



St Anne's Newsletter

January 2017



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Happy New Year from all the staff at St. Anne's. We hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting events that have taken place this month. The children have gained so much from all these lovely opportunities and are looking forward to the activities we have planned for February and March. A big welcome to all the new families that have joined us this term.

School Value - Understanding



Our value this half term is understanding. The children have been amazing at discussing our new value, what it means to them and how they show understanding towards others. Pupils have been nominating their peers for showing their understanding and they have gained our value award in praise assembly! We are so proud!

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

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. 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 97% - 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 entered into a prize draw and six prizes of £50.00 were awarded!

Tennis Taster Sessions



Our Reception and Year One children enjoyed taking part in mini tennis sessions provided by The Liverpool Tennis Centre. Coach Phil said he really enjoyed teaching our pupils and commented on their excellent behaviour and tennis skills! Well done Reception and Year One!

Crucial Crew Event - Year Six

Our Year Six children took part in a 'Crucial Crew' multi-agency safety event in Childwall. 'Crucial Crew' teaches children about important issues such as hate crime, anti-social behaviour, travel safety, fire safety and on-line safety. The interactive safety workshops were delivered by the emergency services and local safety agencies. They gave our pupils the unique opportunity to learn valuable skills, through practical demonstrations, hands-on activities and real-life situations. The children really enjoyed the event and learnt so much about keeping safe!



Breakfast Buddies



Places in our breakfast club are available from 7.45am at a cost of £2.00 per day. In addition to breakfast, we provide lots of different activities including Wake Up and Shake Up! The children really enjoy attending the club and mixing with their friends. Please contact Miss Garner if you wish to book a place.

Basketball

This half term John from Mersey Mavericks Basketball Club is delivering basketball sessions with our Year Six pupils. They have mastered some great new basketball skills so far and are thoroughly enjoying these sessions. Some of the children are now really interested in taking up the sport outside school!



Family Assembly - 2F



Y2F were amazing as they performed an assembly about friendship. They even gave us a recipe for being a good friend and it was clear that they are such great friends. The whole school were so impressed by their beautiful singing, great dance moves and their clear voices. What a talented class! A big thank you to all the parents who joined us, the children really enjoyed seeing you there.

Ofsted

We are so proud to officially announce our '**GOOD IN ALL AREAS**' Ofsted grading this month! We hope you have all enjoyed reading our new report and are as proud of the children as we are. Thank you so much for all the lovely positive comments and congratulations you have passed on to the school. The whole school community have played a huge part in achieving this success together and we would like to thank you for your valued and continued support.



Computing Workshops



All the children have been involved in fantastic Computing workshops as they discovered the world of Robotics and Virtual Reality. They have really enjoyed using VR goggles to explore different settings and objects and have been amazed by what they have discovered! The children loved controlling MIP robots around obstacles as they developed their programming skills.

Anglican Cathedral Visit - Year Three



Our Year Three pupils visited Liverpool Anglican Cathedral for a special Epiphany Service called 'Arise and Shine, the Light has come'. The children were amazed as they watched the dancing, singing and live crib at this spectacular event. The children thought the cathedral was beautiful and couldn't believe how big it was! The children behaved beautifully throughout the visit.

LFC Anti-Racism Event

The LFC Foundation, hosted a Premier League Schools Tournament in partnership with football's equality and inclusion organisation, Kick It Out. A group of our Year Five and Six pupils were thrilled to be involved. Before the tournament, they took part in a workshop on key topics such as equality and the prevention of hate crime. The children then played four games and finished in second place after winning three of their games! Each child was given a medal for their participation in the tournament and to remind them of the significance of equality and diversity. The children played so well we have now been offered a place in the LFC community league! How exciting and well done!!



RSPB's 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!!

Keeping Safe

In our PSHE lessons this term, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse."

In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are privates
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lesson will be delivered in a way that is fully age appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a parent guide and short film can be found on the school website and at [nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule)



Barnardo's LifeSkills



We are pleased to announce that we are one of the first Liverpool Schools to be participating in the Barnardo's LifeSkills programme. LifeSkills is an evidence based programme that provides children and young people with the skills to make positive healthy choices. As well as preventing substance misuse, it also leads to important improvements in other core skills which are key for healthy development amongst young people. These include self-esteem, communication, social skills and ability to cope with stress. Recent research by Barnardo's has proven LifeSkills to be successful in helping young people communicate clearly, develop healthy relationships, build resilience and deal with peer pressure, skills that will help children and young people have healthier and more enjoyable lives!



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.

Everton in the Community

Mason Holgate and Matthew Pennington delighted Everton fans when they visited our school this month. They spent the afternoon chatting to a group of pupils and sharing fun activities with them. The children even managed to get some signed photographs and we also appeared in the Liverpool Echo!! The visit was arranged to launch a new 'School Supporters Club'. This will give pupils the opportunity to meet other pupils and make new friends as they learn more about Everton Football Club.



Bronze Award



We are thrilled that we have gained the 'School Games Bronze Mark' again this year!! Vicky Marshall from LSSP presented the award to our pupils during Praise Assembly and told the children she was thrilled with the amount of afterschool clubs they attend at school and through their own interests and clubs. She commented on the number of competitions the children are involved in and our excellent curriculum. Vicky said we are so close to gaining silver! A big thank you to Miss Quinn for all her hard work.



Grammar Guides

We hope you found our year group specific grammar guides useful in supporting your child at home. The children will really benefit from working with you at home to deepen their understanding of grammar - an essential part of their English year group expectations.

Family Assembly - Y2N



The children oozed with confidence as they told us how they love to use Mathematics in school and at home. They showed off their wonderful dancing, singing and Mathematics skills and impressed the whole school with their talent!! We enjoyed every minute of the assembly. Thank you so much to all the parents and carers that attended, the children were thrilled.

On-line Safety Workshops - Year Five and Six

Paul Bradshaw from School Improvement Liverpool visited Year Five and Six to deliver on-line safety workshops. He spoke to the pupils about acting appropriately on-line and the perils and pitfalls of social media. The children learnt all about digital footprints and the fact that once you post something on-line you cannot fully remove it. We want to teach all our pupils to be safe, responsible and respectful when using technology. Paul recommended some great children's books about on-line safety - Troll Stinks by Jeanne Willis/Tony Ross, Dot by Randi Zuckerberg and Once Upon a Time On-line by David Bedford.



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 call Careline (Children's Services) on 233 3700. Thank you.

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



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 family occasions. 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

