



## St Anne's Primary School

Newsletter 1 8 September 2020

'Curious Minds, Caring Hearts –  
Aiming for Brilliance'

### Welcome!

This is the first newsletter of the new school year 2020 - 21. 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 **7 September**. These will be attended only by individual class bubbles.

#### Monday

O AFC: Multiskills Y2 (Limited places – see separate letter)

#### Wednesday

Music Club (Limited places – see separate letter)

Athletics/ Health and fitness: Sports coach Y6 (Limited places – see separate letter)

#### Thursday

Athletics/ Health and fitness: Sports coach Y4 (Limited places – see separate letter)

### BACK ON TRACK BOOST

We are acutely aware of the impact that the extended absence from school has had on children's learning. Therefore we will be providing 'Back on track boost' classes after school during the autumn term. Children will be invited to these and we hope to include as many children as possible over the term. Separate letters will be sent home with further details.

### 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

**All visitors must have an appointment!** 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.

### HOLIDAY DATES and NEWSLETTERS

Holiday dates and copies of newsletters are available on the school website. Unfortunately we are currently unable to offer you access to the junior corridor notice board.

### DIARY DATES

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

### **DENTAL APPOINTMENTS**

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

### **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.

### **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 **£11:60** per week (**£2.32** a day) and is due on Mondays (or first day of school). We ask that all payments are made 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.

### **PAYMENTS**

Due to Covid-19, we would like to ask that dinner money is paid online.

All other monies 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.

### **SCHOOL TRIPS**

**Unfortunately we are currently unable to take children on school trips.** However, we are hopeful that this will change in the spring term. We thank you 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.



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### YEAR 6 NATIONAL TESTS – SATS

The national tests for Year 6 children will take place during the week commencing **10 May 2021**. 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 **10 May 2021**.

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

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

### DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

Thank you for your patience and understanding in relation to the temporary start and finish times. It has really helped in keeping everyone safe and I ask that everyone continues to adhere to their child's year group times. Please also maintain social distancing guidelines whilst on the school premises and ensure younger siblings remain with you and refrain from playing on the outside equipment.

### 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.

### NON- UNIFORM DAY

We will hold a non-uniform day for Macmillan on **Friday 18 September 2020**. This will replace our usual coffee morning as we would be unable to host it in school. We understand that this has been a devastating year for charities as they have not been able to fundraise and so we hope to raise as much money as possible for this very worthy cause. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation.

### **SHARING ASSEMBLIES**

We are unable to offer sharing assemblies due to the current circumstances. This will be reviewed each term and we will continue to follow government guidance. Children will take part in regular class assemblies and certificates/rewards will be presented as usual in Friday class assemblies.

### **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.

### **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/ MEET THE TEACHER**

The usual ‘Open session’ for parents/carers will not be able to go ahead this term. However, we are planning to produce some short presentations that will hopefully give you a glimpse into the classrooms and an idea of the work that is covered.

### **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.**