



St Anne's Newsletter

Autumn 2 2015



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parent's Evening before half term. We really appreciate having the opportunity to work together to make the most of your child's education and their time at St. Anne's.

We hope you enjoy reading all our exciting news and opportunities we have had so far this term.

The Value of Friendship



Our value this half term is Friendship. We started the term with a special friendship assembly led by Mrs Simons. The children were fantastic at discussing what it means to be a good friend! We hope to present lots of children with our special value award this half term.

*"Jesus said ... There is no greater love than this,
that he lays down his life for his friends" John 15:13*

Remembrance Day



On the 11th of November at 11 o'clock the whole school came together to remember all the people who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

We marked the occasion by observing a two minute silence, listening to the remembrance poem 'In Flanders Field' and finding out about the story of the poppy.

Thank you to everybody who supported us in raising money for The Royal British Legion, by buying a poppy.

Church News

Please check the tree shaped notice board in the front yard for the latest Church Notices. Here are the most recent additions:

Youth Group

Pupils from Year Six can join our monthly youth group held in the church hall between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. Each session costs only 50p.

Toddler Group - Thursday Mornings - 9.15am to 11.15am

Held in the church hall, term times only.



Christmas Services at St. Anne's Church



24 th December - 4.00pm	Crib Service
24 th December - 11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25 th December - 10.30am	Christmas Day Service

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%. We would like to remind all parents that we are unable to authorise any holidays during the school term. 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!! Please ensure your child arrives at school for 9.00am as it can be very upsetting for a child when they miss the start of their lessons.



BBC Children In Need - Be A Hero

On Friday the 13th of November we held a fundraising event to raise money for Children in Need. The children all came to school wearing something spotty or yellow for a donation of £1.00. The children looked amazing and managed to raise a massive £364 for this very worthy cause. We held an assembly to think of what it means to be in need and how our fundraising could make a difference to the lives of others.



Why is it so important to read every night with your child?



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 wants to find out. Reading with your child for 10-15 minutes a day at least 4 times per week will drastically improve their level of learning and understanding. If you read **15 minutes** 4 nights a week, your child will have read 2160 minutes

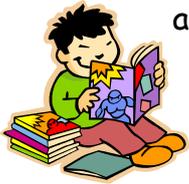
in a school year- equivalent to 6 whole days. However, if you only read **5 minutes** 4 nights a week, your child will have read 720 minutes in a school year-equivalent to only 2 days of reading a year. We want to give your child the best opportunities to achieve high in life. Reading is a life skill and we need your support to ensure together we give your children everything they deserve and more.

Book Swap

Last year we set up a 'Book Swap' in school. The idea of the 'Book Swap' is very simple - children donate a book to the book swap box and then they can take a book of their choice in return. That's all there is to it. If they love their new book they can 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

Every half term, each class teacher chooses one child to be awarded with the reading wizard award, winning a specially chosen book for them to take home and enjoy reading with their families. The teachers choose children who are trying very hard with their reading both in and out of school and for showing a love of reading for pleasure. This is a very difficult decision for teachers as so many children in our school love to read!! The children have their photograph taken and displayed on our 'Reading Wizard' display outside the hall. Make sure you take a look next time you are passing!



Congratulations to the children who won the Reading Wizard Award last half term!

Nursery A.M: Jack Jones Savage
Reception R: Olivia Carr
Year 1W: Daniel Smith
Year 2L: Josef Watson
Year 3S: Elliot Mason
Year 4K: Amy Chen
Year 5H: Mohamed Saad
Year 6H: Joshua Taylor-Attwood



Nursery P.M: Freddy Aldridge
Reception B: Bailey Moore
Year 1S: Mia Freeman
Year 2N: Acacia Matiki
Year 3W: Jenna Unsworth
Year 4P: Mikey Sunter
Year 5F: Grace Hamilton
Year 6L: Olivia Parry

New school library!

