



St Anne's Newsletter

February/March 2016



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We hope you all enjoyed Easter and are looking forward to the spring break. Thank you for the fantastic effort made with the Easter Bonnets and Easter Gardens. We were amazed by some of the wonderful creations! We hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting events that have taken place this term. The children have gained so much from all these lovely opportunities and are looking forward to the activities we have planned for the summer term. A big welcome to all our new children and their families.

School Value - Hope



Our value this half term is hope. The children have been discussing our new value, what it means to them and how they show and express their hopes for the future.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
Romans 12:12

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 will not authorise any holidays*** during the school term.



Everyday a class has 100% attendance they receive 50p for their class piggy bank. The children are looking forward to counting their money and planning their own class rewards!

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time to prevent them missing valuable lesson time.

The Year of the Monkey



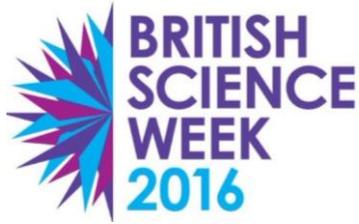
Our Year Two pupils enjoyed welcoming in The Year of the Monkey by visiting The Playhouse Theatre. They were amazed as they watched Chinese dance, music and drama performed by The Liverpool Confucius Institute. Activities were also held in school giving the children lots of opportunities to discover many things about Chinese New Year, its celebrations and customs. The children, staff, governors and special visitors enjoyed a very tasty Chinese meal. A big thank you to all the staff who made this possible and to our amazing families who donated fortune cookies, prawn crackers, decorations and a huge dragon for our celebrations!

The Alice Experience

Before half term Key Stage One were lucky enough to go on a trip to see 'The Alice Experience' in St George's Hall. It was a fabulous day which the children loved and many said it felt like they were in a real book, as they followed Alice and The White Rabbit through Wonderland! The highlight of the day was when The Queen of Hearts put Mrs Lovell in the dock in the court room for eating the jam tarts! She was very worried!



Sublime Science Workshops



To celebrate National Science Week, the children took part in three days of wonderful interactive science workshops. Brilliant 'Professor Bunsen Turner' from Sublime Science engaged the very excited children in some superb air-filled and other sublime science activities. She commented on the wonderful behaviour of our pupils! It's cool to be at our school!

World Book Day

Thank you to all our families for making such a fantastic effort with the costumes for World Book Day. It really made it a special day, full of fun and learning. Some of the activities which followed included: a special assembly, performances from the Manchester Poetry Company and workshops from Children's Author John Irving Clarke. We are certain the children had an amazing day!



Young Voices Choir



We attended the Manchester Arena with our Junior Choir to perform with over seven thousand other children from schools from all over the North West. It was a great opportunity and a fantastic experience for our children to participate in. We hope to be taking part again next year! Once again the behaviour of our children was outstanding! They are such a credit to their parents. A big thank you to all the staff who attended.

Mobile Phones

A polite reminder that parents need to 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.** Thank you.



Gardening Club



Gardening gang have been really busy making gnomes, bird feeders and wind chimes during the cold, wet weather. Keep a look out for them in the Science Area and Peace Garden very soon! Next term the children are looking forward to planting seeds and bulbs in the greenhouse and sowing their wildflower seeds from Kew Gardens in the giant planters.

Children's Progress

If you have any concerns about your child's progress or emotional well-being, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher or the school SENCo, Mrs Carlsen. Please contact her through the school office on 0151 228 1506 or email her directly at s.stokes@st-annesstanley.liverpool.sch.uk



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.



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 - Year Five and Six - Sunday 10th April at 4.00pm

Further details and application forms are available from the school office.

Messy Church - Sunday 23rd April from 3.00pm until 5.00pm

This involves lots of art and crafts, stories to explore a theme, food and generally loads of fun. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

May Fayre - Monday 2nd May from 11.00am until 2.30pm

Please come along and join the fun.

The Easter Service

Thank you to all the parents, carers and governors who attended our Key Stage One Easter Service at St Anne's Church. The children were thrilled to perform to such a huge audience. It was a very uplifting service with beautiful performances and singing from the children as they retold The Easter Story. The children are a real credit to our school and to their parents.



