



St Anne's Newsletter

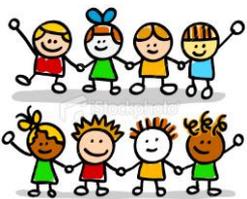
February Events 2017



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back after the half-term break. We hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting events that your children have taken part in last month. They have gained so much from all these lovely opportunities and are looking forward to the activities we have planned throughout March. A big welcome to all the families who have joined us this term.

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 are unable to authorise any holidays*** during the school term. Punctuality is also a crucial aspect in your child's learning. School starts at 9.00am promptly. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time in order to prevent them missing valuable lesson time.



Liverpool Schools' Parliament - Holocaust Survivors

On 30th January our School Parliament children attended a Holocaust Memorial event at Liverpool Town Hall. They had the opportunity to listen to the moving experiences of three survivors from this time. It was an honour to be part of this special event. As always, our children were a credit to St Anne's. Thank you to Mrs Ellison for arranging this wonderful experience.



Young Voices



Our Young Voices choir had a fabulous time as they performed at the Phones4U Arena in Manchester! The largest concert of its kind in the world! The children sang alongside 7,000 other children, which as you can imagine was an exciting and very memorable experience! The children worked extremely hard to learn lots of words and dance moves over the past few months and have made the whole school community very proud. Thank you to Mrs Stokes and Mr Lucas for arranging this amazing experience for our pupils and for all the parents and staff who supported this event.

Mobile Phones

Please inform your child's class teacher or Mrs Simons if your 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.



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.

Messy Church - Saturday 25th March - 3.00pm - 5.00pm. All families welcome.

Easter Family Service - Sunday 16th April - 10.00am - Bring a decorated hard-boiled egg to roll down the church path!!

Confirmation Service - Sunday 16th July - Please see Rev. Emma for details of classes and for application forms.

Rock Kidz



The whole school were so excited to hold a 'Rock Kidz' event. The programme gave our pupils the opportunity to learn valuable life lessons through energetic and fun rock songs led by a professional rock band. The song topics included anti-bullying, self-esteem, perseverance, going for goals and dreams, friendship, inclusion, valuing diversity and respect for one another.

The children learnt the songs throughout the week and also took part in some fun 'Battle Time' activities! On the Thursday evening the children performed as rock stars at St. Anne's Church and the atmosphere was amazing!! Thank you so much to Rev. Emma for hosting the event at church and for all our staff and parents who supported the event. We think this was such a fantastic opportunity for our pupils, and something they will remember for a long time!

Staff News

This term we welcome Mr Burke back to Year Three. He is currently teaching Y3W in the afternoon to ensure a smooth transition as Mrs Williams starts her maternity leave at Easter. We hope he enjoys his time with us and we wish Mrs and Mr Williams the best of luck as they prepare to become parents for the first time! How exciting!



What a Surprise!



School has recently received an email from a lady who found one of our tagged balloons in Newcastle! If you remember, every child released a balloon in celebration of the school's Centenary in July 2015. What a long way it travelled!

NSPCC Number Day

Well done to all our families for raising £260 for NSPCC Number Day. The day was another great success as pupils and staff came to school wearing numbered or patterned clothes.



Children took part in lots of maths activities and challenges and the day saw the launch of the Magic Maths Number competition! Thank you Miss Nurse for arranging this fundraising event.

Magic Maths Number Competition



Magic Maths Number is a new whole school competition that enables teams of four to compete against teams in the same year group and then pitch their maths skills against teams from other year groups.

Competition was fierce as the semi-final approached. Team 4K reached the final and were up against Team 6H who took the title as champions.

Each round required the teams to work together to use the four operations to make a two digit number using six randomly selected single digit numbers from 1 - 6. This term teams of two will compete against each other and the term will end with a singles competition. Who will be ultimate mathematician?

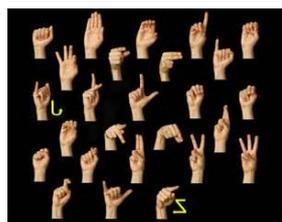
MyMaths

All pupils have now received their individual log-in details. Teachers have begun to set extra homework to challenge and support class based learning. Have a look at



'www.MyMaths' to see what challenges have been set for your child. Please see your child's teacher for log-in details if you have not yet received them. To enable MyMaths to work on an iPad, you will need to download the 'Puffin Academy' browser.

Deaf Active - Year Two



Year Two children will be taking part in the 'Helping Hands' sign language programme. The children will learn to sign along to songs and to sign names of animals. They will demonstrate their new signing skills for their parents in a special assembly at the end of the programme. A big thank you to the staff from Deaf Active for delivering these valuable sessions.

