



# St Anne's Newsletter

## September/October 2016

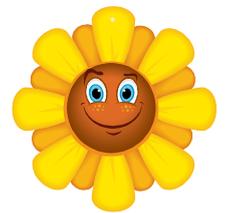


Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

We are extremely pleased that the children have settled quickly into their new classes and are enjoying lots of new experiences. We really appreciate your support in getting the children to school on time and working together to ensure all our children reach their full potential. We are thrilled at the amount of parents and carers who attended our family occasions and our recent parents' evenings. Thank you for your continued support.

### A Warm Welcome

We are pleased to welcome many new faces to St. Anne's. The Nursery and Reception pupils have been busy making new friends and exploring their new surroundings. We warmly welcome all the children, families and staff who have joined our school this year.



### Keeping Safe



Please visit the NSPCC website for some fantastic resources and advice on helping to keep your children safe on-line. You will find information about two campaigns called Share Aware and Net Aware. Share Aware helps explain to children that it can be dangerous to share personal details on-line. All our year four, five and six pupils have been provided with a Share Aware booklet to take home.

Net Aware provides parents with a guide to social networks, dangers associated with them and their minimum ages. We think these resources are wonderful and definitely worth a look!!

### Attendance

To enable your child to reach their full potential, it is vital they have a good 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!



### Polite Reminders

- ✓ We kindly ask that parents stand back away from the doors at the end of the school day to enable staff to hand the children safely to their parents.

- ✓ In the interest of the children's safety please do not park outside the school gates on the yellow zig zags. **YOU are putting our children's LIVES at RISK!**

### Y4K's Family Assembly



for joining us!

During their family assembly, Y4K enjoyed telling us about the importance of using kind words and how unkind words can hurt us. Their voices were lovely and clear and their singing and dancing was fantastic. The children were thrilled with all the things their parents wrote about their performance. Thank you so much

### Y3W's Family Assembly

Y3W had a wonderful time performing their assembly based on their love for singing. We especially loved their three and four times table songs and all their groovy moves. Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who joined us. The children really enjoyed reading all your wonderful comments after the assembly.



### Harvest Festival - Year Five and Six



Foodbank.

Our Year Five and Six pupils performed a fabulous Harvest Festival at St. Anne's church. They sang wonderful songs and gave clear readings to thank God for the Harvest. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the service. Thank you to all the parents who came to the church to celebrate the Harvest with us. We really appreciate all the generous Harvest donations which have been sent to the local

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for all who attended the Book Fair. It was great to see so many of you there sharing a love of reading with your children. We have received lots of free books for the school library, which is fantastic!! Thank you!!



### Young Voices



Our school choir is involved in a very exciting opportunity, to take part in the Young Voices concert being held at The Manchester Arena in February. This is the largest concert of its kind in the world. Our choir will sing alongside thousands of other children, which as you can imagine will be an exciting and very memorable experience!! Please support our choir in their fundraising campaign to cover the cost of their t-shirts.

### Reading for Pleasure

Reading for pleasure is a massive part of your child's development. There is a huge difference between being able to read and enjoying reading. As a school, we are constantly encouraging reading for pleasure in lots of different ways.

You could really help your child by reading 10 minutes a night, taking your child to the local library and having exciting discussions with your child about the books they have read.



## Children's Parliament



In September, five of our Year Six pupils attended their first Liverpool Schools' Parliament meeting at Liverpool Town Hall. They took part in discussions to select a manifesto for the coming year. They were also taken on a tour around the council chamber. All children were a real credit to St. Anne's. The children also attended a meeting to elect

eleven Junior Lord Mayors, one for each remaining month of the school year.

Finlay Kelleher was chosen to represent our school and we are extremely proud to announce that he has been elected as a Junior Lord Mayor!! How exciting and what an amazing achievement.

A big thank you to Mrs Ellison, Mrs Rainford, Mrs White and Mrs Kinsella for making this experience possible.



## 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.

**Messy Church - A Messy Creation - 22<sup>th</sup> October - 3.00pm to 5.00pm**

**Trusting God - 3<sup>rd</sup> December - 3.00pm to 5.00pm**

This is a free session for children of all ages!! Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

In September we held a coffee morning to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. We are extremely proud to announce that we raised a massive £277 for this very worthy cause. Thank you to all the staff, parents and members of the P.T.A who supported this event.



## On-line Safety News



We take on-line safety very seriously at St. Anne's. Our aim is to encourage all children to understand the huge benefits of using the internet whilst also highlighting any possible risks they may encounter, and how to deal with them. We have sent home a copy of our Parent's and Children's Acceptable Use Policy. We would really appreciate it if you could read and discuss this with your child and return back to school. Throughout the year your child will take

part in many on-line safety activities to promote the safe use of the internet both in and outside school. If you have any further questions you can visit the 'On-line Safety' section of our website or contact Mrs Carlsen.