Staff News



Miss Melling and her partner are thrilled to announce the birth of their gorgeous baby boy Alfie. She brought him into school to meet the children in Reception who were very excited. A huge welcome to the world from all at St. Anne's!

A Farm at St Anne's

Our Nursery and Reception classes had a wonderful day as they welcomed some special animal visitors and Farmer Dave. Before the animals arrived we made a list of all the animals we thought we would see. There was one animal some of us hadn't seen before, an alpaca. We are going to find out much more information about this interesting animal.



Year One Family Assemblies



Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to watch our fabulous Year One family assemblies. The children really enjoyed telling us all about their families, why they love them and the things they do for us. We were so proud

of their performances and really enjoyed listening to their speaking and singing talents. Well done Year One.

Y4K and Reception's Pizza Express Trips

Y4K and Reception have both visited Pizza Express this term. 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!!



NSPCC Number Day



A huge thank you to everyone who wore a number and made a donation on Number Day. A total of £290 was raised for the NSPCC. The children had great fun taking part in lots of problem solving activities. Well done to our school community.

Liverpool School's Parliament

This term's meeting was about pooling our ideas to produce and record:

- What's good about going to school in Liverpool?
- What needs to be improved?
- How are we going to bring about improvements?

Our children decided that the best thing is kind teachers, although they also agreed that the many exciting opportunities they are given to enhance learning was also as important. All information from the meeting has been collated and shared with Liverpool City Council.



Nursery Places - September 2016



Please remember to apply for a Nursery place as soon as possible, if you would like your 3 to 4 year old child to attend our Nursery next academic year. Thank you for your continued support!

Swimming Gala

Children from KS1 and KS2 represented our school in a swimming gala at Wavertree Aquatics Centre. Their behaviour was wonderful and they demonstrated real determination and respect. Well done and thank you for being a real credit to our school.



Wear Blue for Bobby



Our school showed support for Bobby and his family by wearing blue. We also wanted to raise awareness and remind everyone to take extra care when driving and parking near to the school. ***Please do not park on the yellow zig-zags for the safety of all our children.*** Our Community Police Officer is taking the registration numbers of those vehicles putting our pupils at risk. We urge all parents to think carefully when they are parking in the area. Thank you.

Website and Twitter

All of the information in our newsletter and more can be found on the school website and Twitter. Please follow us for regular updates on what the children are doing in school. Please remember that children **cannot** have their own accounts until the age of thirteen. In order to follow us you will need to have an account created by a responsible adult. Thank you.



Reception Cinema Trip



As part of their topic on dinosaurs the Reception classes visited the local cinema to watch 'The Good Dinosaur'. The children and staff had a wonderful time as they nibbled their treats and watched the movie. Thank you to all the staff at Cineworld for making us feel so welcome. As expected they commented on the great behaviour of our pupils! Well done Reception.

KS2 Philharmonic Concerts

KS2 had the amazing opportunity to visit The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic to see a world class schools' concert. These are an inspirational introduction to live orchestral music for children, designed to enhance and enrich the music and wider school curriculum. The children and staff thought the whole experience was magical! KS1 are looking forward to their visit in the summer term.



Tesco Trip



Year One and Two took part in a Farm to Fork trail in the local Tesco store. The children had a great time making their own bread, learning about different fish, exploring behind the scenes and identifying a range of fruit and vegetables. They also enjoyed tasting different foods and the treats they got to take home! A huge thank you to everyone at Tesco.

Mother's Day Sale

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA and staff who gave up their valuable time to arrange our Mother's Day Sale. They wrapped lots of lovely gifts which the children loved choosing for their Mums and other special adults. 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 kindly made and donated chocolate heart gift sets for our sale. Thank you so much!!

Fashion Show



A big thank you to the PTA for organising such a successful family event and raising so much money for future activities. Thank you to all the families and staff who gave up their time to support the fashion show. Recent PTA events have managed to raise nearly £500! Wow!

