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# ***ST. ANNE'S GAZETTE***

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*Issue No. 3*

Dear Parents,

It has been a rather busy start to this second half of the Autumn term. We have had visits from a local author, Chertsey Museum and even a Rabbi. Year 4 also visited the Synagogue in Weybridge which links well with our RE topic on Judaism. There was great excitement in Year 3 with their Spanish Day and in Reception when they celebrated the Hindu festival of lights, Diwali.

As expected, this term will be a busy one in the run up to Christmas. Look out for information on upcoming events, including our Christmas Market and Christmas assemblies.

## **PARENTS' EVENINGS**

Just a reminder that Parents' Evenings take place week commencing 19th November, more specifically on Monday, 19th from 3.40-5.50pm and Wednesday, 21st from 3.40-6.50pm. We will be experimenting with a different system this term wherein all classes will hold their sessions together in the school hall, with a view to all teachers finishing each 10 minute session at the same time.

Booking your session will still be on eSchools (via the school website). Your log-in details will be in your eldest child's diary/planner, but do contact the school office if you have any queries or need help with this. Do find the time to attend one of these sessions as it is a critical meeting for you and your child.

## **Is your child due to start school in September 2019?**

If so, you are probably aware that his/her name needs to be on our waiting list if St. Anne's is one of your preferences. If you haven't received any information from us since the beginning of the Autumn term,

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY**

## **POPPY APPEAL**

Some of our Year 6 pupils will be taking a supply of poppies around the playground every day—before school, morning and lunchtime breaks, and after school. If you or your child would like to make a donation (suggest 50p, but whatever amount you can manage), please look around for our sales team. Please send children's donations in a clearly named purse or envelope.

**REMINDER—ST. ANNE'S IS A  
SMOKE-FREE ZONE.  
SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE IN THE SCHOOL  
GROUNDS**

**DEADLINE FOR PHOTO ORDERS VIA SCHOOL  
END OF SCHOOL DAY TOMORROW (FRIDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER)**

Have you any spare minutes each week to come in and listen to readers? If so, please could you email Mrs Rainbow (arainbow@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk) so she can co-ordinate which classes to assign you to. The children get so much out of the extra practice, and the teachers are always so grateful for all the help given.

## **PLEASE KEEP YOUR SCHOOL LUNCH BALANCE IN CREDIT**

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## Harvest Festival

The children enjoyed a beautiful Harvest assembly during the final week of the last half term.

Special thanks to all the children, parents and staff for contributing to our wonderful display (complete with a pair of friendly scarecrows) which included an enormous number of tins and other food items! The Salvation Army were so grateful for your generosity. It really is so encouraging to know that some less fortunate people/families in our community will benefit, at what must be a very dark time in their lives, with the knowledge that there are people locally who care. The Salvation Army has asked us to forward their extreme gratitude as well.

We will continue to regularly encourage the children to bring in as many tins as they are allowed over the next half-term, in the hopes that we can help more families in need by the Christmas holidays.

## A REMINDER OF DATES FOR CHRISTMAS EVENTS

### Christmas Assemblies-(to be held in the school hall):

Year R	Wednesday, 5th December at 1.45 p.m. <b>and</b> Thursday, 6th December at 10.00 a.m.
Year 1	Wednesday, 12th December at 2.00 p.m.
Year 2	Friday, 14th December at 1.45 p.m.
Year 5	Monday, 10th December at 2.00 p.m. <b>and</b> Tuesday, 11th December at 10.00 a.m.
Year 6	Thursday, 13th December at 2.00 p.m.

### Christmas Assemblies (to be held at St. Anne's Church):

Year 3	To be confirmed
Year 4	To be confirmed

Tickets will be available a few days before each event (*apart from Years 3 & 4—no tickets needed*). Please look out for a letter nearer the time. At the end of each assembly we shall have a collection to support a charity. I do hope you will be able to make a donation, however small.

## Christmas Lunches

Please note that the Foundation and Key Stage 1 lunch will be on Tuesday, 18th December and Key Stage 2 will be on Thursday, 20th December. A letter will be sent home nearer the time with more details. Please watch out for it.

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## PACKED LUNCHES

We'd just like to make parents aware that the lunchtime staff have reported that there are occasions when children's packed lunches have been found in the bins, and very often the items have been untouched (e.g. the photo on the right brought in after lunch yesterday).

Not only is this very wasteful both food-wise and money-wise, but it means that the child/ren haven't eaten a full lunch. Maybe some of you have noticed your child being extra hungry after school?

