



It has been a busy time at St. Anne's with much to celebrate and to be proud of. Do keep checking out our school website and our Twitter pages for regular updates and up-to-date information. Please remember that each year group has a separate Twitter page so make sure that you are following the page that is relevant to your child's school year group to ensure that you don't miss anything.

We also have a whole school Twitter page:

twitter.com/stannestanley1

Each year group also has their own separate twitter page too with tweets specific and tailored to your child's individual class and year group.

- Nursery - twitter.com/stannestanleyf1
- Reception - twitter.com/stannestanleyf2
- Year 1 - twitter.com/stannestanleyy1
- Year 2 - twitter.com/stannestanleyy2
- Year 3 - twitter.com/stannestanleyy3
- Year 4 - twitter.com/stannestanleyy4
- Year 5 - twitter.com/stannestanleyy5
- Year 6 - twitter.com/stannestanleyy6



Our school value for this half term is Friendship. The bible offers much guidance when it comes to choosing friends. God knows our desire to be known and to be loved! He made us for companionship. Bible passages about friendship tell us how if chosen right, our friends can be the greatest source of love, healing, joy and encouragement. It also gives advice on how to forgive others when you are hurt and how to handle difficult situations within friendship.

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

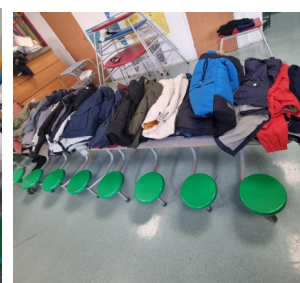
Luke 6:31



Congratulations to our newly confirmed members of St. Anne's church! A number of children and parents from our school community joined other congregation members on 19th November to celebrate this momentous occasion. A huge 'well done' to Ben, Ella, Noah, Bella, Sophie, Jack, Orla, Orla's mum, Kerry, past pupil Alfie, his mum Claire and all the other newly confirmed church members too. We hope that you all had a joyful and memorable day, congratulations!



Thank you to Mrs. Bennett for organizing our winter coat giveaway and also to everyone who supported the event too! Your very kind donations of coats and cakes were very much appreciated and also very well received! Clothing recycling is an important way to reduce waste, help the environment, and provide economic opportunities for people in need!





A number of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been working with instructors from the 'Bikeability' programme. As well as working towards both levels 1 and 2 in cycling proficiency, pupils have also been gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle safely on today's roads. The children have been working on their observation skills and communication whilst also learning about road position and traffic priority too.



Altru Drama came into school to work with Year 5 pupils during Anti Bullying week. Pupils took part in a special drama workshop where they explored the characteristics of healthy friendships, the ups and downs of friendship and also of trust. They looked at the importance of respectful relationships and how to keep safe through the reporting of bullying. Mental wellbeing and the lasting impact on wellbeing that bullying can have was also touched upon. As always, the workshops were extremely thought provoking, encouraging the children to talk and reflect on this extremely important issue in a mature, sensitive and safe environment. Well done Year 5!



'Cash for Kids' is a grant-giving charity helping the children that need it most across the UK. Their mission is to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in our communities who are affected by poverty, illness, neglect or have additional needs.

We have been extremely lucky this year to secure a donation of toys and gifts for such families within our school community. The toys and gifts will benefit thirty children and their families directly linked to our school in the hope that every child has a happy Christmas. A massive 'thank you' to Mrs. White for securing this donation for us and also to the team of St. Anne (Stanley) parents who gave up their free time to wrap the gifts - your help, patience and wrapping skills are very much appreciated.



We had a lot of fun raising money for 'Children in Need' earlier this month. Children across the school took part in all sorts of activities ranging from arts and crafts to keeping fit with Pudsey Bear on the Children in Need website! As a school we raised an impressive £291.60, so again a big 'Thank you' to everyone for your kind donations.



Our wonderful Year 2 children performed a heart warming assembly for their families on our school value for this half term, friendship. Families were treated to singing, poetry and listening to the children talk about how they enjoy spending time with their friends. A big 'well done' to everyone in Year 2 😊



Our maths coordinator, Miss. Nurse, has renewed our school's 'DoodleMaths' subscription for our junior pupils in Key Stage 2. Children can continue to use the application at home using the log in details that they were issued at the start of the year. DoodleMaths helps to build maths confidence with a unique work programme tailored to each individual child's strengths and weaknesses. The 'little and often' approach is central to how 'DoodleMaths' works and just 10 minutes a day is proven to help to raise achievement in maths.



CHANGING THE WAY STUDENTS READ

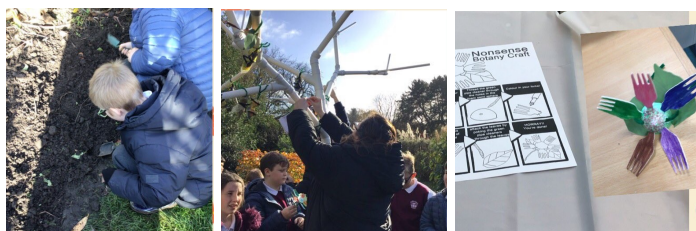
'Reading Plus' is another online platform that we have been using across Key Stage 2 to support pupils' learning. 'Reading Plus' is a program for children aged 8 and above that teaches them to be stronger readers. It does this by developing silent reading fluency (reading speed), then introducing more complex stories (for comprehension), and advanced vocabulary (for knowledge). Ideally, pupils should login every day for about 30 minutes (at home and, in school combined) and again, the 'little and often' approach is considered best!



Huge congratulations to our Key Stage 2 children for working so hard with their times tables on TTRockstars. A special mention to these fantastic children for being our fastest 'Studio Speed Champions' this half term. (Children earn a Studio Speed by playing 10 games in the Studio game mode). The Studio Speed is an average of the most recent 10 Studio games and will decide their 'rock status' and determine their position in the school charts. A game will only count towards the average if pupils correctly answer at least 1 question). A huge achievement for our times table prodigies - well done!



Year 5 children enjoyed taking part in Sefton Park's Palm House 'Being Human Festival'. They enjoyed learning all about the author, Edward Lear (author of the 'Owl and the Pussy Cat'), had a very muddy treasure hunt, planted Bluebell bulbs and designed and made their own fictional plants from recycled materials.



Our lovely higher level teaching assistant, Mrs Ellison travelled to London in November to speak at the ABS Nursing Conference. Despite her nerves, Mrs Ellison spoke passionately about her own personal journey which saw her overcoming breast cancer. We're so very proud of you Mrs Ellison - a huge achievement and a massive well done!

