

## St. Anne (Stanley) C of E Primary School

## **Newsletter**



February 2021



A very warm welcome to our St. Anne's families and a very happy new year to all of our Chinese families and their friends - Gung hay fat choy!



A massive thank you for all of your support this term with our 'new' remote learning regime, Google Classroom. Its been a steep learning curve for us all - teachers, students and parents alike but we've made it through the first half term and hopefully it won't be too long now before we are all allowed back into school. We're really looking forward to welcoming our St. Anne's family back through our doors when it is officially 'safe' to do so. In the meantime, please keep logging in to Google Classroom daily, as you can appreciate, it is a vital part in supporting your child by helping them to continue with their learning thus preventing them from falling behind their peers. Also, please remember to keep submitting your child's work by clicking on the 'Mark as done' button on each Google Classroom assignment (this is the only way that your child's teacher can see that your child has been logging on and has completed their work).



Please get in touch if you are still having trouble logging on. We have a number of devices that we can loan out to families and we can also offer support with Wifi too if you need this. It really is vital that children are logging in everyday and as a school, we will do our very best to support you and your child in any way that we can.



Children's 'Mental Health Week' took place at the beginning of the month (1st-7th February) with the theme being, 'Express Yourself'. Throughout the school, we explored how expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts and ideas. We also looked at finding ways to show who we are, and how we see the world, and how we can help ourselves to feel good about being ourselves.





At school and across Google Classroom, we have reintroduced the 'Roar Rainbow'. The aim behind this is to arm pupils with the power to let us know how they are feeling. Children are encouraged to rate themselves on how they feel along the rainbow, which in turn should give both us, and you as parents and carers an insight. It's a good way to show how ready and able our children are to engage with whatever they are being asked to do at that precise moment in the day.

When mental health is low, we can also look at possible changes to routine and structure to help increase positivity through exercise, relaxation, time to connect with friends and family, etc.



We hope that you and your family have also enjoyed receiving our special 'Home Learning Hero' awards in the post. Teachers have been asked to nominate two pupils every week who have worked hard at home with their learning. If you haven't had a nomination yet - there's still plenty of time, so keep turning in your work and checking your letter box when the postman calls ©



Safer Internet Day took place on the 9th February this year with the aim of uniting millions of young people to spark conversations around online safety and what to trust online. Our ICT coordinator, Mrs Carlson has put together a newsletter that will be emailed out to families over the next few days. This has lots of tips and helpful advice for parents and carers with suggested steps for helping to keep children safer online. Please look out for this in your inboxes as with the majority of children still learning from home children are spending more time than ever online at the moment.



With half term coming up, supermarket food vouchers have been delivered this week to families whose children are registered for benefit-related free school meals. If you receive any of the following benefits listed below you may also be entitled:

- Income Support.
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income related Employment Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit.
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Universal Credit provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month).

If you think you may be eligible, you will need to register online with Liverpool City Council using the following web address:

https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/



The Covid-19 lock down, has left many families lonely at home and in isolation. Many families, no matter what their circumstances need a listening ear and our parish vicar, Reverend Emma Williams is always ready to listen, talk and help in any way that she can.

She can be reached any day of the week on her office number **(0151) 228 2426** (please leave a message if you reach answerphone as all calls will always be returned asap). Or alternatively, you can drop her a line through e-mail: revdem1411@btinternet.com

Stoneycroft Salvation Army (next to our school) are also offering emergency food parcels. They will be outside their Community Church Centre every Friday 11am - 12pm. Please get in touch if they can help in any way.

You can email: samtomlin@salvationarmy.org.uk
Or call 07792259087



The Joseph Lappin Centre are still running their social supermarket, 'Food Club' every Tuesday from 12:00-2:00pm. The supermarket is aimed at the local Old Swan community and is for any unemployed, low waged, disabled, retired and vulnerable households. They ask you to bring ID to register and then, for £3.50, you can choose 10 different food items from their 'supermarket'.

