



St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope your children had a lovely break. I'm delighted to report that they have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready for the challenges of the half term ahead.

Please find a list of important dates for the half term ahead at the end of this newsletter.

Bug Club

After reading comments made by parents at the end of last term and after speaking to both children and staff, St Anne's has decided to buy into a new online reading scheme.

'Bug Club' is used widely by schools across the country and comes highly recommended to us by a number of local schools.

This scheme will be used in addition to the reading scheme books we already send home, it will not replace them.

We hope that this new scheme will inspire our children with a love of reading and will also provide parents with greater flexibility and easier access to a wider variety of appropriate reading books.

On Friday, your child will bring home a letter about the scheme and a bookmark showing their log in details so that you can access the books at home.

Give it a try ... we look forward to your feedback!

If you do listen to your child read a Bug Club book, please remember to record it in your child's Reading Record.

Own Clothes Day - Friday 3rd November

Children may come in their own clothes to school this Friday. Donations sent into school will be collected for Macmillan Cancer Support. My apologies for the short notice.

Family Mass

This Sunday is Family Mass at 11.15am in St. Anne's Church. It would be lovely to see a large number of you there from all classes. **The readings will be read by the children - please let the school office know if your child would like to do a reading.**

Children's liturgy will be available to help the younger children understand the readings at Mass. The activities planned are designed for children who have not yet reached the age to receive their First Holy Communion.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served in the church hall following Mass.

PTFA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the PTFA will take place on Wednesday 8th November at 3.30pm in school. Your support is vital!

At this meeting elections will take place for a new Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer.

If these positions are not filled the PTFA would no longer be able to exist.

Please consider whether you could give some time to the school to take on one of these roles or whether you could come along and offer some support to others so that the role seems less daunting. You know what they say ... 'Many hands make light work'!

School Masses

Please note that at Fr Bob's request, school masses will now take place on Fridays. Parents are very welcome to attend these masses.

Important Dates

Masses in St. Anne's Church - Parents welcome

Friday 3 rd November	9.15am	Mass led by Year 5
Sunday 5 th November	11.15am	Family Mass led by all classes
Friday 17 th November	9.15am	Mass led by Year 3
Friday 1 st December	9.15am	Mass led by Year 6
Sunday 3 rd December	11.15am	Family Mass led by all classes
Friday 15 th December	9.15am	End of term Mass led by Year 4

Parents Assemblies

Friday 10 th December	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
Friday 24 th December	11am	Year 6 Question Mark Theatre performance
Friday 8 th December	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 19 th December	9.10am	YR - Y6 Carol Service

Other important dates:

Monday 30 th October	INSET day at BWH for staff - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 31 st October	Y6 Parents Evening
Wednesday 1 st November	Y6 Parents Evening
Friday 3 rd November	Own clothes day for Macmillan Cancer Care
Friday 3 rd November	Bug Club logins & letter go home
w.b. 6 th November	Assessment Week
Friday 10 th November	Y4 - 6 Cross Country competition 10am at St. Austin's (TBC)
Friday 10 th November	1pm - 2.30pm Flu immunisation (Y1 - Y4)
w.b. 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day - make your uniform spotty
Tuesday 21 st November at 6pm	Y2 Parents meeting - End of Key Stage One Assessment
Thursday 23 rd November	PTFA Winter Fair 3.30pm - 5.30pm in the school hall
Friday 24 th November	Own clothes day for PTFA Chocolate Bingo
Friday 24 th November	Y6 working with Question Mark Theatre Company (9am start rehearsals, 11am performance to school and parents)
Friday 24 th November	Parish Barn Dance
Wednesday 29 th November	10am Choir perform at St. Mary's Christmas Tree Festival
Friday 1 st December	PTFA Christmas Bingo
Saturday 2 nd December	St Anne's Parish Cheese & Wine Evening & Grand Draw
Wednesday 6 th December	EYFS & KS1 Photographs in Christmas Play costumes
Thursday 7 th December	YR Christmas Trip to Cannock Chase Museum 10am - 2pm
Friday 8 th December	St Anne's & St Patrick's Carol Service at St. Patrick's Church
Monday 11 th December	9.30am EYFS & KS1 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 12 th December	1.30pm EYFS & KS1 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 th December	Dick Whittington Pantomime in school 2pm
Thursday 14 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play 9.30am
Friday 15 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play 2pm
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Disco for EYFS & KS1 1.15 - 2pm , KS2 2.10pm - 3.10pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Carol Service at 9.10am Parents welcome
Tuesday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	School re-opens for the Spring Term

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. N.J.Hannett