



St Anne's News



Thursday 24th October 2019

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Autumn term

Attendance

We have had some great attendance figures for some of our classes so far this year with one class having 100% all week. The best attending class is year 6 with year 2 and 3 close behind. The weekly £10 is starting to build for classes who are attending the most each week. We are also awarding £5.00 each week to a child who is drawn from all of the 100% attending children who haven't been late. All the children would like to be in the draw for £5 to spend at the weekend and if they are in, they can win! We want to boost our attendance next half term and help the children to enjoy competing for the prizes we give. Thank you all for helping us to improve our attendance.

Uniform

Please can we remind all parents and carers that children should be in full school uniform wearing black shoes. Hair needs to be appropriate for school with no oversized bows. We also do not allow coloured hair or nail polish. Children's PE kits should be in school at all times and only taken home each half term for a wash. We really appreciate your help with keeping the children looking smart.

Halloween and Bonfire Period

We have sent home a letter today with advice from Merseyside Fire, Rescue and Police. Please keep everyone safe during this period and follow the advice in the letter from our hard working emergency services.

Nursery Admission for January 2020

Calling all 3&4 year olds!

We have places in our wonderful Nursery for January and would like you to share this with all your friends and family.

We offer up to 30 hours per week FREE between the hours of 9am and 3:15 daily (before and after school club is also available).

Ofsted rated St Anne's 'GOOD' in all areas stating that 'children get off to a flying start to their education in the early years due to good teaching and the caring and nurturing approach of staff....pupils feel safe and are keen to learn.'

Come and see our wonderful setting for yourself, we have an open door policy.

Times Tables Rockstars



What a fun-filled day we had launching this great new resource. Please encourage your children to log on at home and learn their times tables in a fun, competitive way.

Fundraising news

Thank you so much for all your kind donations of cakes for Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, we had a lovely time and raised an amazing £185.00. The children also enjoyed wearing yellow for our young people's mental health day, raising an impressive

£120.00. Well done children, parents and staff of St Anne's!



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Harvest Festival saw a record number of donations for Wirral Forum housing meaning we were able to help a lot of people in need – thank you for filling

our huge stage!

Our toast & fruit club has been very successful and the children love coming and choosing toast or fruit each Friday, for 20p. Thank you to our parent helpers for giving up their time and organising this.

Fundraising Dates for your diary

Friday 8th November - Pyjama Day - Donations of bottles

Friday 15th November - No Christmas Fair Donations due to Children in Need

Thursday 21st November - Be the Teacher Day - Donations of gifts (smelly sets, jewellery, toys, chocolate gifts etc.)

Friday 29th November - Crazy Hair Day - Donations of sweets, chocolates and bottles

Wednesday 4th December - Christmas-themed clothes - Donations of cakes

The Christmas Fair will take place on **Wednesday 4th December from 3.15pm - 4.45pm**. We would love to provide lots of stalls but to do this we need help. If you are able to help set up on the day or are able to run a stall, please contact either Mrs Mole or the school office. Thank you.

Secondary School Deadline

Please ensure you have completed a secondary school application if your child is in Year 6 – the deadline is Thursday 31st October.



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Nurture Club

Our lunch nurture club is changing and you will receive a letter home regarding this. Children will be invited to attend this lunch club but please speak to your child's class teacher if you feel this may be something your child would benefit from.

We are asking for any donations towards our lunch club to be passed into the office - including board games, jigsaws etc.

Mini Vinnies

We have had a very successful relaunch of our St Anne's Mini Vinnie's! We were lucky enough to be invited to take some of our group to a Mini Vinnie's retreat day where we worked alongside three other schools and had a great day. We are meeting weekly and gained lots of ideas from meeting with other schools- keep an eye out for various Mini Vinnie projects coming your way during this school year.



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.

Punctuality

Did you know that in a school year, if your child is 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.

PE and Sport at St Anne's

After School Clubs

What a busy start to the school year we have had! Our after-school clubs have been up and running this half term for both Key Stage 1 (multi-skills club) and Key Stage 2 children (football, basketball and dance clubs).



The after-school clubs will change each half term, with letters being sent out the week before we finish ensuring that all children are given the

chance to attend.

A full list of the clubs we have planned for this year is available on our website. There is no charge for these clubs.

Competitions and Swimming

Next half term we will be entering our first two competitions of the year, both of which will be hosted at St Anne's. Letters to children taking part in these will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Key Stage 2 Dance – 25.11.19 (3:30pm – 5:30pm)

Year 4 indoor athletics – 2.12.19 (1pm – 3pm)

Year 6 children will also be swimming every afternoon from the 9th – 13th December. It is hugely important for us as a school that every child who leaves St Anne's is meeting the National Standard for Year 6 swimming. This will only happen with your help!

Please ensure that children are in school that week and have their swimming kit with them every day. A letter reminding you of this will be sent closer to the time.

Play Maker Award

A huge well done to all the Year 5 and 6 children who have recently completed the Play Maker Award in school. The programme is based around developing young leaders who will be responsible for leading 'Active Play' at lunch times. The award is a nationally recognised qualification from Sports Leaders UK. The children were presented with their certificates for this in assembly earlier this half term.



Inset Day

Friday 25th October (tomorrow) is an inset day, meaning school is closed to pupils. We wish you a relaxing half term break, children return to school on Monday 4th November.