



St Anne's News



Friday 14th February 2020

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What a busy half term we have had. The children have had many exciting opportunities in their learning, including swimming at the Oval, a Chinese dance



workshop and a whole school FREE visit to Chester Zoo. We have also worked on keeping the children safe, especially online.

Congratulations to all our

First Forgiveness children who attended a special ceremony at Church, we look forward to continuing to support them as they prepare for their First Holy Communion in June.

Communication changes

We are in the process of designing a new website and app to keep in touch with you, further information will be sent out as soon as this becomes live.

Before and after School Club – STARS

STARS (ST Anne's RangerS) continues to be a great



success with breakfast club starting at 8am priced at £1.00 and after school club 3:15 – 5:45 at £5:00 (£4:00 for siblings). Our after school club is becoming increasingly popular so please book in advance where possible.

Our Church, Our Rock

Just a reminder of the Weekend Mass times at St Anne's Church: Saturday evening at 6.30pm and Sunday morning at 11.15am. The Sunday morning Mass also includes Children's Liturgy most weekends. Fr Bernard and the parishioners look forward to our school families joining them. **As children prepare for the sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion attendance at Sunday Mass is particularly important.**

New phone/tablet app

There is a new app available to help keep your children safe online called 'BBC own it'. Please visit <https://www.bbc.com/ownit> for more information.

Half Term Holiday Club: 17th -21st February

Each day next week from 10am until 1.45pm (during Half Term) there is a Holiday club being run at St Anne's Parish Centre led by the Diocesan Youth Mission Team and supported by St Anne's parishioners. 5 days of activity, filled with fun, faith and fellowship; Craft, sport, challenges, drama and song. There is something for every child from age 7 upwards and lunch will be provided. All the children must be registered; forms available from the school office or from church over the weekend. Completed forms to be returned to Fr Bernard at Church: Tel 0151 645 3996 or email st.annes@hotmail.co.uk

Fundraising news

Many thanks to our parents and staff who continue to contribute towards many of the extra-curricular workshops and events we provide for the children. The recent disco was a huge success and raised an amazing £321.54 after all expenses were paid.

ParentPay

ParentPay is up and running for breakfast club, after school club, lunches and nursery. If you notice anything unusual on your account just let us know in



the office during this transition period. The uptake for using this new service is promising so far;

please help us become a cashless school by paying for breakfast club online too.

Contact information

Please let the school office know if you move house or change your phone number. It is vitally important that we are able to contact you at all times.

Activities during the holidays

Please log onto our website and have a look under 'Information for Parents' for details of free holiday activities and food across Birkenhead during the half term break.



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Attendance

Our school attendance target has increased in line with all schools in Wirral; this figure is now 97%. This means that we need all of our children to be in school every day possible to do as well as we can.

We have been doing well since Christmas and this is helping our actual attendance rise. We would like to keep this positive trend going and can see the difference it makes to your children in their friendships in school and in their learning.



School success starts with attendance

97% is a high target but other schools in the area are achieving it and we want to do as well as they are.

Our children love to

hear how well they, and their class, are doing and are really enjoying the incentives we put in place such as: 5 for 5: This happens every Friday when the children who have been in all week are entered into a draw and one is picked out to receive a £5 note, just in time for their weekend.

Best Class Attendance of the week: The highest attending class for the week receive £10 and save up their winnings to spend on something they agree upon when they have won enough.

A Certificate: for all of the children who have been in for 100% each term:

A gift voucher: for all of the children who have 100% attendance at the end of the school year.

A prize draw: for all of the children who have reached our attendance target of 97%.

We do lots of other things such as a display in the foyer (come and have a look how your child's class is doing), a poster in the classroom and trophies in the cabinet by the office.

We would be happy to hear any other ideas you may have or to discuss anything you feel may help you individually.

Punctuality

Did you know that in a school year, if your child were late by just 5 minutes a day they would have missed approximately 20 lessons? Children often feel upset going into their class late and it can affect them for the rest of the morning. Here is a table showing how being late impacts on children's education:



Minutes late	Days lost	Lessons lost
5 minutes	3.5	20
10 minutes	7	41
15 minutes	10	55
20 minutes	14.5	82
30 minutes	22	123

Please encourage punctuality to maintain attendance.

Dentist

Just a reminder to use the holidays as the ideal opportunity to take your child to the dentist.

Afternoon Nursery

We have some funded places in our afternoon nursery. This is free for parents who work and have an eligibility code from the government (contact the office for more details).

Wishing you all a restful, safe and happy half term break; see you all back in school on Monday 24th February.