

St Anne's Gazette

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. Mine was spent partly in the north and the rest resting up ready for the next seven weeks – they are busy ones.

We have lots of lovely things planned this half term including : Y6 residential, Y2 trip to Bay Pond, The Farm visiting Reception, Healthy Living Week and much, much more. (Please refer to the calendar attached so you don't miss anything!)

Our Healthy Living Week kicks off next week with lots of taster sessions for the children to have go at. (There's a letter attached explaining more about the week.) We hope the children get a lot out of the week and see how important it is to look after their health and well-being.

We will also be tying up the academics and preparing the children for transition to their next year groups/schools. It is an exciting time of year with lots to look forward to.

On the 23rd May 2018, we undertook a Teaching and Learning Review which was conducted by two members of Xavier Catholic Education Trust and the Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher from the The Marist Catholic Primary School in Woking. The review took the whole day, lessons were observed and pupils, parents, staff and governors were interviewed. We felt the day was very positive and we took a lot away from the day. I want to thank each and every teacher and every learning support staff who showed exactly what they do best and how they support the school and its pupils so, so, well. I thank all the pupils who were interviewed and spoke highly of their school with many saying, "they wouldn't change a thing." Thank you also to our new governors who were thrown in at the deep end and the parents who took the time to come in to speak to the team.

A summary of our strengths and our next steps is attached for your perusal.

HEALTHY LIVING WEEK

Just a reminder about the Healthy Living Week next week (11th-15th June). **Please send your children into school in sports kits on Thursday, 14th** but they will also need their P.E. kit in school all week. The letter explaining details of the week is attached again herewith.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

As part of our ongoing campaign to promote kindness and friendship, during a assembly the children were told about 'Random Acts of Kindness'. There's a copy attached, and all the children have each been given one. There are also copies outside the school library and the teachers have copies too, if anyone needs another. Please encourage your child to take part—they'll feel so proud of themselves!

Also the Year 5 children have been making e-safety videos which are being loaded onto the school website, along with the Anti-Bullying policy and lots of resources and videos relating to the topic—so it will all be available soon.

SPORTS DAYS

A letter with regards to sports days will be coming out soon (*dates on calendar*.) Parents must request tickets for themselves and any friends and family who will be watching. These tickets must then be given to the person on the gate before entering the school grounds.

Every parent loves to come to sports day and support their children. They also love to take photos / videos of them in the events to keep as personal memories. Can I just remind you that, as part of our safeguarding policy, photos and videos are allowed to be taken for ***personal mementos only*** and we must insist that you **do not publish school related photos or videos on any social media site.**

YEAR 1—FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST—THURSDAY, 14TH JUNE—8.30-9.00AM—SCHOOL HALL

WORKING BEE

Please can we ask for as many hands as possible to assist with tidying our St. Anne's Garden on **Wednesday, 13th June at 3.00pm**. It won't take long at all if there's plenty of help—and there will be vouchers handed out to all the young assistants for a free lolly on Lolly Friday!

GOVERNORS

In September we will be looking for a new parent governor. If you think you would be interested in this role it may be useful to take a look at what's involved at ... <https://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx>.

Letters with details about nominations will come out at the beginning of the next academic year. I hope some of you will consider joining the team—it can be a very positive and rewarding role whilst not taking up too much of your time.

SUNRISE BREAKFAST CLUB

From September there will be a vacancy for a breakfast club assistant every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, starting on Thursday, 7th September. ~~8.45~~-9.00am. If you are interested, please email bursar@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk.

Bradley Lowry Foundation for Neuroblastoma

A few of our lovely Year 6 group recently held a cake sale in aid of this amazing charity and raised a fantastic £99.91. The group comprised Layla Lynch, Scarlett Bremner, Francesca Ray, Daisy Newman and Issi Lewthwaite—well done girls for organising and running the sale in such a mature manner!

A SPECIAL REMINDER

Just a reminder that Leah D'Cruz (5Wordsworth) has been offered the role of 'Carrie' in the British Theatre Academy's production of 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. The show will take place in Southwark Playhouse during July and August and Leah will feature on the 21st, 23rd and 25th August. You can find details of how to book tickets at <https://southwarkplayhouse.co.uk/your-visit/booking-tickets/>. (As an added point of interest—our Year 6 pupils study and really enjoy this book.)

