



St Anne's Newsletter

May 2015



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete our Parent Questionnaires. We really appreciate the positive comments you have made and have taken on board your suggestions to make our school an even better place to be. We share the same vision and have been looking at increasing the number of after school clubs in the Autumn Term and also involving all year groups in a Christmas performance. We hope you all have a lovely half term break!

Staff News



After twenty dedicated years of teaching at St. Anne's, Mrs Thompson will be leaving to pursue her career as a Deputy Headteacher in Southport. We are extremely sad to see her leave but we wish her all the best for her future. We know she will be very successful in her new role! Goodbye and good luck Mrs Thompson, we will miss you!

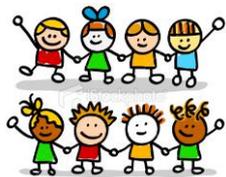
Miss Williams and her partner are thrilled to announce the arrival of their bouncing baby boy James. A big welcome to the world from all at St. Anne's!! We really can't wait to meet him!!



Mrs Bennett will begin her maternity leave at half term. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to hearing her good news very soon. Miss Melling will be joining us until the end of the summer term. We welcome her to St. Anne's and hope she enjoys her time with us.

Church News

Please check the tree shaped notice board in the front yard for the most recent 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.

Confirmation Service - Sunday 24th May at 11.00am. We are very proud to announce that six of our pupils and five parents are being confirmed during the service. We look forward to hearing about their special service.



Foodbank - Please support the church in collecting food for the local foodbank. If you wish to make a donation please leave in the school office and we will arrange for this to be collected. Thank you.
Our local foodbank is at All Saints church on Broadgreen Road. This is open every Thursday from 9.30am - 12.30pm.



Attendance and Punctuality



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 95% - 100%. We would like to remind all parents that we are unable to authorise **any holidays** during the school term.

Unfortunately a number of children continue to arrive late for school. Please **support your child** and ensure they are on time to prevent them missing valuable lesson time. Those children who continue to be late will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer.

E-Safety News

I would like to bring a really useful E-Safety resource to your attention. Alan MacKenzie is a consultant who has worked in the education sector for many years, specifically within ICT and internet safety. Originally working for a County Council, he now works for himself as a specialist consultant helping and advising schools with a particular focus on e-safety. He publishes newsletters for parents on his website, which contain some really useful information and advice. You will find the newsletters here:



<http://www.esafety-adviser.com/newsletter/> You will find this link, along with many other useful resources, on the E-Safety page of our school website.

Happy surfing!

Mrs Thompson

Digital Leaders



Our Digital Leaders have now reached the end of their training! Their Digital Passports are full of bronze and silver awards which show that they are fully equipped with the skills and knowledge to use a range of apps and software efficiently. During the coming weeks, they should have many opportunities to earn their gold award as they support other children in their own and other classes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Digital Leaders for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. I am confident that we have some future Computing experts in the making!

Mrs Thompson

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 SENCo, Mrs J. Fleming.

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

Mrs Stokes is currently working closely with Mrs Fleming in preparation for her to become SENCo in September.

Top Trumps

During the past weeks, all of the children in Year 5T have had the opportunity to participate in the National Top Trumps Tournament. Following the nail biting heats and the tense final, Tia is our champion! She is now registered on the National Top Trumps website where she will play online against other school champions from across the country. The twelve schools with the highest scores on the Leader Board by Friday 5th June will be invited to take part in the live finals in Alton Towers on Saturday 27th June. Tia was so thrilled when she won our final that she was shaking with excitement! We all wish Tia lots of luck with the online tournament.



Book Swap



We have recently set up a 'Book Swap' in school. The idea of the Book Swap is very simple, the children donate a book to the swap box and they can then take a book of their choice in return. That's all there is to it!! If they love their new book they keep it forever. If they don't want to keep it, they can swap it again the following week when they have read it. To get involved all your child needs to do is bring in their book(s) and give them to their class teacher. Then each year group will be given the opportunity to swap their books over the next week or so.

Reading Wizard Award

Each half term, every teacher chooses one child from their class to receive the Reading Wizard Award. This award goes to children who not only try their very best to read in school and at home, but actually show a love for reading for pleasure. Each winner receives a book chosen especially for them by their class teacher. Please visit our school website to see pictures of our lucky winners. These photographs are also displayed outside the school hall, on our Reading Wizard display.

The winners for spring term 2 are:

Nursery am - Dylan Ledsom
Nursery pm - James Hutchinson
R R - Sobhy Tohamy
RB - Grace Dooley
1W - Isabella Wilson
1S - Evan Lovell
2L - Riley Rowlands
2N - Anthony McNee



3S - Sean Donnelly
3L - Joshua Sze
4H - Mia Henderson
4F - Hamza Saad
5T - Matthew Tai
5P - Ufuoma Amaro
6F - Gabrielle Demunik
6K - Chloe Taylor

Read for My School

Read for My School is the national schools reading competition from Pearson and Booktrust, with support from The Department for Education. Reading for pleasure is at the heart of the initiative, which aims to generate excitement about books.

Read for My School challenges children from Years Three to Eight to read as many books as they can across the spring term. The competition finished at the end of March. We had 24 children register who read a massive 367 books between them!!

Congratulations to all the children who took part. It was lovely to walk around the school having conversations with the children about the books they were reading. They showed a real love for reading!!



