



# St Anne's Newsletter

## Autumn 2015



Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer! Now we have returned, we hope the children have settled quickly into their routines and are enjoying their new experiences.

### 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 and families 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 new campaigns called Share Aware and Net Aware. Share Aware helps explain to children that it can be dangerous to share personal details on-line. 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!!

### *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. Infant parents **MUST** come into the yard to collect their children.
- ✓ 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!**
- ✓ For safety reasons we ask that you do not allow your children to play on the playground equipment before or after school.
- ✓ Ball games are not allowed in the yards before or after school due to the safety of our youngest pupils.

### Staff News

We would also like to welcome the new members of our team who joined us this September. Mr Lucas our specialist Music teacher, Miss Williams teaching in Year Three and Miss Hodson currently teaching in Year Six. We are also joined by Mrs Smith our new lunchtime supervisor. We wish them all the best of luck in their new roles.



## 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 certificates and prizes are awarded to the class with the highest attendance each week. At the end of each term the class with the highest attendance is able to choose their own extra special class reward.

This year we are also introducing a prize draw for parents whose children have 100% attendance!

## Y4K's Family Assembly



During their family assembly Y4K enjoyed telling us about their wonderful talents. Their voices were lovely and clear and their singing and dancing were fantastic. The children were thrilled with all the things their parents wrote about their performance. Thank you so much for joining us!

## Harvest Festival - Year Five and Six

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 will be sent to the local Foodbank.



## 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. A massive total of £564 worth of free books has been raised for the school, which is fantastic!! These books will be used to start our lovely new library. Thank you!!

## Pizza Express Visit

Y3S enjoyed a visit to Pizza Express in Liverpool One. They discovered lots of new tastes trying different pizza toppings. Then the children all made their own pizza from scratch. They kneaded and shaped the dough and then added tomato and cheese. Their behaviour was fantastic and they all enjoyed eating their pizza creations!! Thank you so much to all the staff at Pizza Express.



## New Water Bottles



All children have been provided with their very own St Anne's water bottle. The bottles are hand wash only and are not dishwasher safe. Please ensure your child brings their bottle to school every day filled with plain water only. Juice, flavoured water and fizzy drinks **are not** allowed in the classrooms. Please do not put water bottles in your child's reading bag as our lovely new books are being damaged!!

## Young Voices

Our school choir is involved in a very exciting opportunity to take part in the Young Voices concert being held in the Phones4U arena in Manchester in March. 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

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of 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 are looking forward to their next meeting when they will be electing eleven Junior Lord Mayors, one for each remaining month of the school year. Good luck to Evelyn who has been chosen to represent our school!! A big thank you to Mrs Ellison 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 - 5<sup>th</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

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September we held a coffee morning to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. We are extremely proud to announce that we raised a massive £354 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 will soon be sending 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.

Happy Surfing!

## 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 will soon bring home 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.



## New Minibus



We are thrilled to receive our very first minibus! This will enable us to take groups of children to a variety of different activities across the city. We can't wait to get started!!

## Fruit to Suit

Our new school council are currently in the process of establishing and operating a 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 next week!!



## Old Football Shirts



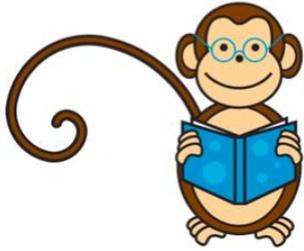
A member of the local community has written to us asking for our support in collecting children's old football shirts. In January 2016, he will be visiting an orphanage in Nongkhai Thailand. In past visits the children have been thrilled with the football shirts he has donated!! If you can help, please hand your old shirts to the office. Thank you.

## Charity 5K

A huge well done to Mischa for successfully completing a 5K run. She managed to raise a massive £1300 to support a little girl in need of expensive stem cell treatment. We are very proud of her fundraising efforts. Well done Mischa!!



## The Monkey Project



Our Year Five and Six pupils are really enjoying taking part in The Monkey Project. This is a wonderful series of workshops designed to structure story writing through drama!! The workshops involve the children in creative activities and special writing tasks in their monkey journal! The best stories will then be performed by Altru drama for the children to enjoy. We can wait to see their stories come to life!

## Re-accreditation of the International School Award 2015-2018

We are really pleased that we have been re-accredited with the British Council International School Award! It is testament to our whole school commitment to embedding a rich and creative range of international work. A big thank you to Mrs Flood for all her hard work in gaining this award. We know the children have loved taking part in all the international activities!!



## Bronze Sports Award



Congratulations St. Anne's, we have achieved our very first sports award!! We are very proud to have achieved a bronze award and are already well on our way to gaining 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.

## Tennis Taster Day

Year One and Two pupils really enjoyed a visit from a tennis coach. The children took part in mini tennis sessions and really impressed our visitor with their skills. All the children were invited to Liverpool Tennis Centre the following weekend to take part in lots of fun tennis activities!! Some of our pupils have even enrolled in lessons.



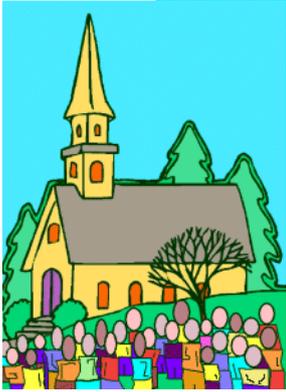
## The Mona Lisa



In September the whole school became really excited as a Mona Lisa painting was unveiled in a special assembly. The children were then surprised when the painting vanished!! Where did it go? What did all the clues mean? The mystery stimulated some fabulous discussions and writing. Eventually we discovered that a new cleaner had put it in Mrs Simons' room for safe keeping!! The mystery was solved!!

## Church Services

All our families are welcome to attend the following Services at St. Anne's Church:



4<sup>th</sup> October - 10.00am

1<sup>st</sup> November - 10.00am

8<sup>th</sup> November - 10.00am

13<sup>th</sup> December - 6.00pm

24<sup>th</sup> December - 4.00pm

24<sup>th</sup> December - 11.30pm

25<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30am

Harvest Festival

All Saints and All Souls - A service dedicated to remembering lost loved ones.

Remembrance Day

Christingle Service

Crib Service

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Service

## 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 a **Monday**.
- 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.
- Please make sure your child wears the correct uniform. This includes wearing burgundy jumpers and cardigans not red. We expect the children to wear smart black shoes as part of their uniform, so no trainers please!!



*As you can see we have had a very busy term so far and we 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



## Important Dates for your Diary

Parents Evening	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October
Half term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
New term begins	Monday 2nd November
School closes for Christmas	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December