Easter Celebrations

As part of their Easter celebrations the children enjoyed making Easter cards, Easter baskets and Easter cakes. They had a great time making bonnets and gardens at home and loved presenting them in our special catwalk parade. Lots of children won an Easter egg prize for their efforts! A huge thank you to Tesco for donating the prizes and for judging the competition. Not an easy task! Thank you to the P.T.A for arranging this lovely event. The children also enjoyed a visit from the Easter bunny!



FAST Programme



Our FAST programme has been a real success as the children, parents, community partners and staff have worked together to provide lovely activities and meals for all involved. It looks like they have been involved in lots of fun!! Thank you to all those involved.

Parent Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who attended recent workshops on children's mark making, writing and phonics. These workshops are a great opportunity to show how a child's writing and reading develops and how you can support your child at home. We hope you enjoyed these sessions.



Spring Instrumental Concert



Our very talented musicians amazed their parents as they played a whole host of instruments with such enthusiasm and confidence. We are so proud of their musical ability and their behaviour. The children are a real credit to their families. Well done musicians! Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended this lovely event.

Year Six Visit

Year Six had a fabulous day as they visited The World Museum and engaged in lots of wonderful exhibitions. In the afternoon they went to The Liverpool Empire Theatre to watch 'Horrible Histories Live - The Groovy Greeks'. The children thought the whole experience was amazing and learnt so much about ancient Greeks. As usual their behaviour was outstanding! Well done Year Six.



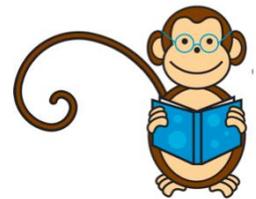
Under The Sea



Year One had a great time with Altru Drama, as they produced a play in a day. The children went under the sea and had lots of fun being fish, lobsters, turtles and seahorses. They even turned themselves into a boat. The children also learnt about the oceans of the world and how they can help look after them. What talented actors we have, well done Year One!

The Monkey Project - Y3 and Y4

Our Year Three and Four pupils have really enjoyed taking part in The Monkey Project. The workshops involved the children in creative activities and special writing tasks in their monkey journal! The best stories were then performed by Altru drama for the children and parents to enjoy. We all loved watching their stories come to life! Such wonderful, creative minds! Well done.



Sport Competitions



Well done to the Year Six football team who beat St Sebastian's 3-2. Year Three and Four also enjoyed playing in a water polo tournament and gained second place overall. Well done and how exciting. Our new mini bus is making sure we get to attend these great events across the city.

Safer Internet Day 2016

Safer Internet Day was celebrated on Tuesday 9th February. At St. Anne's, we were proud to participate in this special event through assemblies, drama workshops and lessons throughout the school. We take on-line 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. Please visit the NSPCC website for some fantastic resources and advice on helping to keep your children safe on-line.



Barnardo's Life Skills



Year Five have really enjoyed taking part in their LifeSkills programme making many wonderful contributions in the workshops.

The children have really developed skills in making positive healthy choices. We are so proud of how mature they have been. A big thank you to Mrs Foley from Barnardo's for delivering the programme in our school. The children will bring home their workbooks to show you what they have learnt very soon.



Polite Reminders

- ✓ Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform including footwear. Children are **required** to wear **smart black school shoes**.
- ✓ Please ensure lunch money is paid up to date.
- ✓ Please provide a letter explaining any absences and the appropriate medical evidence.

Thank you for your support.

As you can see we have had a very busy 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. We are thrilled at the amount of parents/carers who attended our family occasions and our recent parents' evenings. We would love to provide many more opportunities for home, school and church to work closely together. If you have any suggestions please let us know. Thank you for your continued support.



Summer Term Begins	Monday 18 th April
Pizza Express Visit - RB	Wednesday 20 th April
Diversity Role Models Workshops	Thursday 21 st and Friday 22 nd April
Reception Health Screening	Tuesday 18 th - Friday 22 nd April
School Closed - Polling Day	Thursday 5 th May
Family Assembly - RR	Friday 6 th May
Year Six SAT's	Week Commencing 9 th May
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Family Assembly - RB	Friday 27 th May
Teacher Training Day	Monday 6 th June