

Dear Parents/Carers

We have a very exciting and busy year planned which we're all looking forward to. I hope that you all enjoyed the summer break. It has been so nice to welcome you all back to Anney and hear what you've all been doing in the holiday. A very warm welcome to staff and pupils who have joined us for the first time this term.

Lots of work has gone on over the summer improving our school and ensuring it is the school that your children deserve. We look forward to welcoming you into the school and classrooms to see how much the school has changed.

As part of our transition into the Bosco CET we have started working closely with St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Haywards Heath. As part of this partnership, we will be sharing best practice and helping to support each other as we move towards academisation. You may see Mrs Claire Smith (Assistant Head) and Cath Walker (Headteacher) from St Joseph's in and around the school – helping us to move the school forward – please give them a very warm Anney welcome if you see them around!

On Saturday we are holding our annual Summer Fayre which, this year, includes a Circus, tombola, barbeque, drinks tent, bouncy castle disco, beat the goalie and other stalls, some of which will be run by pupils. The fayre will run from 12 – 4pm and I hope that you all come and join us. Entry to the fayre is free. Circus tickets are available from the school office at £6 per person (under 2s go free) or they can be purchased on the day. There are three shows:



- 12 noon
- 1.30pm
- 3.00pm

All profits raised at the fayre will go towards improving facilities for our pupils. I look forward to serving you all some burgers and sausages at the BBQ!



KEY STAGE 2 SATS RESULTS



Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for well deserved SATs results. **Our Year 6 pupils achieved the highest Key Stage 2 SATs results in Seaford!** We are so pleased that all the hard work of both pupils and staff paid off. There are still areas which need to be developed and we are all working extremely hard to ensure all pupils achieve their God given potential.

	Anney Expected standard	National Expected	Anney Greater Depth	National Greater Depth
Reading	86%	75%	38%	28%
Writing	76%	78%	10%	20%
Maths	79%	76%	31%	24%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	83%	78%	45%	34%
Reading, Writing, Maths combined	69%	64%	7%	9%

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school target this year is 97% and we need your help in achieving this. Mrs Hardwicke or I will contact parents if there are concerns about the level of your child's attendance/lateness. These meetings give us the opportunity to offer support and suggestions to help you improve attendance and therefore your child's educational outcomes. At the first meeting, we will set a two week 100% target and during this time any absences will not be authorised without medical evidence. Targets will be reviewed at the end of this period. "Good" attendance is 96% and above. Our school attendance so far this year is as follows:

Class	Percentage attendance
St Mary	100%
St Patrick	96.88%
St George	96.73%
St Andrew	96.55%
St David	96.74%
St Teresa	99.36%
Whole School	97.30%

Attendance which falls below 90% is classed as persistent absence. The school will offer support to all families to ensure good attendance and punctuality. However, on occasion it is necessary for the school to refer some families to the Education Support Behaviour and Attendance Service. Please come and book an appointment if you would like to discuss issues impacting attendance and punctuality.

A prize draw will take place during Attendance assemblies. A huge thank you to G3 Architecture for sponsoring these awards. Pupils will receive an entry into the prize draw for every day they attend school. The more days you are in, the more chances you have of winning. We hope that you will continue to support the improvement of the school by ensuring that your children are in school and on time.



Open Sessions

A lot has changed at Ancey over the past few months and we would like to invite you into the school to have a look at how the environment has changed and to experience learning within the classroom. We have a very dedicated staff that are very proud of the school and we would like to share this with you. As such we, have decided to hold a number of Open Sessions. Parents/Carers are invited to come and join in with the learning within the classroom.

Please make a note of the following dates and times and try to pop along for a visit:

Thursday 27th September – 9:00 – 10:00am

Thursday 4th October – 2:00 – 3:00pm

Tuesday 16th October – 9:00 – 10:00am

Thursday 1st November – 2:00 – 3:00pm

Thursday 15th November – 9:00 – 10:00am

Thursday 29th November – 2:00 – 3:00pm

Please let the class teacher know which dates you would like to come and visit.

Our Neighbours

A number of our neighbours have asked us to remind parents/carers that cars should not be parked on the grounds of neighbouring flats as this causes disruption to the residents. Cheney's Lodge have also asked that you do not park on the verge – a number of their residents find the undulating ground difficult to walk over and there have been some injuries.

Thank you for your understanding.



