



St Anne's Primary School

19 January 2024 Newsletter 5 'Curious minds, Caring hearts
Aiming for brilliance!'



NEWS...

- This is the first newsletter of 2024 – **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- The 'Christmas Jumper Day' raised an amazing £145.65, thank you for your donations!
- Year 6 enjoyed their residential trip to Robinwood and were a real credit to the school.
- We donated £227.66 to Francis House from the Christmas productions and Carol Service. Thank you for your contributions!
- Thank you to all the parents and friends who have participated in our aspiration's week this week. Talking to the children about your careers is really valuable!

SCHOOL DISCO

There will be a school disco on **Thursday 7 March 2024** from **6.00pm until 7.15pm**. It is open to all children who currently attend St Anne's School. Admission is **£1** and light refreshments will be on sale. If you are able to help at this event please let Mrs Potter know.

RED NOSE NON-UNIFORM DAY - 15 MARCH 2024

We will be having a non-uniform day for Comic Relief on **Friday 15 March 2024**. The children are invited to wear their own choice of clothes, in return for a donation to this charity.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7 March 2024**. This year the children will be asked to dress as their favourite book character and be involved in a range of reading activities. Further details to follow!

INSET – LOCAL ELECTIONS

As previously advised, school will be closed on **Thursday 2 May 2024** due to the building being used as a polling station for the local elections. This is an INSET day for staff.

FRUIT SNACKS

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 have free fruit for morning breaks as part of the national fruit scheme. This scheme is not available to children in the Key Stage 2 classes. Children in these classes are invited to bring fresh fruit in for mid-morning breaks. Unfortunately a large number of children do not bring anything in. Please encourage your child to bring fresh fruit in as it is a long time between breakfast and lunch, especially if your child has not eaten much before coming to school.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The after school activities available next half term for **5 weeks** commencing **26 February** and finishing week ending **31 March** are as follows:

Mondays

Homework Club- KS2- Mrs Moorhouse

Science Club- KS1- Mrs Thompson

Tuesdays

Chess Club – KS2 – Mr Whaite

Drama Club- Y2-Y6- Mrs Gaskell

Wednesdays

Gymnastics - Years 1 and 2- Sports Coach (limited numbers- a separate letter will be sent)

Thursdays

Netball- Years 5 and 6 - Sports Coach (limited numbers- a separate letter will be sent)

Choir – Y2 to Y6 – Miss Orme

BSL- KS2 Mrs Livsey

All activities will finish at **4.00pm** unless advised otherwise. Please collect your child/ren promptly using the back gate.

We are also inviting **Y6** children to ‘**Boost**’ sessions on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** mornings at 8.15am. (**Continuing from week beginning 19 February**) Please encourage your child to attend these sessions. Refreshments will be provided!

There will be no teacher- led clubs on Thursday 14th March and Wednesday 20th March due to parents evening.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

International day will be on **Monday 11 March 2024**. Details will be given at a later date.

EASTER EGG PARADE

Children are invited to decorate **an Easter Egg** and bring it into school on **Tuesday 26 March 2024**. There will be an Easter Egg parade at **2.45pm** on that day. Parents/Carers are welcome to come and join us for this. All children who bring in a decorated egg will be given a small chocolate egg as a thank you.





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ABSENCE AND END OF THE DAY PROCEDURES

Please inform school by **phone** if your child is absent. In some instances emails may not be seen until later in the day which could cause communication problems between school and home. It is also important to let the school office know if someone else is going to collect your child/ren at the end of the school day.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

We would like to continue with our collection to send to St Mary's food bank in Houghton Green. This will be taken regularly throughout the year. We will update you with regards to when we are collecting and hope you can support us in this cause.

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

We have been talking to the children about the upcoming 'Big Garden Birdwatch' event which takes place on the weekend of 26-28 January 2024. Every year families across the UK sit down for one hour over the course of a given weekend to count all the feathered visitors to the garden. The RSPB will use the information gathered to help discover more about the health and welfare of bird species in the country.

More information about the event is available at:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

JEWELLERY HAIR AND NAIL VARNISH

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. Extreme hairstyles are not suitable for school. **Hair bands worn by the children should be in keeping with school uniform and nail varnish or false/gel nails should not be worn for school.** Please support us in this.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will close at **3.15pm** on **Friday 9 February 2024** for the half-term holiday and reopen at **9.00am** on **Monday 19 February 2024**.