

# ANNECY NEWS

FEBRUARY 2019

“INSPIRING HEARTS AND MINDS TO GROW”



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's with great sadness that I pass on the news, which many of you will already know, that Sister Pat died on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Sr Pat has had a long association with Anney and was a school governor for many years, previously having taught at Cardinal Newman school. Sister Pat provided invaluable support to our school offering guidance and advice. She will be greatly missed. Her funeral will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.30am at St Thomas More Church. May Sister Pat rest in peace.

Some staffing news: we are sad to say goodbye to Miss Sheppard, who will be leaving us today. We thank her for all the hard work she has put in since joining us in September. We would like to welcome Mrs Lauren Johnson to the school, as Year 4 teacher (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday), and we would also like to welcome a familiar face back to the school, Fran Hackett – Fran will be starting back with us after half term. Please give them all a warm Anney welcome when you see them around. A number of you have asked what is happening with my role at the school and when a substantive head will be put in place – I can tell you that the advert is going out today and I will be filling out my application over the half-term. Feel free to write me a reference if you feel so inclined! Joking aside, whoever is recruited into the position of headteacher will continue to drive the school forward and will thoroughly enjoy working with our amazing children, parents and staff.

We have a new school librarian – Evelyn Reilly. Evelyn will be leading a team to deliver a library session at break and lunchtime each day. I think it is so important for children to develop responsibilities and it was great that Evelyn came forward with this fantastic idea. If you would like to donate books to Evelyn's new project, we would accept them gratefully.

We have had a flourish of birthdays over the past two weeks and I have seen lots of Haribo and lollypops around the school. I realise that these are very special occasions that need to be celebrated but I have a suggestion. We have a number of children who are either vegetarian, vegan or have other dietary needs which means they cannot join in with some of the treats. I would ask that if your child would like to do something to celebrate their birthday with their class that they bring in a book. We can then label this book as a gift to the class from your child. This has been very successful in other schools and means that ALL children benefit from this treat, whilst also improving the range of books available in class.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who have given up their time to volunteer around the school. If you are able to spare some time or would like to run an after-school club, please do get in touch with Mrs Baillie. We are currently looking for volunteers to help clear out our "Gardening Area", if anyone is interested!

Finally, I would like to inform you all of the "Governor Fund". This is a pot of money made up of donations from parents, carers, family members, and friends of Anney. This money can be given as a one off donation or as a regular standing order. This fund is used to bid for money to improve the school. 10% of any bid needs to be funded from the "Governor Fund" – this means that for every £1 you donate to the school, we can bid for a further £9 in funding! In September, we were able to make £50,000 worth of improvements to the library and ICT provision across the school with £5000 of donations. If you feel so inclined, please contact the school office for further information on how to donate to the school. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Have a lovely half-term.

Best wishes  
Paul Gallagher  
**Acting Head of School**



A date for your diary – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. At St Thomas More church hall we will be celebrating **St Patrick's night** at 7.00pm till 10.00pm. There will be a 2 course meal, licensed bar, raffle and entertainment. The tickets are £12.50 each and £6 for children. The proceeds are for the 'Friends of Eastbourne Hospital' and the 'Sisters in Madagascar'. Please contact Joe Fackler 01323 896591 or John Cornish 07980693055 to receive tickets.

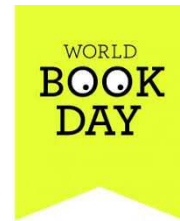
**RED NOSE DAY**

15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 is RED NOSE DAY.

Children can come to school wearing "RED". We ask that you kindly make a donation to Comic Relief.

**WORLD BOOK DAY – 7th March**

To celebrate the wonderful world of books we would like to invite pupils to come into school on 7th March dressed up as their favourite book character in exchange for a donation of a used or new children's book for our school library.

**Seahaven Storehouse**

We have received a thank you from Seahaven Storehouse for our donations over the Christmas period. All staff contributed to this collection of non-perishable food items and seasonal gifts which went towards food parcels and Christmas goodie boxes.



**Seahaven Storehouse**



Where just 'Two-Cans' can make all the difference!

**PTA**

We would love to hear from any parents who would be interested in continuing the fantastic work that PTA does for our school. Please leave your name at the office, telephone: 01323 894892, email: [office@annecy.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@annecy.e-sussex.sch.uk) if you are interested. In the last year the following amounts have been donated to Annecy by the PTA:

- ❖ £2000 for Maths resources
- ❖ £1000 for Books for our library
- ❖ £1000 for PE equipment

The fundraising work done by our PTA is invaluable and provides lots of resources to improve school life for our children.

**Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted in any part of the school site at any time. We thank you for providing a smoke free environment for our children and appreciate you not smoking in and around the school grounds.

**Parking**

We have received a number of complaints about parking in inappropriate places, across neighbours' drives etc. Cars have been parked across the exit of Cheney's Residential Home which has caused visitors and residents great inconvenience as they operate a "one way in and one way out" system. Please may I ask that you be respectful of our neighbours when you pick up or drop off your children.

I have also noticed cars parking on the zig zag lines outside of the school and either side of the crossing. Parking on the yellow zig zags outside of the school, during the hours noted on the sign, can result in a fixed penalty notice of £70. Parking on white zig zag lines at any time carries a £60 fine and an automatic 3 points on your licence.

Parking on these zig zag lines puts pedestrians at risk. An unobstructed view of the crossing is especially important for children crossing the road outside of school and by the zebra crossing.

**Please consider the safety of our children before you park.**

**Car Park**

Access to the school premises should not be made through the staff car park. We kindly request that you use the pedestrian entrances. Also, the car park is for staff use only and should not be used by those collecting children, this includes taxis. Thank you

## 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	98.87
St Patrick	94.86
St George	95.04
St Andrew	96.01
St David	94.23
St Teresa	94.93
Whole School	95.10

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.

## \*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT DATES\*\*\*\*\*

<b>February</b>		8th-22nd	Closed for holiday
14th	8.15am Bike It Breakfast	23rd	St George's Day
14th	1:00 to 3:00pm Maths for parents	23rd	First day of Summer term
14th	3:30pm Year 6 Parents' SATs meeting	<b>May</b>	
15th	Last day of term	3rd	Dental Health Survey for 5 year olds
18th-22nd	Closed for holiday	6th	Closed for Bank Holiday
25th	First day of term	W/C 13th	KS2 SATs week
26th	Year 6 Health Questionnaire	23rd	Year 6 Safety in Action
<b>March</b>		24th	Last day of term
7th	World Book Day	<b>June</b>	
15th	Red Nose Day	3rd	First day of term
19 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Consultations	<b>July</b>	
W/C 25th	Big Pedal Event	1st to 5th	Year 6 Residential
<b>April</b>		18th	9:00am Rocksteady Concert
W/C 1st	Big Pedal Event	23rd	Last day of term
W/C 1st	Bikeability Year 5		
5th	Last day of term		

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES AND TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**