



# St Anne's Newsletter

## January 2015



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Happy New Year to all our families! We hope you enjoy reading about the special events and activities that have taken place this month. We are so proud of these lovely opportunities and the enjoyment they have given our pupils. The children are looking forward to the exciting events we have planned for the near future!!

### School Value - Understanding



Our new value this half term is understanding. Reverend Emma and Mrs Simons launched our new value with a special whole school assembly. The children were shown the word 'welcome' in a variety of languages and asked if they understood what any of these words meant. The children were amazing at discussing our new value, what it means to them and how they show understanding towards others.

*"Trust the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your understanding."* Proverbs 3:5

So far this term we have four winners of our value award;

Yvonne Chen      Y4F  
Elsie Aldridge    Y2L

Eryn Mullen      Y6F  
Jonathan Oram    Y2N



These children gained our value award due to their caring and understanding attitude towards others. Congratulations and well done!!

### Church News



Please check the tree shaped notice board in the front yard for up to date church notices. Here are the most recent notices.

**Ash Wednesday Service** at St Anne's Church - 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

**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 Easter** - 7<sup>th</sup> March at 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.



## Staff News



We are pleased to announce the arrival of two new babies in January. Mr Harmes and his partner are proud to introduce their bouncing baby boy Noah. Miss Williams and her partner are thrilled to announce the arrival of beautiful baby Katie. A huge welcome to the world from all at St. Anne's! We can't wait to meet them soon.

We would like to welcome Mrs Williams who is covering Miss William's maternity leave in Year One. We wish her good luck in her new post and hope she enjoys her time with us.

## Arendale Coronation Banquet

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of January the children had a very special lunchtime based on the movie 'Frozen'. The hall and tables were decorated with banners, balloons and characters from the film. The children really enjoyed listening and singing along to the theme tune while they ate their lunch. The menu included;



Sven Antlers (Fish), Sven Snacks (Veggie Nuggets), Elsa's Icicles (Chips), Olaf Snowballs (Peas), North Mountain Ice Cream Desert and a Glacier Cup Drink.

A massive thank you to all the kitchen staff and lunchtime assistants for all their hard work. The children had a wonderful time.

## 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 95% - 100%. We would like to remind all parents that we are unable to authorise **any holidays** during the school term. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time to prevent them missing valuable lesson time.

**Congratulations** to all the children who were successful in achieving 95% - 100% attendance in the autumn term. We had a lovely assembly to celebrate the children's achievements and presented them with special postcards and medals. All the children who achieved 100% attendance were entered into a prize draw and six prizes of £50.00 were awarded.

## Read for our school

Every child from year three to six has been given the opportunity to register to take part in the 'Read for My School' competition which runs from 19<sup>th</sup> January until the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. Simply register online at [www.readformyschool.co.uk](http://www.readformyschool.co.uk) using our school reading group code: 507743 and get reading!



Read for My School is a print and digital reading initiative that invites all children in year three to six, attending primary schools in England, to take part in a two month competition which promotes, celebrates and encourages reading for pleasure.



In addition to the 150 books that will be available to read on the Read for My School website, there are also carefully selected Recommended Reads for years three, four, five and six. These can be found on the official website, which aims to encourage children to look for these book titles at home, in their school or local library or bookshop.

Last year we read a massive 122 books! I am sure we can read even more this year!

Mrs Stokes

### Cinema Trip

The junior children all enjoyed a trip to Cineworld on Edge Lane to watch the film Rio 2. The children had a lovely time watching the film while they tucked into their snack packs! The staff commented on the excellent behaviour and manners of the children. Well done children we are so proud of you. A big thank you to everyone at the cinema who made us feel so welcome.



### World Famous Storyteller



The famous storyteller Katrice Horsley visited our school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Throughout the day she entertained the children with her amazing, interactive stories. The children thoroughly enjoyed her fun filled sessions and were inspired by her enthusiasm and the way she brought the stories and characters to life. Katrice also provided a session for parents to demonstrate verbal storytelling techniques. Thank you to all those parents who attended.

### Big Schools Birdwatch

Year Two are taking part in the RSPB's Big Schools Birdwatch. The children have registered to become part of an important scientific study, monitoring the number of bird species in our local area. The bird feeders are up all we need now are visits from our feathered friends!!

Miss Garner



### Phonic Workshops



Thank you to all the parents and carers in Nursery, Reception and Year One who expressed an interest in attending our parent's phonics session. Due to huge demand we could only accommodate parents from Nursery and Reception. We have booked another session specifically for Year One parents and a letter will be sent once this date has been confirmed. Parents who attended the session commented on how useful it was in helping them support their children's progress in phonics. We are also pleased with the children's positive comments about their new phonics games. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about phonics. We look forward to seeing many more parents at the next workshop.