A school library is unfortunately an area we have never had the space to create, but we feel it is such an important learning space that with a lot of creative thinking, we have adapted our ICT suite to allow for a shared learning environment. We were lucky enough to have Christine Stalker, a local artist and relative of Jessica Daley in Year 5, come into school to paint a forest scene with lots of the children's favourite book characters on the wall. We have purchased new furniture to make this a relaxing environment to share a love of reading with each other. Over the next few weeks, the children will be involved in choosing what books they would like in our library. Pictures will be on the website once it is fully completed. Be sure to have a look next time you are in school- we are so excited to get it up and running!

Reading Ambassadors

Each class from Years 1-6 nominated a Reading Ambassador to represent their class as someone who loves reading and is a good role model for reading for pleasure. The Reading Ambassadors' role is to complete a range of tasks to gather information from their class to share ideas and

opinions about reading for pleasure. Over the next few weeks they will lead the setting up of and will then take control of monitoring and running the library. We wish them all lots of luck in their new role, they will do a fantastic job!

Liverpool Reading Quality Mark- Silver Award!

Our school prides itself as being a 'reading school'. We feel that our children develop a love of reading for enjoyment throughout their time at our school. In recognition of this, we decided to apply for the Liverpool Reading Quality Mark. A rigorous assessment took place in November that involved interviews with staff, children, parents, governors and other people from our community that support reading in our school, as well as a tour of the school and a file full of evidence! Our assessor was very impressed during her visit and awarded us with SILVER! A group of children will attend an awards ceremony at Central Library in January to receive our award. Thank you to everyone involved in the assessment day and most of all to our fantastic children for once again, showing what a fantastic school we really are! A summary report of the assessment can be found on the school website.

School Parliament

Our School Parliament children attended their termly meeting at Liverpool Town Hall on 16th November. They previewed a film about stranger danger and also took part in a mock trial which highlighted and addressed road safety issues outside schools. On the way we stopped to visit the poppies at St George's Hall. As always our children were a credit to St Anne's. Our next meeting is 28th January 2016, during which we will meet three holocaust survivors to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.

Sports

This half term children from Reception to Year 6 have been very busy in school working on completing gymnastics awards. Year 5 also had a special visit from the POP Lacrosse coach to introduce them to a new sport. It was fantastic to see them try new things.



Competitions

We have had busy half term with competitions. Year 5 and 6 have competed in the Premier League tournament at Liverpool Football academy. They played really well and represented our school brilliantly. We had our first football match for Year 5. We played against last year's league winners Corinthians and played in horrendous conditions, gale force winds, rain etc . The boys played really well but lost to some fantastic finishes from Corinthian. We also had some very talented year 4 boys in the squad who played amazingly well.

Indoor football

Year 5 and 4 boys represented our school in a five aside competition at De la Salle school. They played some amazing football and made it through to the finals.

Indoor Athletics

For the first time we entered the LSSP indoor athletics competition at Broadgreen. The children competed brilliantly and although we didn't qualify for the next round we had some fantastic individual performances.

On Tuesday 24th November at Wavertree Sports Complex, we took part in the event Go Run For Fun, supported by Liverpool City Council, the LSSP and Liverpool Harriers Athletics Club. All the children had a fantastic afternoon. More information can be found on the school website. Children from Year 2 right up to Year 6 took part.

Water polo

A selection of children from Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in a water polo competition at Wavertree. We played really well and picked the rules and tactics up very quickly. They won three, drew one and lost two. We are proud of each one of them!

Dodgeball

Year 3 / 4 took part in a dodgeball competition at Kensington school. We had two teams involved for the first time and was fantastic to see so many having the chance to shine. They played really well.

Year 2 Football

We had Year 2 take part in the Liverpool Academy tournament at the LFC Academy. It was fantastic to see such a young age group take part and shows the talent we have coming through our school. Well done year 2.

Guitar Lessons



On Tuesday afternoons all the Year Four children have been given the amazing opportunity to learn to play the guitar with Mr Story. As you can imagine the children love taking part in these sessions! We are very proud of our pupil's talents and can't wait to showcase these later in the year. Thank you Mr Story for all your support!

Underwater Street Visit



Reception, Year One and Year Two had a fantastic day when they visited Underwater Street. The children took part in lots of scientific discovery and role play activities as well as lots of lovely Christmas themed activities. They really enjoyed making Christmas decorations and decorating Christmas cookies in Santa's Grotto. Back at school we wrote all about our fun filled day and produced some amazing written work. The staff at Underwater Street commented on the wonderful behaviour of all our pupils.

