they learnt some very important anti-bullying messages.

Year Four - Dewa Roman Experience



Year Four visited the Dewa Roman Experience in Chester to discover lots of amazing facts about The Romans. They loved looking at different artefacts and hearing about life in the Roman times. The children especially enjoyed taking part in the soldier patrols as they prepared for battle and defended the walls. Take a look at the class pages on the school website to see the children having a wonderful time exploring their history topic.

ParentZone Workshops

We organised assemblies and workshops for all our pupils, led by Parent Zone.



During these sessions the children learnt how to keep themselves safe on-line and how to develop their digital resilience. Our junior pupils also discussed cyber-bullying and how they should treat other people on-line. This included the inappropriate use of social media. Please visit the ParentZone website for further information and support.

Year Three - Liverpool Museum Visit



As part of their History topic on The Stone Age, Year Three had a fabulous visit to the museum. The children had a wonderful time as they explored lots of different artefacts and learnt lots of new information about this period of time. The children were really inspired by the visit and produced some wonderful cave paintings and cross curricular writing. How exciting Year Three!

Year Six - Museum Visits

What a great trip we had! We visited the Western Approaches Museum in Rumford Street, Liverpool. We toured the preserved naval bunker which was the control centre for the battle of the Atlantic during World War Two. We visited the battle rooms, the communications room and even Admiral Hooten's office. We even got to try on period hats, helmets and gas masks, as well as experiencing a full sized Anderson shelter and a World War Two shop. We also visited the Museum of Liverpool to study Liverpool during the war. We saw photographs and read accounts from survivors of the 'Bootle Blitz'. A great day all round and our history topic was brought to life.



Pantomime



The children had a fabulous time as they observed The Manchester Actor Company perform Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood! The whole school was mesmerised by the production as the actors brought the whole story to life!! What a lovely treat for all our children!

Internet Safety Roadshow

Our Digital Leaders from Year Two to Six attended a fantastic Internet Safety Roadshow at EFC. They had a fabulous time and had the chance to try out some new equipment and technology. Well done to you all, you were a credit to the school!



Christmas Extravaganza!!



We all had a wonderful time at St Anne's as we prepared for Christmas with lots of amazing performances both at school and church. The choir also performed at Tesco and the local nursing home. The children were amazing and a real credit to us all. What talented children we have across the whole school! Thank you to all the families who attended these events.

A huge thank you to the P.T.A, staff and governors for all their hard work and support with all the lovely Christmas events including the Christmas disco, grotto, lunch and raffle!

Secret Mathematician



We are encouraging our children to think about how maths is used in everyday life. We are introducing a new project called Secret Mathematician. Parents and Carers will come into their child's classroom to talk about how they use maths in their jobs or hobbies. The children will know that someone is coming in to talk to them BUT will not know who it is.

So YOUR child may be in for a big surprise! If you can spare up to half an hour anytime during the school day to talk about how you use maths in your everyday activities, then please leave your name, telephone number, the name of your child and his/her class at the school office or see Miss Nurse (Year 2) herself, she's waiting to hear from YOU!

Safeguarding Team

The school's safeguarding team are Mrs Simons, Mrs Lovell and Mrs Riley. If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child, please contact a member of the safeguarding team without delay on 0151 228 1506. Alternatively please call Careline (Children's Services) on 233 3700. Thank you.



Children's Progress



If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher or the school SEND Lead, Mrs E. Stokes.

Please contact her through the school office on 0151 228 1506 or email her directly at e.stokes@st-annesstanley.liverpool.sch.uk

As you can see we have had a very busy term so far and we also have lots of things to look forward to in the next few months. Thank you for all your continued support.