SUNRISE & SUNSET CLUBS

At present, we offer before and after school clubs. Our Sunrise club starts at 8am daily and costs £3.50. Our Sunset club runs straight after school from 3.10pm and costs £3.50 until 4pm and a further £3.50 until 5pm. Regular bookings should be made in advance using the booking form which is available from the office. If you wish to use Sunset club on an ad hoc basis it is vital that your child is booked in via the office as soon as you know the dates you require.

All fees must be paid within 2 weeks of receiving an invoice or your child's place will be withdrawn.

Due to the low number of pupils using the Sunrise and Sunset clubs, we are currently reviewing the financial viability of the clubs. We regret to inform you that unless the numbers dramatically increase over the coming weeks, the Sunrise and Sunset clubs will no longer be offered at Annecy. With current numbers, the clubs will end at October half term (Friday 19th October).

Wonderful Writing

As a school we have been looking at how we can show love to each other in school. Year 6 were doing some writing in RE with the learning intention – I know that love can be unconditional. The following is a wonderful piece of writing from Tommy Caley in Year 6.

Love helps the world to be a better place. It is unconditional and it helps us to be better people. It inspires people to do the best that they can. It is in everyone, our families, our friends and everyone we know.

Love is like a circle, it never stops. Love can be shown in actions too, for example; our mums and dads show us unconditional love. Family and friends do good things for each other, they show forgiveness, love and all of the Fruits of the Spirit. We can all show love by having patience, respect, peace and self-control so we can be at peace with each other and the world around us. We need to try to treat everyone equally and do what God and Jesus want us to do – not anything else.

PTA

Unfortunately, due to low numbers and work commitments, it has been very difficult for the PTA to work as effectively as it should. Since January, I have taken on the role of Interim Chair of the PTA. I did this in the hope that we would be able to find someone with the drive, commitment and time to lead the PTA. However, we have been unable to find a replacement and due to my work commitments I am no longer able to carry out this role. The summer fayre will be the final event hosted by the current PTA.



I hope that over the coming months and as new families join our school we will be able to discuss forming a Friends of Annecy to help raise funds and the profile of the school.

If you would be interested in forming a Friends of Annecy, please drop me an email and we can discuss future options.

We will still be looking for parental support with events around Christmas, Easter etc, so please keep an eye out for how you can get involved.

After-School Clubs

Mrs Baillie will be sending out a list of available clubs. Staff have volunteered to run a few clubs and there will be no charge for these. Premier Sports and Sama Karate will be offered after-school clubs and these can be booked and paid for directly through them.

Volunteers

The school are always looking for volunteers to help out around the school. If you think you could assist with any of the following, please get in touch with Mrs Baillie:

- Escorting classes to the local parish church for Friday mass
- Escorting a class to swimming
- Escorting a class and supervising Beach School (a day working at Seaford beach)
- Helping children with their reading – listening to them, reading to them and helping them to develop different strategies (training can be arranged)
- Escorting teams to sporting events
- Gardening – helping to clear the raised beds area, keeping the plants at the front of the school well maintained
- Sourcing materials and putting up so fencing
- Sharing areas of expertise that could link to the curriculum
- Painting the corridors, KS2 entrance hall and main hall

If you, a friend or family member, have a particular skill, trade or business that you think could help the school out, we would love to hear from you.



New Library

Over the summer the ICT suite has been completely removed and we have turned it into a lovely library.

The walls have been painted and a new carpet went down at the beginning of term.

We would be very grateful for any donations of new books or used books in very good condition.

Thank you.

Good News

In the Gospel of Mark (16:15), Jesus told his disciples, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone”. Jesus’ disciples were tasked with spreading the gospel to all, sharing Jesus’ Good News. They did this with courage at a very difficult time.

I would like to ask that you spread the good news about what is happening at Anney. Talk to your friends and family about what we are doing here. Stand up for the school when you hear people saying uncomplimentary things about the school.

- You do not need to be a Catholic to come to our school,
- You do not need to be a Catholic to work in our school,
- We have a very dedicated staff that want to help all children to achieve their God given potential.
- We have had a 10% rise in pupil numbers over the summer holidays and are welcoming new children to the school each day.

With your continued help and support we can show the local and wider community that Anney is a great school to come to. Please ask them to call – 01323 894 892 to book a tour!

REMEMBER:

Please contact your child’s teacher (email address on our website or use Class Dojo) if you have any concerns. If you would like to talk to me, please come and see me on the gate or talk to Mrs Baillie about booking an appointment – you can also reach me via email or on Class Dojo.