

ST. ANNE'S GAZETTE

Free Prae Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8ET

Headteacher: Mrs L Harris

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. I was up north this Christmas until the 27th, which was lovely, but it was a busy one. I was glad to return home for a rest. Thank you to all those who were incredibly kind and sent cards and gifts to not only myself but teachers, support staff and the office too. This term is a busy one with lots planned. New topics have started and Year 5 are gearing up for their residential to Ufton Court. We also have the feast of St John Bosco at the end of the month where we remember how he truly loved and cared for all the children in his care and beyond. All classes have hit the ground running in terms of work. Being a slightly shorter term it is really important for the children to be in school on time and here as much as physically possible. Let's hope the bad weather stays away this year, but if it does come we will try and be as informative as possible, as quickly as possible, via our school website and text.

FINAL REMINDER

ON-LINE APPLICATION AND SCHOOL PAPERWORK DEADLINE FOR CHILDREN
ELIGIBLE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019:
15TH JANUARY 2019

SAT's

Key Stage 1 SAT's take place during the week commencing 6th MAY 2019

Key Stage 2 SAT's take place during the week commencing 13th MAY 2019

Please do not book holidays during the school year as leave will NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU MAY BE PENALISED.

SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CHILDREN'S AND YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE ONLY USE PATHWAYS TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUNDS. PUSHCHAIRS, ETC. MUST ONLY CROSS THE CAR PARK VIA THE HATCHED AREA IN FRONT OF THE PAPER RECYCLING BIN.

NOBODY SHOULD WALK THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK AT ANY OTHER POINT.

INSET DAYS

Just a reminder that school will be closed on:

Friday, 15th February

Wednesday, 13th March

Thursday, 2nd May (Polling Day)

Friday, 21st June

THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY ...

May I please remind you that the children are the parents' responsibility before staff come on duty at 8.45am. If there are particular reasons why you need to leave your child unsupervised before this time, please discuss it with your child's teacher.

PARKING ISSUES ONCE AGAIN!

We have recently had another complaint from the neighbours about inconsiderate parking which I totally empathise with. We are very lucky that the majority of our parents are thoughtful and considerate in this regards. However, it never ceases to amaze and upset me how thoughtless, uncaring and selfish a small minority of parents can be, which has such a detrimental affect on our relationship with the neighbours. We again, on the last day of term, had another call from a very upset resident. In choosing St. Anne's for your child's education, you accepted the school's premise of treating each other and our neighbours with respect.

Please, please can I ask you to remind yourself of this when parking your car, and set a positive, polite example to the children. ***Should you see ill-mannered or obstructive parking, please let us have the details (including photos) which we will then publish in our newsletter.***

It may also help if the police/council are told of complaints in writing—the more people they get complaints from, the more chance hopefully of regular patrols at the beginning and end of the school day.

Drinks

We frequently remind the children to bring a water bottle as drinking water on a regular basis helps to keep the children hydrated and therefore able to concentrate better in class. We have a number of water coolers in school to enable the children to fill their water bottles at break times. Please, please can I urge you to supply your child with a water bottle to ensure they have access to clean water. We sell coloured plastic beakers with lids for £2.00 which are the perfect size for our water coolers.

Reading

May I please remind you about the need to hear your child read each evening, whatever their ability. Many children have developed the actual skill of reading the words, but find it extremely difficult to understand what they have read and therefore are unable to answer questions about the text.

Ten minutes of reading every day will make a vast difference to your child's reading ability. ***You*** can give them no greater gift. Do help ***your*** child to become a reader. Thank you.

BEHAVIOUR

As you are aware the behaviour of our children is very good. Whenever we have visitors or the children go out on visits we receive compliments about how polite and well mannered they are, which is wonderful to hear but, as with most things, it can always be improved.

We are constantly reminding the children, especially at the start of term, to say "please", "thank you" and to hold the door open for others, etc. Can I ask you to support us in these simple guidelines thereby ensuring the children see that we all want the same from them with regard to behaviour.

TIN-A-WEEK

The Salvation Army have asked us to once again thank our parents and the school for the support given to the 'Tin-a-Week' appeal. Thanks to the generosity of all our lovely parents and staff, we had collected in excess of 100 items at the end of last term. Please continue giving as often as your are able—it makes such a difference to some families in our community.

MOBILE PHONES

*Would you please note that, as a general rule, mobile phones **are not allowed** in school. If your child **has** to bring a phone to school, he/she must leave it, **with a request in writing from the parent**, in the office or with the class teacher on arrival, and collect it again at the end of the day.*

ABSENCES/LATE ARRIVALS

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE **LATE** ARRIVING AT SCHOOL, PLEASE WOULD YOU PHONE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE '**LATE**' OPTION **BEFORE 9.00AM** THAT MORNING. IF, HOWEVER, YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE **ABSENT**, PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE '**ABSENT**' OPTION. WHEN YOUR CHILD RETURNS TO SCHOOL, PLEASE SEND IN EVIDENCE EXPLAINING THE REASON FOR ABSENCE/LATENESS. THIS IS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE WHICH IS THE OFFICIAL CLASSIFICATION IF THIS PROCEDURE IS NOT FOLLOWED.

