

ST. ANNE'S GAZETTE

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Dear Parents,
Well we have come to the end of another term. A very busy one but lots has been achieved. Some highlights from our last newsletter : Year 3 did a wonderful job of celebrating their mums a couple of weeks ago at mass—thank you to all involved. Year 4 this week showcased the Easter story which was very moving. Lots of effort went into learning their lines, singing the songs and the dancing so well done!
We hope you all enjoy coming into school and seeing what the children have been up to this term. Celebrating what the children have done isn't done enough so I hope you most parents can share in this today.
Can I also take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff for all their efforts. They all really do work tirelessly to give your children the best opportunities, ensure their safe and that the school runs as smoothly as it can.

***LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TOMORROW (29TH) -
R & KS1 AT 12.20PM & KS2 AT 12.30PM***

**SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER THE EASTER BREAK
AT 9.00 A.M. MONDAY, 16TH APRIL**

**PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD/REN TO ENSURE THEY TAKE THEIR P.E. KITS,
LUNCH BOXES, COATS, ETC. HOME TOMORROW, AS WE CANNOT
GUARANTEE ANY ITEMS LEFT AT SCHOOL OVER THE EASTER BREAK WILL
STILL BE HERE NEXT TERM.**

**PLEASE CAN WE MAKE ONE LAST PLEA FOR AS MANY TINS AS POSSIBLE TO BE
SENT IN TOMORROW TO PASS ON TO THE SALVATION ARMY. MANY THANKS**

A REMINDER FOR YOUR DIARY—SCHOOL CLOSURES:

POLLING DAY - THURSDAY, 3rd MAY

INSET DAY - FRIDAY, 22nd JUNE

PFA

You will hopefully have received your 'Bag2School' bag which were given out last Friday. The Easter holidays may be an excellent opportunity for you to have a sort out of unwanted clothing and other fabrics.

Our next collection will be on **Wednesday, 18th March 2018 at morning drop-off.**

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CHILDREN'S COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

PLEASE ENSURE YOU LET THE TEACHER/OFFICE KNOW IF SOMEONE ELSE IS COLLECTING YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL AND PROVIDE A PASSWORD IN CASE THE PERSON IS UNKNOWN TO THE STAFF MEMBER WHO IS DISMISSING THE CHILDREN

UNIFORM

JUST A REMINDER ABOUT OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM. SOME CHILDREN HAVE BEEN WEARING BRIGHTLY COLOURED COATS, SOME COME TO SCHOOL WITHOUT A TIE, AND SOME HAVE BEEN WEARING TRAINERS RATHER THAN THE UNIFORM BLACK SHOES. A NUMBER OF CHILDREN HAVE ALSO COME TO SCHOOL WITH NAIL POLISH AND WITH LONG HAIR NOT TIED BACK. PLEASE WOULD YOU DISCUSS WITH YOUR CHILD THE EXPECTED DRESS CODE AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BY ENSURING HE/SHE LEAVES THE HOUSE IN FULL AND SMART SCHOOL UNIFORM. MANY THANKS.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS FUND

At St Anne's we endeavour to provide all of our pupils with the best learning environments and opportunities available. Many of these would not be possible without the donations to the School Governors Fund.

The suggested donation is £50 per family, per year. All donations received to the Governors fund are used to enhance and enrich each child's learning. With schools budgets being cut, donations are becoming increasingly invaluable in order to meet the high standard of provision. New interactive classroom whiteboards, a new hall projector, Anti-bullying workshops, African dance workshop as well as extras for each year group, are just a few examples of purchases we have been able to make this year thanks to the generosity of our parents.

You can therefore appreciate how essential your annual voluntary donations to our Governors Fund are. The attached letter repeats our plea, and also outlines methods of contributing to this fund.

We'd also like to emphasize that all tax from the donations of UK taxpayers is refundable back to the school—a huge and invaluable bonus. Please can you ensure that you have completed and returned a Gift Aid form, even if you think you are not eligible.

**PLEASE CONSIDER THIS METHOD OF HELPING
ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL HELP YOUR CHILD**

Thank you.

MOTHERS DAY MASS

Special thanks to the Year 3 children and their class teachers for making Mother's Day so special by leading a beautiful Mass. They read and sang beautifully. They made everyone very proud.