Good luck Leah—we look forward to hearing all about the experience next term

First Holy Communions

As you are aware, the majority of our children, mainly from Year 3, are making their First Holy Communion at St. Anne's Church in June and we listed their names and dates in last month's newsletter. However, we didn't mention that Dominika Ffrench (3 Delaunay) was lucky enough to make her First Communion twice—the first in Poland on 6th May, and a second one at her English church, St. Michael's, in Ashford on the 12th.

Don't forget to send in a photo of your child's special day for our display board!

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Reggie Turner (1L) and his family on the arrival of their new baby boy, William. Also to the family of Tommy Connors (2S) on the arrival of Kellyanna, their new baby girl. And last, but by no means least, to the Cosgrave family on the arrival of a new baby brother for Mick (4M) and Lizzie (1L).

ABSENCES

If your child is **absent** from school, *it is imperative that you telephone and leave a message*, then send a note of explanation on his/her return. If he/she is absent due to illness for more than two days, we are required to have medical evidence on file. In an effort to try to simplify this procedure, the school office has forms which you can partially complete yourself then ask your doctor/health centre/hospital to sign and stamp.

LATE ARRIVALS

If your child is going to **arrive late** to school, please telephone the school and leave a message on the 'Late' answerphone extension so that we know to expect him/her and whether to book a lunch or not.

Water/Safe Sun

Hopefully the weather for this last half term will be nice and hot! As you know we have water coolers in the building and we stock a style of bottle which is ideal, for sale at £2.00 each. These and similar ones can, of course, be bought elsewhere if you prefer but I would appreciate it if you would make sure they have a **wide neck, are a maximum of 5 inches tall and are clearly named**. We also have two drinking water taps outside on the walls near the Year 2/3 cloakroom and the Year R cloakroom. Both of these also contain cool drinking water.

If the weather is hot and sunny can you please ensure your child has a **named sun hat** and has had some sun cream applied or has brought sun cream in which they can apply themselves (also **CLEARLY NAMED** please). It really is critical as many of the Key Stage 2 children are outside for lunch followed by a games session.

COULD YOU HAVE A SEARCH PLEASE?

We are still very short of some of our Reading Scheme books. Thank you to those of you who have had a good sort out and returned those that have turned up at home. Please could you all continue to look at home—there won't be any repercussions—we just need the books back! If our supplies dwindle any further, we'll have to start buying some which will eat into very precious funds unnecessarily. But, before we do that, can we send out one more plea for you all to have a good search at home—the more books we have returned, the less school funds we'll have to dip into!

Many thanks in anticipation.

Earrings

As you are aware, guidance from Surrey states that for Health and Safety reasons children may **not** wear earrings during PE/Games lessons. They **must be removed** as it is insufficient to just cover them up.

If your child is in Key Stage 1 can I please ask you to ensure their earrings are removed on the day they have PE and games **before they come to school**.

Children in Key Stage 2 can remove their earrings **before** their PE/games lesson, but the safekeeping of their earrings is the child's responsibility.

It is advisable for pupils to have their ears pierced over the summer holidays so that the ears have time to heal and earrings are able to be removed for short periods of time by the time the Autumn term commences.

OUR NEW RAISED PLANT BOX



I hope you've all had a chance to see this colourful addition outside the office window, and I know you'll want to join me with saying a huge "thank you" to Mr Bliss (father of Matilda 6S, Charles and Hermione (RS)) who devoted a large chunk of his own time to this project. The new planters were constructed, filled and planted by a group of children from Year 4 (some Year R children also took part in the planting and watering, being mentored by the Year 4's).

The wood is freshly cut Oak, sustainably sourced from forests that will be re-planted.

The children used the project to practically enhance their curriculum learning. Examples include: Maths (measurement, area, volume etc) and Science (grouping of plants, changing environments, requirements for life). The children enjoyed learning to use hand tools and working as a team.

After the plants were watered, the bed was mulched with organic composted stable manure (the children wore gloves!).

This is a list of the plants in the box:

Rosa 'Lady of Shalott' (a ballad by Tennyson, 1833)

Lavender (English)

Rosemary

Echinacea purpurea

Nasella tenuissima (Mexican feather grass)

Cistus x Corbariensis (rock rose)

Brachyglottis 'Sunshine' (daisy bush)

"Thank you Mr Bliss"

Many thanks for your continued co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Harris

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