Portals to the Past

On Wednesday 2nd December, Year 3 had a special visitor in school from Portals to the Past. His name was Clud and he taught the children all sorts of interesting facts about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. In preparation for this workshop, Year 3 designed their very own Celtic Shields for homework. Clud was so impressed with all of their designs. Year 3 really enjoyed taking part in the day's activities, and imagining what life was like for the Early Britons. Take a look at our class pages to see photos of the day.



Y4 Trips

Year 4 Roman trip to Dewa Museum - we all had a lovely time on our visit to Chester. We met a Roman soldier and underwent basic training. (Pictures on the Website). A Victorian Christmas at Croxteth Park - we attended Lord and Lady Sefton's Christmas party. Some children and staff were guests and some had to work 'below stairs' as staff.

Black History Week.

We had a fantastic time with the drumming and dance workshops organised by Osun Foundation in celebration of famous influential black people in history. We had storytelling, a Caribbean breakfast, African clothing and Art exhibition and to finish we had a grand finale of music and dance, culture and stories.

French Day

French art, music and culture was celebrated during French day in school. We wore red white and blue and tasted some French food, studied some French artists and listened to some French music. A fun French day was had by all.

Other workshops in school:

Y2 - Great Fire of London - Year 2 had a wonderful day re-enacting The Great Fire of London. They learnt so many facts and performed their play to the rest of the school.

Y5 - Mayan Mayhem - Nuala brought the Mayan Mayhem workshop to our school! The year fives had a fantastic, creative day! We were involved in a drama activity where we discovered all sorts of exciting historical facts about the Mayan civilisation! We then performed a brilliant short play to the children in Year 1 and Year 3. Everyone had a brilliant time!

Pizza Express

This term, both Year 3 classes have been lucky enough to take a trip to Pizza Express. Both classes had a lovely morning out. Once they got there, they decorated their own chef's hats and put on special aprons. The children made their very own margarita pizzas, by spreading the tomato sauce and then scattering the mozzarella balls. Whilst we were waiting for our pizzas to cook, we tasted lots of interesting ingredients that are sometimes used on pizzas in the restaurant. Some of the children were really brave and tried some really unusual foods! Finally we got a chance to taste our pizzas. They were delicious! Take a look at our classes pages to see photos of this trip.

Online Safety News

At St. Anne's we are committed to ensure that our children know how to keep themselves safe online. We have recently sent home an Acceptable Use Agreement for you to sign and return to school. This outlines the rules and procedures that we have in place for our children to ensure they are responsible users of the internet. We really appreciate your support in this matter and ask that you return the form as quickly as you can if you have not already done so.

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

Happy Surfing! Mrs Carlsen.

Digital Leaders

We are excited to continue our Digital Leaders programme at St. Anne's. Two children from each class in Y3 to Y6 have been selected to be a Digital Leader. The children will be trained to use some of the fantastic new computer programming resources we have in school. They will then be asked to help lead computer sessions to demonstrate this equipment to others.

The children are very proud of their new role and are wearing their badges with pride.



Road Safety Week

During Road Safety week a Community Police Officer came in to school to talk to us about how to stay safe on the roads. Year 5 have also had road safety training from Bikeright on how to stay safe while cycling.

NSPCC

St Anne's prides itself on keeping our children safe. The NSPCC came to our Year 5 and 6 classes and spoke to children about issues of neglect and abuse. More information can be found on our Safeguarding page on the school website.

Anti-Bullying



The whole school watched an Altru theatre production based upon bullying, during anti-bullying week. The children listened carefully as the characters told of how they felt when they were bullied and what they needed to do to make it stop! At the end of the show all the children understood that they needed to speak to a trusted adult if they felt unhappy or worried about

bullying. Bully Busters workshops have also taken place in different classes.