One suggestion offered is that you ask your child to bring all packaging contained in their lunchbox home for you to assess what he/she has eaten that day. Unfortunately, we just do not have enough staff to watch out constantly for what is being thrown away or by whom.



## PARKING

Please, please can everyone make sure that wherever they park their car is not blocking any residents' driveways or the school entrances, and is not parked in such a way that wheelchairs, pushchairs, etc. cannot pass safely on the pavement. Also, there has recently been an incident where a serious accident could have occurred when a car mounted and drove along the pavement nearly hitting a child and parent because the driver did not have the patience to wait for oncoming cars to pass first.

We all know how busy it gets at the beginning and end of the school day—*please be patient, courteous, and keep everyone's safety in mind.*

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

12th—16th November

Please see Ms Dimech's letter attached explaining all about it, including our 'Odd Socks Day' on **Monday, 12th** and 'BLUE DAY' on **Friday, 16th November**

## CULTURES WEEK

As you are aware, next week is also our Cultures Week whereby the children will learn about different cultures around the world. **Also, a reminder that on Thursday, 15th some of our parents have offered to showcase a variety of things from their homeland. If you are able to offer a couple of hours (1.00-3.00pm) to host a stall with items originating from your country of birth, please email Mrs Sawenko (nsawenko@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk).** She may also have others from the same country who could team up with you if you wish.

**PFA NEWSLETTER EMAILED EARLIER TODAY  
PLUS A COPY ATTACHED HEREWITH**

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## HAIR!

*This is a time of year our headlice "friends" really seem to like! As we all know it can be upsetting for a child if they find they have lice. For your child's sake and that of all the other children **please do check your child's head for headlice at least on a weekly basis**. May I also remind you that if hair is long enough it needs to be **tyed back**. I have noticed a number of boys have hairstyles which are too long for school. They do need to have it cut to a sensibly smart length. **Extreme lengths, either long or short, are not acceptable**. The children know that I will issue a consequence if these rules are not adhered to. Please do support them and the school.*

## P.E./GAMES

May I remind you that in the interests of health and safety, earrings **must be removed** for P.E./Games. In fact for KS1 children, it is best if they do not wear earrings on the days they have P.E./Games. Furthermore, KS2 children do need white socks for Games/P.E. as, again for health and safety reasons, they need to change their socks following a lesson.

## SAFETY

As the evenings are drawing in and getting darker, can I please encourage you to talk to your child about safety matters. It is most helpful if they are wearing a fluorescent armband or something similar, which means they can be seen clearly by traffic. Can I also encourage you to talk to your children about not talking to strangers, crossing the road safely and of course being sensible at fireworks parties etc? The important thing is to keep a balance and not frighten the children, yet make them aware of the need not to take risks.

## READING

Please take the time to sit with your child and listen to them read, discuss the text, ask them questions which will make them think:

- You could get them to predict the story from the front cover;
- Discuss the pictures and the information they give;
- Ask them what they think might have happened before the story began;
- Look for rhyming words and then add in some of your own;
- Ask them what they think might happen next.

*This applies to all ages, even those who are fluent readers. Can I remind parents of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 that you can actually check how much your child is reading by going on the Accelerated Reader site. Some children are reading for up to an hour and day and others for less than three minutes. They are only children and do need you to encourage and support them. If a child can't read, then all subjects become a struggle. Those children who read at home do make significant progress compared to those who do not. Please help your child achieve their potential. We must work together to ensure your child accomplishes all they are capable of.*

## WELCOME ....

To Ivy, a new little sister for George Scott. Congratulations to the whole family!

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## Parent Representatives

For those not familiar with this scheme, the intention is for parents to put forward to their class representative, any ideas, suggestions, positive feedback, etc. which can then be relayed to the school in our termly Parent Representative meetings for consideration and discussion—the goal being to further improve relevant aspects of school life.

We have so far only had offers from a handful of parents to represent their child/ren's class, so if you are willing to be a go-between, please email [head@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk).

Please do consider putting yourself forward—it really doesn't take up much time, and is a great method of communication between parents and school. Maybe you could consider coming along to the next meeting on **Thursday, 22nd November at 2.15pm** just to see what's involved.

### *Author Visit*

*Kerry Gibb visited our school on Monday, 5th November. If your child would like to order any of her books or take part in the competition run by the Surrey Advertiser newspaper, please see the attached letter. Orders should be sent to the school by Monday, 12th November.*

### Job Vacancy at St. John the Baptist

SJB are currently seeking to recruit a science technician. Please click on the link below if you would like to know more about the role.

<https://www.sjb.surrey.sch.uk/about/vacancies.php>

Once again thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Leanne Harris

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