On the subject of lateness, number of children are still arriving after the morning 8.45am bell. Can I stress to parents that it is absolutely critical that your child is on time for the start of the school day. When a child is late it is highly disruptive to the rest of the class and the teacher. It is also upsetting and unfair on your child as they will have missed the input to the lesson and may get embarrassed at being the centre of attention as they walk into class late. It is the parents' responsibility to get the children to school on time. Please do make every possible effort to leave home a little earlier for your child's sake. Please also note that arriving after 9.10am affects the child's attendance history.

DINNER MONEY

The cost of school dinners is £11.50 per week. Dinner money can be paid weekly, half termly or termly, preferably online via ParentPay. Please ask at the office if you have any queries or need assistance with this. Should your child wish to change from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa can you please complete the appropriate form (available from the office) and return to school (making sure that payment has been made online before the first day of taking a school lunch). Please ensure that you keep your child's account in credit **at all times**. We unfortunately may not be able to provide your child with a hot lunch if his/her account has a negative balance. Many thanks for your co-operation.

CHILDREN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

We encourage the children to take responsibility for their actions, belongings and, particularly in KS2, remembering to bring the appropriate equipment, P.E. kit, packed lunch, homework diary, etc. for that day.

There are, however, some children who still forget to bring their items into school. They then come to the office asking for the parent to be contacted. This is disruptive for both the parent and the office, and the children are now told that it is their responsibility to think of what they need for the following day, get it ready and by the door the night before. Parents will no longer be called if they forget.

On a similar note, can you please encourage your child to check at the office if he/she has left something at home to see if their parent may have brought it in. We cannot guarantee any items being delivered to the classroom.

I would appreciate your support in this regard. I feel you will agree it is an important part of the growing up process to learn these organisational skills.

Parents Evenings

*Parent's evenings are scheduled to take place the **week commencing 4th March**. The teachers will contact you nearer the time to arrange meetings.*

We will also be issuing you with a mid-term report, on Friday 1st March, regarding your child's progress. This will provide you with a summary of your child's achievements and progress under the new curriculum and assessment. It can then be discussed further at the parents evening.

Before then though, I would like to stress that should you have any worries or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher. Problems can often be easily resolved by good communication.

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR 100% ATTENDEES LAST TERM ...

Rainbow

Zoe Bloch
Sofia O'Keefe Alvarez
Nico Sardo
Eriks Trautmanis Lopez
Oliver Tyley

Sunshine

Kyra Abreu
Aidan Close
Demi-Leigh Huskinson
Henry Power
Nathan Sousa
Zuzanna Stetner
Oskar Woods

1Ladybird

Aniruth Balaji
Hermione Bliss
Jude Bonarski
Molly Cope
Neo Court
Dawid Kraszewski
Sophie Lavery
Marylyn Mahoney
Megan Patton

1Bumblebee

Sofia Araujo
Sienna Auriemma
Theo Boulton
Eunan Close
Julia Dworska
Rebeka Ferenczy
Harry Gesto
Eoghan Lowe
Jessica Sebastian
Thomas Tyley
Sean Whelan

2Hedgehog

Lena Kraszewska
Oliver McAuley
Jonathan Newton
Nadia Przybyszewska
Ethan Salita
Valentina Trautmanis-Lopez

2Squirrel

Evie Brant
Leah Buckingham
Darcey Campbell
Arianna Costa Giordano
Oisín Courtney-Grayson
Callum Davies
Annabel Seller
Harry Sharp
Paloma Wells

3DeLaunay

Maximilian Cope
Millie-Rae Hegney
James Kenny
Chloe Lavery
Bonheur Mabaka
Jessica McNae
Aiden Pearce
Joshua Sanghera-Smith
Jesse Sebastian

3Monet

Asher Abreu
Lucas Ferrao
Callum Foley
Robert Gannicliffe
Isabella George
Thomas Hawksley
Isla Lowe
Charles Packer
Isabella Parsons
William Ridley-Cheesman
Alfie Wells
Tilly Whooley

4Morpurgo

Philippa Beard
Kian Court
Thomas Lavery
Evelyn Lawton
Ben McCrossan
Ross McLean
Marcus Grey Oblena

5Tennyson

Gloria Huskinson
Etilia Mabaka
Lexi O'Donnell
Alshiel Vaghela

5Shelley

Curtis Asamoah
Charlotte Buckley
Joshua Morgan
Darcey O'Donnell
Abril O'Rourke-Bayo
Samuel Stratton

4Rowling

Jewel Addo
Aaron Adeleye
Jacques Barry
Erin Buckingham
Stephen Di Placito
Henry Hughes
George Peake

5Wordsworth

Catherine Boddy
Samuel Clancy
Eryn Courtney-Grayson
Alexandra Dragos
Liam Notter
Casper Nowacki
Windsor Grey Oblena
Niamh Reilly
Joaquin Salita

6Einstein

Ethan Aure
Sophia Clancy
Thomas Corrigan
Sienna Martone
Samuel Peake
Michael Santiago Correia
Mariya Shiju
Imogen Spink
Eleanor Stratton