Teddy Competition



Thank you to everyone who took part in the 'name the teddy bear' competition. There were some very imaginative names chosen. The raffle was drawn at the Summer May Fayre at St. Anne's church on bank holiday Monday. The winners were Sean Donnelly (Y3) who named the boy teddy 'Bear' and Leanne Harrison (Y5) who named the girl teddy 'Poppy'. The church were very grateful for the support the school gave with this competition and it was lovely to see so many of you at the Fayre!!

Reading at Home

Reading opens the door to all learning. A child who reads a lot will become a good reader. A good reader will be able to read challenging material. A child who reads challenging material is a child who will learn. The more a child learns the more a child will want to find out.

Reading with your child for 10 - 15 minutes a day at least four times a week will drastically improve their level of learning and understanding. Take a look at some facts.....



- If you read together for **15 minutes**, 4 nights a week, your child will have read 2160 minutes in a school year - the equivalent to six whole days!!!!
- However, if you only read for **5 minutes**, 4 nights a week, your child will have read 720 minutes in a school year - the equivalent to only two days of reading a year!



We want to give your child the best opportunities to achieve well in life. Reading is a life skill and we need your support to ensure together we give your children everything they deserve and more!!

Mrs Stokes



Medication

Please ensure you hand any medication directly to a member of staff. Parents are also required to complete a medication form, available from the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

RB's Family Assembly



Wow! Mrs Bennett's class gave a fantastic performance of their special assembly all about making people smile. Well they certainly made their parents and the whole school smile!! The children were so confident and spoke so clearly. They did some fantastic singing and dancing and showed us their lovely smiley masks. Well done and thank you!! They are certainly ready for their adventure to big Year One!

Tesco Trip

Y2L had a wonderful morning when they visited Tesco's in Old Swan. The children visited the fish counter and they discovered amazing facts about salmon, cuttle fish and female crabs. They had the opportunity to go behind the scenes to the warehouse, fridges and freezers. The children made their own bread bun and spent time looking at a rainbow of fruit and vegetables. Their favourite part was sitting in the conference room tasting different fruit, bread and cheese. A huge thank you to Annette, Leslie and Diane for making us feel so welcome and providing the children with such an amazing experience. All the staff commented on the excellent behaviour of our pupils. Well done Y2L.



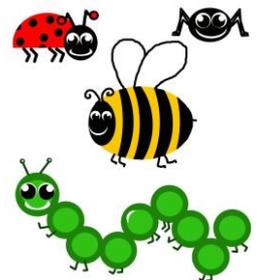
Mrs Ellison's Moonwalk



On Saturday the 16th of May, Mrs Ellison and her daughter Samm took part in the Moonwalk London 2015. This is a 26.2 mile marathon held during the night!! They finished in six hours and have raised more than £500 for Breast Cancer Research. We are very proud of them both and think they have raised a lot of money for a very worthy cause. Congratulations!!

Gardening Gang

Our little gang of gardeners are working hard to tidy up the large planters in the front yard and Science garden. They have started to grow a selection of seeds in the greenhouse ready to plant in the next term. The children are really enjoying caring for the seeds and watching them grow. Miss Garner has also been successful in getting Kew Garden wildflower seeds donated from Grow Wild. We are hoping they will attract lots of wildlife to the Science garden for the children to study. Thank you for all your hard work gardeners, the yard is looking brighter and bug friendly already.



St. Anne's is 100!!



On the 10th of July St. Anne's will be 100 years old!! At the moment we are planning some special activities and celebrations for all our pupils. These include producing special artwork to be permanently displayed in school, a church service and a garden party. We will be asking the children to dress up for the occasion and will let you know the theme in the near future. This is a very exciting event for us all. Please contact the school if you have any old photographs of our school or past pupils. Thank you.

Year One's visit to Newsham Park



Our Year One pupils had a wonderful time when they visited Newsham Park. They went on a science trail where they found lots of different shaped leaves. The children looked at them carefully and discovered the name of the trees they belonged to. They also went on a listening walk and identified lots of sounds they could hear in the park. Thank you to all the parents who helped with the trip.

Shine Award

Our kitchen staff have received three Liverpool City Council Catering Shine Awards. These have been awarded for their dedication in providing our children with a lovely menu, themed days and the largest number of pupils taking school meals. The menu has been shared with other schools in the authority to see if it has the same impact in other schools. Well done and thank you!!



Princes Food



As part of Tesco's Farm to Fork Project we arranged a visit from Princes Food. David Diarmid presented our Year Three pupils with lots of information about the history and benefit of canned foods. He also spent time explaining how peas growing in the fields end up in cans on the shelves of supermarkets. The children then had the opportunity to fill their own cans with dried foods and design and produce their own labels. Some of our pupils ended up winning real cans of food!! They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt so much. Mr Diarmid commented on the wonderful behaviour of the Year Three children. Well done!!

The children have had a very busy term and are already looking forward to their next visits and our 100 year celebrations!! Thank you so much for all your support and suggestions. Together as a partnership we can provide the children with a wonderful school experience. Thank you from all at St. Anne's.

Mrs Lovell
Deputy Head teacher



School Closed for Staff Training	Friday 22 nd May
Half Term	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May
I.M. Marsh Trip - Y2, Y3, Y5 and Y6	Thursday 4 th June
Grosvenor Estate Trip - Y4	Thursday 4 th June
Tesco Visit - Y1W	Thursday 4 th June
I.M Marsh Trip - Y4	Friday 5 th June
Tesco Visit - Y1S	Thursday 9 th July
100 Year Anniversary Celebrations	Friday 10 th July
School Finishes for the Summer	Tuesday 21 st July

