



St Anne's Newsletter

February/March 2015



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We are pleased to announce that our two most recent inspection visits have been very positive. On the 6th of February, inspector Stephen Burrow judged the distinctiveness and effectiveness of St Anne Stanley, as a Church of England school as good. The impact of collective worship on the school community was judged as outstanding!



On the 9th of February, HMI inspector Allan Torr reported that the school is taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement. He commented on the immediate action taken and the precise plans the leadership team have devised for the school to be judged good as quickly as possible.



Both reports are now available for you to read on the school website. Please contact the school office if you would like a copy of either report or if you would like an appointment with Mrs Simons to discuss any content.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who gave up their precious time to speak to the inspectors. Thank you so much for your very supportive comments. As usual, the children's behaviour was amazing and they loved showing our special visitors around their school. They spoke confidently about how much they enjoy their lessons. Well done children and thank you. We are so pleased you love coming to school!

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.

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.

WELL DONE Y1 W!! You are in the lead with the best overall attendance this term with 97.9%



Eucharist Service - Year Five and Six



On Friday 6th February, Year Five and Six took part in their Eucharist Service at St. Anne's church. The Eucharist was based on our value of understanding. The children also found out about the inspirational Desmond Tutu and how he has inspired so many people and helped to make a difference. We should remember that we are all unique and we should celebrate our differences. It is important that no matter what hair, skin or eye colour we have or even which football team we support, we should all live together in harmony.

E-Safety News - Safer Internet Day 2015

Safer Internet Day 2015 was celebrated on Tuesday 10th February, with the slogan 'Let's create a better internet together' reaching millions across the UK and globally. At St. Anne's, we were proud to participate in this special event in E-Safety assemblies and lessons throughout the school. We take E-Safety very seriously and we encourage the children to think about the positive ways in which they can use the internet whilst being constantly mindful of the dangers they could encounter.



The internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. We recently sent home some 'Conversation Starters' for you to use to engage in discussion with your children to help to keep them safe.

If you have any questions at all regarding E-Safety, please don't hesitate to contact me or visit the E-Safety section of our school website for advice and information. Happy surfing!

Mrs Thompson

Instagram



We have had some incidents lately revolving around the use of Instagram. Instagram is an app which allows users to share photos with others. As with all technology, if it is used correctly, it is a fantastic resource. Unfortunately, some children have been sending photographs and/or comments which have been upsetting to other children.

We have promptly dealt with these issues but we would kindly ask you to support us in this matter by encouraging your children to think carefully before they post.

Mrs Thompson

Reception visit St. Anne's Church.

Reverend Emma spoke to all the children about the different parts of the church. We loved hearing all about the font and the pictures on the stained glass windows. Some children had the opportunity to speak on the microphone from the lectern. A big thank you to Reverend Emma, it was a lovely way to finish our special topic.



Robots come to St. Anne's!



Our Digital Leaders were very fortunate to have a visit from some special visitors ...ROBOTS!

MGL, who help to support our Computing Curriculum, recently brought in a variety of robots to demonstrate some of the very latest technology. They were able to fly a drone, balance a bottle of water on a MIP robot and watch the really intelligent NEO robot do yoga! This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about the capabilities of robotics and we all had a wonderful time!

Mrs Thompson

Year Three visit The World Museum

In History, Year Three have been learning all about Ancient Egypt. They visited the World Museum and explored all of the amazing artefacts that have survived for thousands of years. These artefacts are the reason we can learn so much about this period in time. The children took part in a workshop and discovered how the Ancient Egyptians lived. Finally, they watched a performance of 'Meet the Mummy!' and some of our children took part in the mummification process. The children's favourite part was when the brains were pulled out through the dead person's nose! (Don't worry - it was a dummy, not a real person!) All the children were extremely well behaved and a real credit to our school. Well done Year Three!



Family Assembly - Y3S



Well done to Year 3S for their fantastic assembly! They explored the value of 'understanding' by looking at Chinese New Year and the importance of learning about and understanding different cultures and celebrations. They did lots of singing and dancing which the whole school enjoyed watching! All the children were fantastic and made us feel very proud. Thank you to all parents and family members who attended, it meant so much to the children!

World Book Day Award

Well done to all the children who took part in the World Book Day Award! Children from Year Two to Year Six were invited to enter the competition to answer the question, 'Why can't we live without books?' The children could answer this question in any way they wished. We had so many creative entries which have been entered into the national competition. The winners will be announced on World Book Day- so fingers crossed for all of our entries! The lucky winners get £10,000 of books to transform their school library. All children who entered were awarded with a book of their choice to celebrate their efforts on a school level. Thank you to all children who took the time to celebrate the importance of reading in our school!