Spiderman Visit

Our EYFS pupils really enjoyed their topic about Superheroes last half term. The Reception children wrote letters to invite their favourite Superhero to school. Of course Spiderman jumped at the chance to visit and he showed us his Superhero skills as he climbed and jumped around the yard. The children were so excited to meet him and really enjoyed his visit!!



Family Assembly - Y1S



Y1S delivered a fabulous assembly based on 'The Creation'. They presented the bible story through lots of amazing singing and dancing. The children really enjoyed sharing their assembly with us and we hope that everyone had as much fun watching! We are all still singing some of the songs!! POP SEE KOO!! Thank you so much to all the parents who attended the event and left lovely comments for the children to read.

1B Family Assembly

The children of Y1B enjoyed sharing their thoughts of love and the story behind Valentine's Day. Their favourite part was telling their families why they love them and why they are so special. The children were fabulous as they danced, sang and oozed with confidence. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you for joining us on this lovely occasion!



Football Y6



On Thursday 16th February, Year 6 football team played another league game at Wavertree Sports Centre. The team played exceptionally well and went ahead with a goal by Jesse Kay. Despite some spectacular saves by Charlie McEvoy, St Vincent's equalised. The final score was 1:1. Man of the Match goes to Charlie McEvoy. Well done to ALL the team for their excellent attitude!

Spelling Guides Y1-Y6

All children from Y1 to Y6 have now been issued with a spelling guide specific to their year group. This guide is also for parents' information so that you are fully aware of the curriculum requirements your child will be covering over the course of the year and will be able to support them in their learning.



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.

Tesco Trip

On Tuesday 7th and 14th February our Reception pupils visited Tesco. The children went on a fruit and vegetable hunt in the store and had the opportunity to make a super berry smoothie using strawberries, blueberries and yoghurt. Different types of cheese and fruit were also available for the children to try. Before we came back to school we experienced how cold it was in the fridge and freezer rooms and discovered what foods had to be kept there and why. A big thank you



to Mrs Corrin and Sam from Tesco for arranging this session and making us feel so welcome. We were the first school in the area to take part in this 'Healthy Eating' trail. The children as usual behaved impeccably both at the store and during the journey there and back. Well done Reception!!

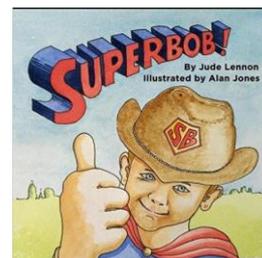
Sign Language Taster Session - RM



Miss Melling's class had a taster session in sign language led by Deaf Active. All the children were enthusiastic as they learnt how people who cannot hear can communicate through sign language. They learnt many signs including how to say hello, thank you and the colours of the rainbow! The children even learnt how to sign 'I can sign a rainbow' song. Please see our Twitter page for photographs of the session.

Super Bob!

Children's author Jude Lennon visited our school to teach us some very important road safety messages using her book 'Super Bob'. She has written this book with the help of the family of Bobby Colleran to raise awareness of how to act around roads and to also raise money for Bobby's charity. She is also about to release another book in the 'Super Bob' series, focusing on how parents can park and drive safely by schools. The children listened very carefully to messages in the story about how to keep safe on roads! We are also thrilled to announce that the roads around our school are about to become 20mph zones at long last!



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



Safeguarding Team



The school's safeguarding team are Mrs Simons, Mrs Lovell, Mrs Riley, Mrs Kenwright and Mr Lineton. Our on-line safety lead is Mrs Carlsen.

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child, please contact a member of the safeguarding team without delay on 0151 228 1506. Alternatively please email Mrs Lovell directly at c.lovell@st-annesstanley.liverpool.sch.uk or call Careline (Children's Services) on 233 3700.

Polite Reminders

- ✓ Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform including footwear. Children are **required** to wear **smart black** school shoes **all year**.
- ✓ Please ensure lunch money is paid up to date.



- ✓ Please provide a letter/phone call explaining any absences and present the appropriate medical evidence. Thank you.
- ✓ When tying hair back please use **small** hair accessories or ribbons, preferably in school uniform colours. Large multi-coloured bows are not appropriate for school. Thank you.

We really appreciate your support in 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 were also very well supported. 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.



Mother's Day Sale	Friday 24 th March
Family Event Week	Week Beginning 27 th March
Y1 and Y2 Easter Service	Thursday 6 th April - 2pm at Church
Spring Term Ends	Friday 7 th April
Summer Term Begins	Monday 24 th April
<i>School Closed for Polling Day</i>	<i>Thursday 4th May</i>