I do hope the Mums liked the Mother's day gifts their children chose for them at the PFA's sales. I thought they looked amazing. Many thanks to the dedicated PFA for producing so many beautiful gifts, and to those parents who gave up their time to help with the event.

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The Governors of St Anne's RC Primary School

We wanted this opportunity to introduce the Governing Body to all parents and children of the school.

The role of the Governing Body is to provide strategic management, and to act as a "critical friend", supporting the work of the Headteacher and other staff. We maintain the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction. We support all the wonderful work that is delivered by the staff at St Anne's to make sure all children in school get the best possible start. As the school mission statement says:

With Christ at the centre of our lives, we live out our call to serve the young.

"It is not enough to love children, they must know they are loved." - St. John Bosco

All our Governors are part of the largest volunteer force in the country and are very enthusiastic and motivated. They will introduce themselves individually over the next few editions of our newsletter:

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Hello my name is Lyn Derrington and I have been appointed as the **Chair of Governors** for this year.



I am very happy to be part of a very hardworking and supportive team and I look forward to being involved in assisting Mrs Harris and her staff in encouraging each child to reach their potential. My background is in education. I have just retired as a Headteacher and hope my skills will assist my role in the future. I attend all meetings, will be taking learning walks around the school and will be helping in Year 5 in the summer term. I have had the pleasure of attending assemblies and other events in school. I also have a grandchild who has flourished in Sunshine Class.

I wish everyone a very happy and restful Easter holiday.

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*Hello, my name is Sarah Whelan and I became an **Associate Governor** this academic year. As a new governor 'learning the ropes,' I attend all the sub-committees which concentrate on different aspects of the curriculum, school finance and admissions, as well as the termly governor meetings. I bring to the governing body a teaching background and as a parent I want to support Mrs Harris and her staff with their continuation of the academic and personal successes of each and every child at St Anne's following St John Bosco's methods founded in love and respect.*

May I take this opportunity to wish all St Anne's families a wonderful Easter time.

DEMENTIA UK CAKE SALE

A group of our Year 6 girls recently raised an amazing £114.03 for Dementia UK by holding a fabulous array of stalls, selling cakes, drinks and fun games. This popular event was very efficiently organised and run by:

Neve O'Connell (6S), Chloe McEwen (6E), Lilly Power (6E),
Issi Cruickshank (6E), Annie Hughes (6E), Matilda Bliss (6S), Daisy Newman (6E),
Talia Packham (6E), Charlotte Pollitt (6S)

The girls took the money raised to the Orchard Dementia Centre in Chertsey yesterday.

WELL DONE GIRLS!

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CLOCKS AROUND THE SCHOOL!!

Some parents have noticed that our outdoor clocks have been telling the wrong time. Apologies for this, but it is an extremely difficult and dangerous task to alter their times. The one at the front of the school will now be correct for six months until the clocks go back again! But the one at the side of the building is a trickier undertaking. It ideally needs taking down as it is very costly to hire scaffolding, etc. to alter it when necessary. Unfortunately, however, it is also expensive to have it taken down as it will require an electrician and relevant equipment. If there is anyone who has any suggestions as to a cost-effective solution, please do get in touch.

MR DONNELLY'S AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note there are limited spaces left for Wednesday Football Club, but plenty for Tuesday Dodgeball and Monday Multi Sports. The booking form is attached.

HOWEVER, PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES AS THERE ARE A COUPLE OF WEEKS WHICH MR DONNELLY IS UNABLE TO RUN HIS CLUBS.

DIDN'T THEY DO WELL ?

Harry Shires' (4Morpurgo) football team (Ashford Town U9's) recently played against West Ham United at West Ham United's ground and we are so delighted to report that the scores for the two games played were ...

(A) Ashford Town 4
West Ham United 3



(B) Ashford Town 3
West Ham United 3

Considering the boys went primarily for the experience of playing at this famous ground, they did everyone proud in achieving these fantastic results!

CONGRATULATIONS ...

to Reggie Turner (1L) and his family on the recent arrival of a new brother and son, William.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful relaxed holiday, and the joy and happiness of the Easter Season. Thank you all, once again, for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Leanne Harris

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