



# St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It is a government legal requirement that all children attend school for 190 days. It is also a government requirement that we monitor attendance and apply the legal requirement.

We recognise that good attendance is crucial to raising standards and pupil attainment. Research shows that children who have a high level of school attendance do better in tests and exams, develop better friendships and are happier in school. When children are missing school they are missing out!

St Anne's is striving to achieve a target of 97.5% whole school attendance. Please help us to reach this target.

Ways you can help...

- Please do not book holiday during term time. There are 12 weeks of school holiday during every school year. As you will be aware, the school has very limited power to authorise holiday requests unless there are exceptional circumstances. All requests for leave must be made on the official forms and these can be collected from the school office. You will then receive a response from the school informing you to whether the absence will be authorised or not. If the absence is unauthorised please be aware it could trigger a local authority fine.
- Please book medical appointments out of school hours whenever possible.
- Please send your child to school unless they are genuinely unwell. Coughs, colds, sore throats and tiredness are NOT acceptable reasons for absence.

Please help us to help your child succeed!

## National Book Tokens Competition

Could you help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself? Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute:

<http://po.st/schools17> and nominate St Anne's. Fingers crossed!

### **ST ANNE'S TAG RUGBY WINNERS!**

Last week, Mr Cooper took a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils to compete in the Holy Trinity MAC Tag Rugby tournament. I am delighted to report that they won every match and came away as triumphant winners with another shiny new trophy for our trophy cabinet!

A huge well done to the team! My thanks to Mr Cooper and Mr Anthony (one of our Year 5 parents) for their hard work training the team, and to the parents who provided transport and went along to support.

### **ATHLETICS SUCCESS AND A VERY FULL TROPHY CABINET!**

I am delighted that the school trophy cabinet is now incredibly full thanks to another sporting success.

On Tuesday this week, Mr Cooper and Mrs McKay took representatives from our Key Stage Two classes to Rowley Park to compete in the Holy Trinity MAC Athletics Competition.

The children took part in a variety of Athletic events on the track and field and when the points were calculated they were declared overall winners! They returned to school thrilled with their success and with another shiny new trophy for the cabinet. Well done to everyone in the Athletics team and a big thank you to those who helped with transport and cheered the team on.

### **PARKING**

Parking remains a serious concern at school drop off and pick up time. We are the most fortunate school I know of, thanks to the amount of local car parks near to the school. However, there are still a number of parents dropping off in the middle of the car park or parking where there are no marked bays.

I completely appreciate that it is not always easy to get a space immediately and that parents are in a hurry to get to work but it is our children's safety that is at risk here. I fear that it may take a serious accident before some parents park sensibly.

### **STRAWBERRY FAIR NEWS...**

Strawberry Fair planning is well underway. The children will be bringing home raffle tickets today to sell. There are some great prizes on offer! Please return the ticket stubs and money to the school office in a sealed envelope as soon as possible. Please contact the office if you think you can sell more.

They will also be bringing home a colouring competition to be completed at home. The winners of the competition will be given the great honour of opening the Strawberry Fair on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

There will be a silent auction on the day of the Strawberry Fair for a Danny Batth Wolves away shirt, signed by the Wolves team and a signed Aston Villa football. Simply write your name and highest bid on a piece of paper and place it in the box on Strawberry Fair day. The highest bid wins. Good luck!

The PTFA need donations of good quality toys, clothes, school uniform and plants.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June will be Own Clothes Day. Please send in a donation of a bottle which can be used as a prize - drinks please, not shampoo etc.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. N.J. Hannett