Cookery Club

We have a wonderful time in our cookery club. We have learnt how to use a knife safely and correctly using the bridge and claw method. We have made some lovely recipes such as fruit smoothies, coleslaw with our own mayonnaise, tuna pasta, bread and cakes. I hope you enjoyed eating them as much as making them!! Please see the website for pictures.

Gardening Club

Gardening club is now up and running and over the coming weeks we will be planting carrots in different soils to see which carrots grow the best. We will let you know our results.

Film Club

Film club have had a successful term watching and reviewing a selections of brilliant and varied films! This term best film reviews go to Finlay Kelleher, Alana Oxley and Ufuoma Amaro.

Christmas Performances

Nursery and Reception have performed their Christmas Nativity plays. They all looked fantastic in their costumes and their singing was beautiful. In Church Year 3 and Year 4 performed Rocking Christmas which is a modern twist on the Nativity story. They were outstanding! A special mention goes to the Soloists who performed with confidence to a packed audience. Well done everyone!



School Choir

Choir recently attended St Anne's Court to perform for the elderly residence on Friday 4th December. This was hugely successful and have been asked to return to perform in the spring term. This visit was part of the schools out-reach strategy in the community and was fully appreciated by the management of the home.

Choir are performing at Tesco's in Old Swan on Tuesday 15th from 11:00-12:00pm. It would be fantastic to see parents there watching and supporting the choir. We hope to raise money to support the Young Voices trip in March.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Selection Box Concert

Key stage 2 are performing a full Christmas sing a long concert in St Anne's Church on Tuesday 15th December at 2:00pm. This is for all classes from year 3 up to 6. We really hope this will be fully supported by parents in church and we will have a fantastic time. Parents can then collect their child from church after the concert.

Key Stage 1 Sing-a-long Concert

Year 1 and 2 are performing a Christmas sing-a-long concert on Thursday 17th December at 2:30pm in the school hall. All parents of these children are invited to school to watch the performance. We hope everybody will enter the Christmas spirit singing with the children.

Food Services Award

Congratulations to our wonderful catering staff who won the award from Blakemore Food Services Catering in recognition of the wide variety of food available to our children and the efforts made for special events and themed days in school. Thank you and well done from everyone at St Anne's



P.T.A News

We would like to say a huge thank you to all members of the P.T.A who gave so much of their time to organise a visit from Father Christmas, gifts for all the children and the Christmas disco and raffle. We really appreciate their hard work and the lovely experiences they have arranged for the children. Thanks also to Robbie the Bobby for visiting to find out what exciting things we are doing for Christmas. Thank you to all the families and staff who supported the raffle by donating

prizes and buying tickets.

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.
- ✓ Once the whistle has been blown at 9am for children to line up, please do not line up with your child. Please allow them to line up with their peers. You may stand in the yard until you see them enter the building if you wish but standing with them in the lines can cause delays and obstructions getting the children into school.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Please do not use mobile phones in school including the School Office/Reception area.
- ✓ Please be aware that the adult toilets in school are for staff use only.
- ✓ Please do not give money into the office - all money should be given to your child in a sealed envelope with their name and class on and handed in to their class teacher.

Staff News



As you may be aware Mrs Stokes will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish her the very best of luck! Mr Burke will be teaching Year 3 until the end of the school year.

Website

Check out the Website at <http://st-anne-stanley-school.co.uk> for pictures and activities in your children's classes and after school clubs and activities. You can blog us with any feedback via the 'Latest News' on the Home page. Important dates for your diary can also be found on the Calendar page.

Would you like future newsletters to be sent via email?

In an attempt to produce less waste and improve sustainability in our school, we wish to send paperless copies of the newsletter via email in the future. We would be grateful if you could provide us with your email address if newsletters sent via email would be your preference. All newsletters are also published on the website and can be downloaded.

A BIG REMINDER THAT WE WILL BE FINISHING AT 2PM ON FRIDAY

Once again we have had a very busy term and are proud of our school and all the opportunities our pupils have been given. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you so much for your continued support.

From all at St Anne's.



Newsletters via Email

If you have more than one child in school you only need to complete one form but add all children's names.

<u>Parent Name</u>			
<u>Email address:</u>			
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I would like to receive future newsletters via email.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to your eldest child's class teacher.