Read for My School

Read for My School is the national schools reading competition from Pearson and Book trust, 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 Year 3 to 8, to read as many books as they can across the spring term. So far we have 18 pupils who have registered and between them they have read a massive 262 books! It is not too late to get involved. Go to the Read for My School website www.readformyschool.co.uk and register as a pupil using our school classroom code: 507743.

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 1 are:

Nursery am - Elliot Herbert
Nursery pm - Henlie Peters
RR - Charlotte Martin
RB - Lacey-Mae Nugent
1W - Joel Taylor
1S - Olivia Worrall
2L- Maisie Burns
2N - Annelyse Dunn



3S - Khalil Butt
3L - Mia Wilson
4H - Jonathan Burns
4F - Brodie Gardiner
5P - Evelyn Buckley
6F - Ruth Kelleher
6K - Luke Oram

Year Three visit the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall

In music, Year Three have been studying lots of different classical pieces and have recreated them using a wide range of percussion instruments. They were then lucky enough to go to the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall to hear the pieces being played by the world famous Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. What a fantastic experience this was for everyone involved! The children had learnt a song called 'Why we Sing' in school and were lucky enough to sing this with lots of other schools whilst being accompanied by the orchestra. An experience the children will never forget!



Harry Potter Book Night



A group of children from Year Five and Six took part in a Harry Potter themed club. The children were sorted into the house teams from Hogwarts' School of Wizardry by our very own sorting hat! They then shared favourite parts of the first book with one another and played a number of games and quizzes to win points for their house.

Some children came dressed for the occasion, as witches, wizards and muggles (non-magic folk!). Everyone involved had a great time!

Infant Film Club

This term the infant film club have been busy watching lots of different movies. Our favourite films so far have been The Lego Movie and Reef. We have enjoyed some very tasty snacks while we watch our films, including popcorn! Yummy!



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

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.



Young Voices Concert

Our school choir had a very exciting opportunity to go to Manchester Phones 4U arena and sing with over 7000 other children. Over the past few months, children from Year Four, Five and Six have been working hard to learn lots of songs to get ready for their performance. The concert was an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. They even performed with X-Factor's Lucy Spraggan and street dancers Urban Strides!! The children were an absolute credit to our school, showcasing how talented and confident our pupils are. A huge thank you to all the parents and staff who supported this event.



World Book Day 2015

Reading for pleasure is at the heart of our school. We aim for every child to be reading for enjoyment throughout the whole of their school journey and for the rest of their lives. World Book Day allows us to celebrate our love for reading. This year we were lucky enough to have a visit from author and illustrator Charlotte Firmin. Charlotte is the daughter of Peter Firmin, the creator of Bagpuss and The Clangers. Each class took part in an interactive storytelling workshop. Charlotte encouraged the children to create a story whilst she illustrated



it in front of them. It was very inspirational and many children have already written and illustrated their own stories!

Mother's Day Sale



We would like to say a huge thank you to the staff and parents who have given up their valuable time to arrange our Mother's Day Sale. They have been very busy wrapping lots of lovely gifts which the children will love choosing for their Mums. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

We would also like to thank Mrs Allan and Miss Allan from St. Anne's church. They have very kindly donated chocolate hearts and made 150 gift sets for our sale. We really appreciate the support of our parents, friends and staff in making this activity possible. Thank you so much!!

Chinese New Year Lunch

As part of our Chinese New Year celebrations the children were treated to a lovely Chinese meal. The children enjoyed tasting spring rolls, prawn crackers, prawn toast, vegetable rice and Chinese chicken. The hall was decorated with Chinese lanterns and the tables looked amazing with red and gold tablecloths and place mats. Thank you to all the kitchen staff and lunchtime supervisors who worked extremely hard to provide the children with such a lovely experience.



Important Notices



- If you wish to speak to the class teacher regarding your child, could you please contact the school office and make an appointment after school. We understand that parents may want to discuss important information or concerns about their child on a morning but for the benefit of all our pupils we need to ensure that lessons start on time. If your message is urgent please speak to a teaching assistant or provide a written message for the class teacher. Thank you for your support.

As you can see we have had a very busy start to the spring term! 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. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lovell
Deputy Head teacher



Parent Evenings	Monday 30 th and Tuesday 31 st March
4H Family Assembly	Friday 27 th March
Year One and Two Easter Service - Church	Wednesday 1 st April
School closes for Easter	Thursday 2 nd April
School re opens for summer term	Monday 20 th April
Class Photographs	Tuesday 17 th March