## Education City

Our school currently uses a wonderful online resource called Education City. This is an interactive website which covers the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, French and Computing. Your child has their own 'City Pass' which will allow them access to this website at home. With their own username and password, your child will be able to log onto a variety of fun activities which will reinforce the learning inside the classroom. We hope that you and your child will enjoy using this exciting resource.



## Fruit to Suit



Our school council are currently in the process of operating their healthy tuck shop business in our school. They are aiming to sell a range of healthy, tasty snacks and drinks at an affordable price. They are so excited about this opportunity and can't wait to sample the snacks.

## Bronze Sports Award

Congratulations St. Anne's, we have achieved our bronze sports award for the second year!! We are very proud to have achieved a bronze award and are already aiming for silver. Thank you to Miss Quinn for all her hard work in gaining this award. We know the children have really benefitted from taking part in sports competitions across the city.



## Important Reminders

- Please ensure your child arrives at school for 9.00am.
- Junior meals are £1.80 per day. Please send the week's dinner money in a sealed envelope on **Mondays**.
- All Infant children are entitled to free school meals.
- Remember to write your child's name on all their clothing and bags.
- Reading books need to be returned to school on a daily basis.
- We expect the children to wear smart black shoes as part of their uniform, so no trainers please. If children do arrive at school in trainers they will be asked to change into their pumps.
- We politely ask parents not to ask to come into the school to use the staff toilets.



## Knowsley Safari Park



Our Year One pupils visited Knowsley Safari park, to bring their book 'Class Two at the Zoo' to life. They had a wonderful time looking at all the different animals and watching the sea lion and birds of prey show. The children also had a workshop about animal classification to help support their science unit. The highlight of the visit was visiting the baboon enclosure. We can't wait to see the impact of this visit on their writing.



## Museum of Liverpool



Year Five had a fabulous time as they visited the museum to discover how our great city has changed over time. Take a look on our Twitter page to see some lovely photographs of the children enjoying this great experience.

## St. Francis of Assisi

Year Five pupils took part in a transition day at St. Francis of Assisi. During the day they experienced what it will be like to attend secondary school. Year Five will also be visiting Holly Lodge and West Derby this term to support their transition at the end of Year Six.



## Bullybusters

Bullybusters visited our school to deliver anti-bullying workshops for all our pupils. They raised awareness of what is bullying, the different types of bullying and the effects of bullying. They also discussed how to help stop bullying and how to be a good friend. In K.S.2 they also tackled hate crime and criminality.

Bullybusters will be visiting again soon to work with a group of children who would like to become peer mentors.



## Year Three Swimming



Year Three 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!

## Bikeability Training

Year Five pupils have successfully taken part in level 2 Bikeability training. The pupils worked in small groups and gained practical skills and understanding of how to cycle safely on local roads.

We are very proud of the children's achievements and behaviour during these sessions. Well done Year Five and keep up the safe cycling!



## Parent Workshops



A big thank you to all the parents who attended our reading, spelling and writing workshops this term. These workshops are a great opportunity to see how a child's reading, writing and spelling develops and how you can support your child at home. We hope you enjoyed these sessions.

## Under the Sea

The children really enjoyed their special 'Under the Sea' themed lunch. They loved choosing from the themed menu, including fish goujons on a bed



of bubbles!! The hall looked fantastic with all the sea themed decorations. A massive thank you to all the kitchen and lunchtime staff for all their hard work.

### Stay and Play



Our Reception families fully embraced the wonderful opportunity to visit their child's classroom and spend time playing with them.

Both the children, their parents and grandparents had lots of fun and are looking forward to more 'Stay and Play' sessions next half term. Thank you so much for taking the time to visit!!

### Phonics Fun

To support our Reception children with their phonics, we have bought every pupil a copy of the 'Jolly Phonics' CD and book. This resource approaches phonics in a fun way, teaching the children the phonemes through rhymes and actions. Please visit our website to discover more about the teaching of phonics at St. Anne's. We will be providing a phonic parent workshop for Nursery and Reception parents on Thursday the 3rd of November. We hope you can join us.



### 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.



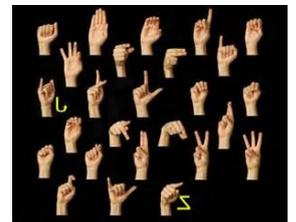
### Children's Progress



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](mailto:e.stokes@st-annesstanley.liverpool.sch.uk)

### Deaf Active

Year Three have been taking part in the 'Hands' sign language programme. So far the children have learnt to sign along to songs and to sign names of animals. The children will demonstrate their new signing skills for their parents in a special assembly at the end of November. A big thank you to the staff from Deaf Active for delivering these sessions.



*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.*

Mrs Lovell  
Deputy Head teacher



