



## St Anne's Primary School

Newsletter 1 6 September 2019

**'Curious Minds, Caring Hearts –  
Aiming for Brilliance'**

### Welcome!

This is the first newsletter of the new school year 2019 - 20. We would like to welcome all new children and parents/carers to St Anne's School and welcome back all other children and parents/carers. Newsletters are sent on a regular basis – approximately once a month and are numbered. Please support us by encouraging your child to bring letters home if you do not use Parentmail. Newsletters are available on the school's website.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs will commence the week beginning **16 September**. Apart from those run by our Sports Coach or OAFC which will commence week beginning **9 September**.

#### **Monday**

Music Club (Limited places – see separate letter)

#### **Tuesday**

OAFC: Football Y5/6 (Limited places – see separate letter)

Gardening Club : KS2 Mr Whaite

Book Club: KS1 Mrs Moorhouse

#### **Wednesday**

Football: Sports coach Y3/4 (Limited places – see separate letter)

Science: Y5/6 Miss Moss

Spanish: KS1 Miss Pollitt

#### **Thursday**

Multiskills: Sports coach Y1/2 (Limited places – see separate letter)

Choir: Lunchtime Miss Bean

#### **Friday**

Netball: KS2 Miss Flint (**Before School 8:10am**)

There will be no clubs on **Wednesday 16** and **Thursday 24 October** due to Parents' Evening.

### CONTACT FORMS

Contact forms have been sent home recently (except Reception children). Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. It is **ESSENTIAL** that we are informed promptly of any changes.

### PARENTS/CARERS VISITING SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Please report to the school office on arrival at school and before departure. If you are collecting or returning your child to school please leave him/her with a member of the office staff who will take your child to his/her classroom.

Please use the reception intercom button instead of the bell.

### NOTICE BOARD

Holiday dates and copies of newsletters are available on the notice board near the rear door in the junior corridor. Please feel free to help yourself.

### DRINKS

Just a reminder that only **still water** should be sent in **clear plastic bottles** please. Sparkling and flavoured water should not be sent in. Your support is appreciated. Research shows that drinking water throughout the day helps children to work at their optimum level.

### **DENTAL APPOINTMENTS**

Please ensure appointments for routine check-ups are arranged outside of school hours to avoid any disruption to your child's education.

### **DIARY DATES**

A list of diary dates for the school year is being sent home separately. Please retain for reference.

### **PARKING and TRAFFIC**

Please be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your child/ren. It is also vital that our children are safe outside the school gates and therefore I would ask that due care is taken when driving around school and that there is no parking on the yellow markings or on pavements.

### **SMOKING**

Just a reminder that the school is a 'NO-SMOKING' zone - this includes e – cigarettes. Please **do not** smoke in the school building or grounds.

### **DINNER MONEY**

Dinner money is **£11:50** per week (**£2.30** a day) and is due on Mondays (or first day of school). Cheques should be made payable to St Anne's Primary School or online at [www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals). If your child is going to be absent and does not require a school meal, school must be notified by 9.20am to receive a credit. All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 receive a free school meal. Please notify the school office if there are any changes to your child's lunchtime requirements.

### **MONIES**

Reminder – money should be sent in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class, amount enclosed and what the money is for. We cannot accept responsibility for lost money if this procedure is not followed.

### **OUTSTANDING MONIES**

Please send any outstanding monies for photographs, trips, dinners, sponsored walk etc into school as soon as possible.

### **SCHOOL TRIPS**

Many thanks for your support in making donations for school trips. These are very popular with the children and enrich their learning. If you are unable/unwilling to make the voluntary contribution, please indicate this on the slip provided for each trip to enable us to make an informed decision as to whether or not the trip can go ahead. If enough voluntary contributions are not agreed, a proposed event may have to be cancelled as shortfalls have to be made up from the school budget. If events go ahead, all children would participate, irrespective of contribution circumstances.

### **ABSENCE REQUESTS IN TERM TIME**

Just a reminder - holidays **cannot** be authorised in term time. Leave can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Application forms are available from the school office.

### **PUNCTUALITY**

Please ensure children arrive promptly for school. Children arriving after the back gate has closed are recorded as late in the register. Parents are required to sign a late book in the reception office.