6Somerville

Ella Beavis
Tara Burke
Kayleigh Chanelle De Ocampo
Lyla Delaney
Ruby Field
Chloe Fisher
Cadey Hunt
Marnela Mabaka
Hannah Mitchell
Jack Reisch
Dawid Stetner
Malaika Thobias-Nchese

Uniform

I thought it would be a good idea at the beginning of a new term just to remind both the children and you, the parents, about some of our rules with regard to the wearing of school uniform:

- *Top buttons on shirts and blouses must be done up;*
- *The tie **must be worn** and be long enough to have at least seven stripes visible down the front;*
- *Shirts/Blouses must be tucked in;*
- *Skirts must be knee length;*
- *Nail varnish must not be worn in school;*
- *Black shoes must be worn (no boots or trainers);*
- *Coats must be bottle green, navy blue, black or dark grey;
Denim coats/jackets and brightly coloured coats/jackets are not acceptable;*
- *Extreme hair styles, **including the use of gel, shaved, cut too short or with lines/patterns, etc. are not acceptable and long hair must be tied back;***
- *Only bottle green hairbands, bows etc. **No extreme or oversized hair decorations;***
- *Jewellery must not be worn to school with the exception of a sensible, inexpensive analogue watch;*
- *Those with pierced ears may wear a pair of small stud earrings, one in each ear lobe.
(These must be removed at home, before school, on PE days.)*

As you are aware we also have a set uniform for PE. The kit consists of a white t-shirt, white socks and bottle green shorts or, if PE is outside, the children may wear a pair of bottle green or black tracksuit bottoms. They also need a pair of plimsolls/or trainers, but please **no designer trainers** for obvious reasons. I would also like to stress the need to bring the white socks for the lessons. The children do run around a lot and their feet get very sweaty and wet which can be unhealthy for them.

The children must bring/wear appropriate (**named**) outer garments in cold or wet weather. We do not like the children to be outside without suitable clothing. Please would you remind them periodically that they must remember to take their coats, etc. outside with them as they will not be allowed back inside until the end of the break time.

You have chosen to send your child to St Anne's and, in doing so, agreed to abide by our rules. Can I please ask you to support us in the wearing of school uniform. Consistency is vital. We must all be giving the same message. The children need to understand that we, both the parents and staff, support each other in the aim of maintaining the high standards of St. Anne's by encouraging the children to wear full school uniform and to take pride in doing so.

Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health service for Children and Young People across Surrey

Surrey County Council, in partnership with Surrey Clinical Commissioning Groups, is holding a series of events for families, children, young people and professionals to join an open and honest discussion about the future of emotional wellbeing and mental health services.

Attached to the newsletter are dates, times and venues of the various workshops (**between 14th-22nd January**). Anyone interested in attending a workshop can register interest via:

- Eventbrite—<http://surreyewmh.eventbrite.com>
- SMS test—07917 087560
- Email—gwcc.info@nhs.net

For further details: www.surreycc.gov.uk or www.guildfordandwaverleyccg.nhs.uk/info.aspx?p=7

Choir

Our Junior Choir is set to resume after its Christmas break and a highly successful Christmas programme. **Rehearsals begin on Friday, 18th January, at 8.00am** in the school hall. We look forward to seeing existing choir members and, hopefully, some new faces. This is an ideal 'jumping on' point as we are beginning a brand new programme of music. It's fun and the children get to perform songs to an audience, here at school and, possibly, at larger venues. New members will need to complete a permission form, attached or available from the school office.

E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

A reminder that St Anne's Primary school is hosting a free online safety workshop presented by the NSPCC for parents, carers or family members of our school. It takes place on **Tuesday 22nd January 2019** at 2pm. The hour-long workshop will help everyone understand their child's online world, will build confidence to have those important conversations towards keeping children safe online, and will guide you to know where to go for assistance and advice. Please see the attached letter for further information.

MRS CHAMBERS—OUR LOVELY LOLLIPOP LADY

would like to say a huge "thank-you" to all those parents and children who kindly gave her a Christmas gift. She was very touched by your kindness. Also, she'd like to thank everyone who sponsored her on her Santa Run in aid of Sam Beare Hospice. She raised £210 which she is delighted with.

Healthy Living Week 2019

St. Anne's will be running a Healthy Living Week in June 2019 wherein we are planning a week of physical activity for the children. We would love to invite you to get involved with this and share your experience and expertise. If you take part in a sport or physical activity regularly and would be happy to share this with the children during Healthy Living Week, or would just like more information please let Miss Lawrence know by email at: rlawrence@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk.

Old Toys, Wellies and Waterproofs.

As Father Christmas has been and the festivities are over, you may have toys, books or board games you no longer require! If they are in good condition we would be delighted to receive them. Larger toys are especially suitable in Key Stage 1.

As part of Reception's curriculum they are required to be outdoors as much as possible so if you have any old wellies or waterproofs that would fit a 4-5 year old child, and which your child has outgrown, we would be very grateful.

Once again, many thanks for all your continuing support.

Yours sincerely



Leanne Harris