



St Anne's Primary School

Newsletter 1 7 September 2023

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

Welcome!

This is the first newsletter of the new school year 2023-24. 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 also available on the school's website.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs will commence the week beginning **18 September and will finish at 4pm**. The Sports Clubs run by Mr Regan will finish at **4:15pm**

Monday

Spanish: KS1 Miss Pollitt

Choir: KS2 Miss Orme

Tuesday

Book Club: KS2 Mrs Potter

Homework Club: KS2 Mrs Thompson

Gardening Club: Y5/6 Mr Whaite

Wednesday

Multi Skills: Sports coach KS1 (Limited places – see separate letter)

Thursday

Tennis: Sports coach Year 3/4 (Limited places – see separate letter)

Yoga Club: Y3/4 Mrs Moorhouse

British Sign Language: Y5/6 Mrs Livsey

There will be no clubs on **Tuesday 19 September due to staff INSET** and **Thursday 19 October** due to Parents' Evening.

Please collect children from the back gate of school for all clubs.

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 located at the back entrance to school.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

We say goodbye to Mrs Hillson this Friday as she moves on to a new career. We wish her good luck and thank her for the contribution she has made at St Anne's.

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. We would also like to keep our school gates smoke free and your support in this would be appreciated.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money is **£13.40** per week (**£2.68** a day) and is due on Mondays (or first day of school). Payment should be made online at www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals. Contact the school office for further details. 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.



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YEAR 6 NATIONAL TESTS – SATS

The national tests for Year 6 children will take place during the week commencing **13 May 2024**. 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 **13 May 2024**.

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:

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

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 wooden equipment. **Children must be supervised by a staff member when they are using the 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. 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.

Please note that there will be no sharing assembly on 8 September 2023.

The dates for this term are as follows:

Thursday 14 September – Travelling By Tuba

22 September - Father Jules TBC

29 September - Year 6

6 October - Harvest service in church

13 October - Year 5

20 October - Year 4

3 November - Year 2

10 November - Year 1

17 November- Reception

24 November- Year 3

1 December - Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance

8 December - Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance

Thursday 14 December – Carol Service at St Anne's Church

15 December - Awards assembly

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 **Thursday 28 September** between **9.00am and 10.30am**. 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.**