## Fundraising Day

On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February we will be holding a fundraising day to raise money for the British Heart Foundation and The Oliver King Foundation.

Throughout the day the children will take part in skipping and dodgeball activities whilst learning how to keep fit and healthy. The children are invited to wear red and blue tops for a donation of £1.00. All proceeds will be shared between these two fantastic charities. Due to their museum trip, Year Three will take part in this event on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Quinn



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## Digital Leaders



Our Digital Leaders have been working very hard. They have been learning how to use Scratch Jnr on the iPad, to create their own animations. The children are looking forward to sharing them with rest of the school in our special Praise Assemblies.

Mrs Thompson

## E-Safety News

Although we often encourage our children to share, sometimes sharing online can be dangerous. The internet is a fantastic resource and we want our children to use it safely. 'Share Aware' is a new campaign launched by NSPCC for parents of children aged 8-12. Its aim is to reassure you as parents and give you everything you need to know to help keep your children safe. You can visit this website at <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>



## Mobile Phones



We recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many children and that they also play an important role in helping pupils feel safe and secure on the way to and from school. We kindly ask that parents inform their child's class teacher or Mrs Simons if their child needs to bring a mobile phone to school. In this instance, phones will be collected by the class teacher in the morning and returned at the end of the school day. **Children are NOT allowed to use their mobile phones under any circumstances during the school day.** We take E-Safety very seriously at St. Anne's and take every precaution to protect our children. We appreciate your support in this matter.

If you have a question related to E-Safety please do not hesitate to contact me or visit the E-Safety page on our website at <http://st-anne-stanley-school.co.uk/>

Mrs Thompson

## Year Five Happy Hour

Year Five children have been taking part in 'Happy Hour' at Broadgreen High School. They have been participating in a variety of exciting activities including



swimming, cooking, Science and ICT. It has been a fantastic opportunity for the children to use the facilities and meet some of the staff. The children have had lots of fun and have really enjoyed this experience.

### Swimming



Year Three children have really enjoyed taking part in swimming lessons on a Friday morning. 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.

Some of our Year Two pupils have also joined these swimming sessions in preparation for a swimming gala. Once again we are extremely proud of the children's behaviour whilst they are at the swimming pool.

### Gardening Club

As the spring approaches gardening club will be re launched next half term. We will be focussing on growing plants from bulbs and seeds and attracting wildlife to our outdoor classroom. We will spend some of our time on the internet, researching which plants will attract different wildlife. Remember places will be limited so if you are chosen to be a 'gardener' we ask that you attend on a regular basis. Thank you for your support.



Miss Garner and Mrs Lovell

### Year Two Mexican Topic



Year Two have really been enjoying their Geography topic about Mexico! They have had lots of fun making Mexican masks and researching the different animals found in Mexico. We found some very interesting information about terrifying spiders!! As part of our topic we have planned a Mexican menu for lunch on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. We can't wait and we hope you all enjoy it as much as we think we will!! Thank you so much to all the kitchen staff that have made this possible. Due to the icy weather we had to cancel our trip to Tesco but we will book another date once the weather improves.

### 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](mailto:j.fleming@st-annesstanley.liverpool.sch.uk)



### Marie Curie Cancer Care



For the fourth year we have chosen to support the amazing work of Marie Curie Nurses by taking part in Mini Pots of Care. During the autumn and winter the children have planted and taken care of their own daffodil bulb, all provided by

Marie Curie. In the spring the children will celebrate their blooming daffodils by organising a fundraising day. Money raised from each pot will go towards supporting Marie Curie Nurses across the UK. These nurses care for terminally ill people in the comfort of their own home and provide vital emotional support for their families. We hope you will support us in raising funds for this charity.

**Training Day - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Please be aware that there is a teacher training day on this day. The children will return to school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you.

**As you can see we have had a very busy month! 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/carers who attended our phonic and storytelling sessions. We would love to provide many more opportunities for home, school and church to work closely together. If you have any suggestions please let me know. Thank you for your continued support.**

Mrs Lovell  
Deputy Head teacher



Year Five and Six Eucharist Service - Church	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Year Three Museum Trip	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Mexican Lunch	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Healthy Heart Fundraising Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
School closes for half term break	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>
School re opens for spring term	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Ash Wednesday Church Service	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February
Young Voices Concert -School Choir Only	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
World Book Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March

