
ST. ANNE'S GAZETTE

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Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we are nearly at half term. Time is flying!

Today we had a very successful Grandparents morning. It was lovely to see so many come to join the children and share their experiences with them.

Yesterday, Year 2 had a fantastic Florence Nightingale day. The children were all dressed up as nurses or wounded soldiers—they looked great.

We also had a visit from the author, E.R. Reilly, whose presentation to the children really did capture their interest and imagination.

Thank you to all those parents who bought books from the Book Fair last week—£1003 worth of books were sold, of which £540 comes back to purchase books for the school reading scheme and library.

New Admissions 2019/2020

If you have a child whose 4th birthday will be between **1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019** then they are eligible to start school in September 2019. If you wish your child to be considered for a place at St. Anne's it is **IMPERATIVE** that you register him/her **SOON**.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ALREADY ON OUR DATABASE YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER AND OTHER INFORMATION. PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

Just a reminder that we are having an Open Morning on Tuesday, 9th October at 9.30am and an Open Afternoon on Thursday, 11th October at 1.30pm for prospective parents.

INDIVIDUAL/SIBLING SCHOOL PHOTOS THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER

The photographer will be taking individual photographs of all Reception and Year 6 children, but please be aware that, unless you have a child in either of these two year groups, **siblings will only have their photographs taken together**. Please may we ask that you ensure your child wears full school uniform, including tidy hair (tied-back if long), and we will make sure he/she has a radiant smile for the camera!

A REMINDER FOR YEAR 6s ...

Don't forget the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is 31st OCTOBER 2018 but we advise you check before the half-term break that your online Surrey application and all paperwork required by your preferred choices of schools have been submitted.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR PARKING ALLOWS FOR PUSHCHAIRS/
WHEELCHAIRS/MOBILITY SCOOTERS TO PASS ALONG THE
PAVEMENT. AN OLD LADY TODAY WHO WAS UNABLE TO PASS A
PARKED CAR ON HER MOBILITY SCOOTER, WAS FORCED TO
ATTEMPT TO PASS ON THE ROAD AND FELL FROM HER SCOOTER!!**

PLEASE PARK WITH CONSIDERATION

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PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE CHILDREN ARE THE **PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE 8.45AM**, AT WHICH TIME STAFF WILL COME ON DUTY AT THE ENTRANCE DOORS OF THE SCHOOL.

ON THE SAME NOTE, **PARENTS ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILD/REN AFTER THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY** (i.e. from 3.05pm for Foundation and KS1; and from 3.15pm for KS2).

THEREFORE **NO** CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE PLAYGROUND UNSUPERVISED BEFORE OR AFTER THESE TIMES **WITHOUT A WRITTEN DISCLAIMER FROM THE PARENT TO THE SCHOOL** (available from the school office.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Many, thanks to those of you who took the time to come and meet your child's class teacher at the beginning of term. However, we were somewhat disappointed that there were a large number of parents absent—especially in Year 2. Your attendance at these meetings really does send out the correct message to your child, i.e. that you know their teacher and that you are interested in what they are learning about.

As you are aware, Parents' Evenings will be held during the week commencing Monday, 19th November. Letters with dates/times and instructions for the on-line booking will be sent out nearer the time. Please, please make a point of booking an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Reading the Rosary

We would like to remind you to join us each Wednesday morning throughout the month of October as we will be saying a decade of the Rosary at 8.45am in the outdoor classroom. It is a lovely opportunity for us to meet and pray together. I am sure it will bring many blessings on both you and our school community.

READING

Each year I mention how critical your support is with Reading. I really cannot stress enough how important it is that you hear your child read every night ideally, but at least three times a week. To develop their comprehension skills, they need to be questioned about what they have read. I have clear evidence that those children who are not heard read at home do not make as much progress as the children who are. This applies to able readers as well as those children who struggle so please help your child by spending time reading with them. If your child is using Accelerated Reader you can check their progress from home using the web address <https://ukhosted2.renlearn.co.uk/2079688/HomeConnect/Login.aspx>. In analysing our SATs results we have developed a clear link between the levels achieved by the children. Those who do not read do not achieve the levels they are capable of.

Within school, from Year 2 the children are encouraged to change their own books. Obviously with the Year 2 and Year 3 children, the staff do try to check but the focus is really on encouraging the children to take the responsibility for changing their books. If you notice your child has not changed their book, please do encourage them to do so. If you collect your children, you could always check their bag and send them back in to change their book!

Visiting Author

E.R. Reilly returned today and signed a huge amount of books which the children had ordered. If your child still wishes to buy a book, please complete the form attached and send in with payment by **next Friday (12th)**.

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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Attached is the School Calendar for 2018-2019
SCHOOL FINISHES FOR HALF-TERM ON FRIDAY, 19th OCTOBER
(KS1 3.05 P.M. & KS2 AT 3.15 P.M.)
AND RE-OPENS ON MONDAY, 29th OCTOBER AT 8.45 A.M.

Harvest Festival

*Our Harvest Festivals will take place on **Friday, 19th October**. You may remember we support the **Tin-a-Week Appeal**. We intend to continue to support this very worthy cause. We therefore would be most grateful if you could **send in at least one tin or other non-perishable food item (to your child's class)** each week if possible, but particularly in time for the Harvest Festival. These shall then be collected by the Salvation Army who work so hard to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Please do support this campaign as much and as often as you are able. Many, many thanks in advance.*

Healthy Eating

Just a reminder to parents of children in Key Stage 2 that I would be most grateful if you could ensure your child has a drink and/or a piece of fruit for morning break. Can I stress that crisps, biscuits, chocolate, sweets, etc. **are not allowed**. If your child is in Foundation or Key Stage 1 they will automatically be given a piece of fruit through the Fruit and Vegetable scheme. If your child is having a packed lunch, can I please ask you to ensure that it is a well-balanced, healthy meal, paying particular attention to our **'no nuts'** policy and to the fact that, again, **crisps, biscuits, chocolate, sweets, etc. are not allowed**.