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### **YEAR 6 NATIONAL TESTS – SATS**

The national tests for Year 6 children will take place during the week commencing **11 May 2020**. The children have to take these tests on the dates set nationally.

### **KEY STAGE 2 OPTIONAL SATS**

Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will take optional SATS tests during the week commencing **11 May 2020**.

### **YEAR 2 NATIONAL TESTS - SATS**

The Year 2 tests are normally carried out during the month of May.

### **PE**

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothes, red shorts – above the knee – and white T shirt only (**no football shirts or shorts**) to change into for PE and a pair of pumps or trainers. Long hair must be tied up for PE lessons. The days for PE lessons are currently as follows:

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Wednesday and Friday</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Tuesday and Wednesday</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Monday and Thursday</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Thursday (Swimming – Wednesday)</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Tuesday and Thursday</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Tuesday and Wednesday</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Wednesday and Thursday</b>

We will inform the children of any changes in PE days.

### **COMING INTO SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS**

When bringing children into the playground please do not allow use of the new equipment. **Children must be supervised by a staff member when they are using the new trail. Your support in this is appreciated.** Please remember that parents/carers and friends should not come into school in the mornings as teachers are with their classes. Any messages for teachers must be given to the members of staff in the playground.

### **JEWELLERY AND HAIR**

Children should **not** wear jewellery in school. The only exception is one pair of **small, flat, gold or silver stud earrings**. These should be removed and left at home on PE days. Please support us in this. Extreme hairstyles are not suitable for school. Hair bands worn by the children should be in keeping with school uniform.

### **ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL**

Reminder – the school must be informed of the reason for a child's absence, otherwise the absence counts as unauthorised. Please inform the school by 9.20am on each day of the absence either by telephone or letter.

### **SHARING ASSEMBLIES**

Parents/carers and friends are welcome to join us for assemblies on Friday mornings at 9.05am approximately. Badges, certificates etc are presented at these assemblies and there are presentations by each class. Visitors also take these assemblies. Children are welcome to bring in certificates, badges etc that are awarded out of school for presentation on Friday mornings.

Assemblies are recorded by AV Services and DVDs are sold at the end of the school year. Private recording is not allowed. Still photographs may be taken providing they are for your own use and assemblies are not disrupted. They must not be displayed on social media sites.

The dates for this term are as follows:

<b>13 September -</b>	<b>Song/Poem from every class</b>
<b>20 September -</b>	<b>Travelling by Tuba</b>
<b>27 September -</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>4 October -</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
<b>11 October -</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
<b>18 October -</b>	<b>Harvest (St Anne's Church)</b>
<b>25 October -</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
<b>8 November -</b>	<b>School Council</b>
<b>15 November -</b>	<b>Year 1</b>
<b>22 November -</b>	<b>Reception</b>
<b>29 November -</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
<b>6 December -</b>	<b>Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance</b>
<b>13 December -</b>	<b>Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance</b>
<b>20 December -</b>	<b>Awards Assembly</b>

### **FRESH FRUIT SNACKS**

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are provided with fresh fruit and vegetables through the National Fruit Scheme.

Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) are invited to bring fresh fruit and vegetables, which they can peel themselves, for a mid-morning snack. Please encourage your child to bring something in each morning.

### **OPEN SESSION FOR PARENTS/ CARERS**

There will be an **'Open session'** for parents/carers on **Tuesday 1 October** between **9.00am and 10.20am**. You are invited to walk around the school and see the classes in action!

### **PUPIL PREMIUM**

Free school meals and 'Pupil Premium' can be claimed by parents and carers of pupils who are on a low income. **It is in your interest and the interest of school to claim free meals at any year in your child's education, even though all children to the age of seven receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. This is because extra funds are allocated to school depending on the number of children claiming the free school meal allowance.** You may be eligible if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- JSA (income based)
- Guarantee Credit
- ESA- IR
- Child Tax Credit (but not working tax credit) provided the household income does not exceed £16190 as assessed by HM Revenues and Customs

If you believe you may be entitled to Pupil Premium, please call into the school office for a claims form.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR CHILD/REN  
DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR.**