



St Anne's Primary School

29 March 2021 Newsletter 6 'Curious Minds, Caring Hearts – Aiming for Brilliance'

NEWS

- A fabulous **£222.25** was raised for comic relief with our non- uniform day. Thank you for all your contributions.
- The sale of the Easter chicks for Francis House raised **£208**, thank you for donating to this worthy cause.
- Well done to Year 6 who completed 'Bikeability.' The tutors were really impressed with the behaviour and enthusiasm of the children over the 2 days.
- We celebrated birthdays from January, February and March last week. The children had a great time!

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance is the key to good attainment in school and we are always trying to improve on our already very good figures. Please ensure that your child is in school promptly every morning and adhere to the current times for their year group. Our gates open at **8:45am** and close at **9:15am**. We do appreciate that it is not always possible to make medical appointments outside of the school day, however whenever possible please could you try to do so. If your child's appointment is during school time please could you bring your appointment card/letter with you.

CHOCOLATE BINGO

Thank you for your donations of Easter chocolate. We have some super chocolate hampers to give away at the chocolate bingo nights scheduled on Microsoft Teams this week. All the money raised from these events will go towards school fund. We plan to buy vital Defibrillator equipment and new outdoor play resources. There will be a prize at each event for the best Easter bonnet!

VOTING DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED

Reminder- School will be closed on **Thursday 6 May** as it will be used as a polling station. Staff will be completing training on mental health and wellbeing.

PARENT CONSULTATION

On the first week back after the holidays, we will send home a copy of your child's 'Mentor Meeting' sheet. This will contain information about how your child has settled back into school and will be a brief record of the conversation between teacher and pupil. Following this, teachers will make welfare calls to all parents during the week commencing 26 April 2021. This will give parents the chance to discuss the information received and talk through any questions they may have. We understand a formal parents' evening, where parents and teachers meet face to face would be preferable but given the current restrictions, we continue to do our best to keep communication open.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

'Back on track boost' will continue for the 5 weeks of next half term. The children attending these clubs will remain the same as have attended for the 3 weeks this term. Please collect promptly from the back gate. Sports coaching will resume after the holidays! If your child has been chosen to attend these sessions, they will have received a separate letter. Sports clubs finish at 4:15pm and children should be collected from the back gate.

Monday

Multiskills: O AFC Year 1 (Limited places – see separate letter)

Wednesday

Music tuition Y4: (Limited places – see separate letter)

Futsal: Sports coach Y3 (Limited places – see separate letter)

Thursday

Futsal: Sports coach Y5 (Limited places – see separate letter)

All activities will finish at **4.15pm** unless advised otherwise. Please collect your child/ren promptly using the back gate.

Music club will finish at **4pm**. Please collect your child/ren promptly using the back gate.

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 wear on PE days. PE kit should be worn with a school jumper. Children may wear joggers/leggings/tracksuits bottoms but please try to ensure these are plain in colour. Long hair must be tied up for PE lessons. The days for PE lessons are currently as follows:

Reception	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday and Friday
Year 2	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday and Friday
Year 4	Wednesday (Swimming) and Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday

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

DIARY DATES

Due to the current restrictions, all planned diary dates and events for the summer term are on hold and under review. During term 3, we will risk assess each event and either cancel or amend to comply with Covid-19 guidelines. **If any of the planned events are able to go ahead, we will inform parents and attempt to give as much notice as possible.**



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HOMEWORK

Following the success of our remote learning offer through Microsoft teams and Classdojo, we would like to continue to use these online platforms as a tool for learning. Teachers may now choose to set some homework online whilst making paper copies available for those without access. Not all homework will be set on these platforms, as teachers will decide the best media for the activity that is to be completed. We intend to review our homework policy in the summer term after this blended approach has been in place for a period of time.

CURRICULUM

We are continually focused on school improvement and our curriculum offer is crucial to this. As a school we have always strived to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum that inspires and motivates children to learn. This is evident in our curriculum showcases, Stem days, inspirational weeks, class visits, science fairs and themed days to name but a few! **You can find more details of our curriculum offer on our school website. Here you will find information on how the curriculum is organised throughout school and details about what your child will learn in each year group.** Over the summer term, we will be working on making improvements to how we communicate information about our curriculum. Further information to follow!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will close at 3:15pm on **Thursday 1 April 2021** and re-open on **Monday 19 April 2021** at 9:00am. We wish you all a Happy Easter in advance!