Finally, although the weather is not as warm as previously we still do encourage the children to bring their water bottles to school as it really is important that they are kept well hydrated. Now that the central heating is on it does tend to be a little warm and stuffy, so it really is critical that the children have water to keep them refreshed and attentive. It does seem to help them to concentrate!

Parent Representatives

Each year I like to have a group of parents who meet together (about 1:45pm on a Tuesday) once a half term. The meetings are so parents feel they have a voice about how the school runs. It is not a forum to moan or for personal queries but instead some where we can discuss possible improvements / celebrate things that work well. I also like to have parents' opinions about particular initiatives / ideas the school may be looking at introducing.

To ensure each class has a representative to 'voice' their parents' ideas and opinions, they need someone to take on the role. Unfortunately, unless we have at least one parent volunteer per class we shall have to search alternative avenues to achieve the same aim.

If you would like to be a part of this group and represent your class please email me on head@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk by Friday 19th Oct and we can get the first date in the diary.

CLUBS

Should any parent/grandparent be willing to take a club at lunchtime or after school we would be thrilled, as would the children! Please do contact me. I would be especially interested in being able to offer an after-school homework club and a gardening club. Other suggestions have been a maths club, a chess/draughts/board games club, a penfriend club, a newspaper club, playground games, to name but a few. It would not have to be for a whole year, it could be for a term or just one half term – I can accommodate almost anything. Please do consider it! You really can make a difference in the life of a child.

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OUR CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Alexander Lanecki (6E) took part in the GKR Regional Titles and won Gold Medal in Kumite and Silver Medal in Kata. He also qualified for the 2018 GKR UK National Championships in his division.

WELL DONE ALEX—WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!

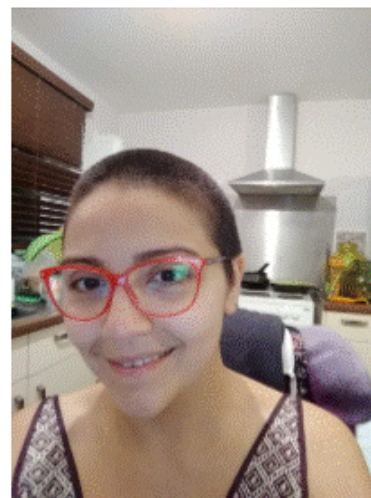
RAISING FUNDS FOR MACMILLAN

One of our parents, Veronica Nicholas-Robinson, has done a very admirable thing for this charity, and this is what she says:

"I just braved the shave for Macmillan! Please see below my 'before/after' pictures and the link for donations. Also, I'm including a second link, as I'm also fundraising for my auntie's cancer treatment (liver cancer) for which Macmillan unfortunately cannot do anything about, as she's abroad."

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/veronica-nicholasrobinson/>

<https://www.gofundme.com/6vms5-ayudemos-a-alicia?member=727410>



PRAYER BOARD

The prayer board is in the entrance hall. Please do put any requests for prayer onto it. I believe God listens in a special way to the prayers of children and our children are wonderful at praying.

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SATS 2018/2019

As you are aware, the Year 2 and Year 6 children will be taking their SATs in **May 2018**. These tests are extremely important for your child and I would ask you not to plan to take your child out of school at all during this academic year, but especially during the exam period. The weeks leading up to the SATs are also critical in terms of revision, so please do not book holidays during this very important time. **The Year 2 SATs will take place week commencing 6th May** and the **Year 6 SATs are during the week commencing 13th May**. The Governors have agreed that, for Year 2 and Year 6 children, any absences during this period, other than sickness or family emergencies, will be treated as unauthorised.

LATE/FORGOTTEN ITEMS

As we all know, children forget items they need at school from time to time. So naturally we do anticipate parents bringing in forgotten articles. While the children are in Key Stage 1, we will do our very best to deliver late items to the child concerned, but I must remind you that the office staff are extremely busy and this is not always possible. It is always a good idea to talk to your child right from the start and encourage them to tell their teacher if they realise they have forgotten something. Obviously they are too little at the beginning to understand what they even need at school, but slowly they will learn and their confidence will increase enough to ask to check at the office to see if anything has been brought it.

Key Stage 2 is another matter! From Year 3 upwards we encourage the children to check at the office for a late/forgotten item and to keep checking at intervals throughout the day. If an item is brought to the office and someone is going in the direction of the appropriate class, the item shall be delivered. However, it is ultimately the child's responsibility to come and collect it. I'm sure you will agree that this is part of the process in developing a child's independence. Please can I ask you to remind your child from time to time, and encourage them to check they have got what they will need for the day. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL FUND

If you would prefer to pay the annual Governor's fund contribution by standing order from your bank, either by monthly instalments or one annual payment, the school office has a user-friendly form to fill in and we can do all the rest for you. You can also pay on-line through our ParentPay system. For security and time-saving reasons we are no longer accepting cash transactions in the office. The added bonus of paying by standing order is that you can keep the order open until your child leaves the school, so you won't get any reminder letters from us!

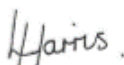
!!!HEAD LICE CHECKING!!!

Please can we urge each and everyone to check their *whole* family for head lice at least once a week. It is so difficult/nearly impossible to keep this irritant at bay if even one child spreads it because they haven't been checked for a while.

Our letter with guidance is attached — ***PLEASE READ IT AND ACT ON IT!!***

Many thanks for your continued co-operation.

Yours sincerely



Leanne Harris

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