



St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year! Judging by the many smiling faces of both the children and parents on the playground this morning, everyone is happy to be back! I hope the children are returning to school rested and ready for the exciting challenges of the new year ahead of them.

A very warm welcome to all new families joining our school community; I look forward to getting to know all of you and working with you to ensure your children are happy and successful here at St. Anne's.

I hope you'll all agree that the school looks fantastic following the replacement of windows and doors during the summer holidays.

Included in this week's newsletter is a list of dates for the term ahead.

Staff are available on the playground in the morning or can be contacted by phoning the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time. Mrs. Hannett and Mrs. Spendelow are available to speak to - either speak to us on the playground, pop in or phone the office to make an appointment for a mutually convenient time.

St Anne's New Parish Priest

I am delighted to announce that Fr. Bob Devaney will be moving to St. Anne's Parish in the next few weeks to serve the parishes of St. Anne's and St. Patrick's. I had the pleasure of meeting Fr. Bob in the last week of the summer term; he is really looking forward to getting to know the whole school community and working closely with us.

Fr. Bob's first school Mass will be for our Harvest celebration on 27th September and our first Family Mass with him will be on Sunday 1st October at 11.15am. It would be lovely to really welcome Fr Bob on these occasions and show him what a fantastic community of faith we are. I hope I can count on your support.

Confirmation

A meeting for parents of Catholic children in Year Six wishing to be Confirmed will be held in the Year 6 classroom on **Tuesday 19th September at 3.30pm**. Fr. Bob will also be attending this meeting.

All children wishing to be Confirmed will need to attend the Mass of Commitment at St. Anne's Church on **Sunday 1st October at 11.15am**.

Bishop David McGough will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday 4th October at 6.30pm** in St. Anne's Church.

School Meals, Milk & Snacks

Children from Reception Class - Year 2 receive free school meals. Meals for children from Y3-Y6 must be paid for in advance using the Parent Pay system please. The cost of a school dinner is £2.30 per day. If you have any problems using Parent Pay, please contact the school office.

If your child is aged 5 years or more and would like milk each day at snack time, the cost for this term up until Christmas is £13.80. This will need to be purchased through ParentPay. Milk is free to children up to the age of 5 years.

Fruit is provided free of charge for children from YN - Y2 every day for snack time. Children from Y3 - 6 are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack (fruit or salad) to be eaten at snack time - it is a very long morning for those that do not bring a snack and hungry children do not concentrate well!

St. Anne's is committed to encouraging the children to eat healthily. If your child brings a packed lunch from home, please do not include fizzy drinks or sweets.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school with them every day. At St. Anne's 'We drink to think!' There are facilities throughout the school to enable children to refill their bottles when necessary.

School does not permit nuts as we have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies. **Please do not provide children with snacks or food containing nuts.** Thank you.

Medical Information & Administration of Medicines

Does your child have an allergy or medical condition? Please ensure the school office have your child's up to date information.

Prescribed medicines can be administered in school if they are required 4 times a day. Medicines that need to be administered at school must be handed into the school office and a medicine administration form needs to be completed by parents. Medicines that need to be administered 3 times a day can be administered before school, after school and at bedtime.

The start of the school day

A big thank you for helping us to start the school day promptly at 8.40am. This means that the children benefit hugely from a calm, settled start to the day.

This works best when all children are ready to go into class at 8.40am, the trickle of families arriving late is disruptive to both teachers and pupils. Also, children who are late often feel embarrassed and upset by entering the classroom once learning has began. Please endeavour to arrive on time each day and help everyone get off to a good start.

PTFA Coffee Morning

A big thank you to the members of our PTFA who organised a 'Coffee and Cake Morning' today to welcome our new Reception parents; hopefully it helped on an emotional first morning.

Year Six Residential

The Year Six Residential trip for this academic year has been booked for 14th - 16th February 2018 at **Condoval Hall, Shrewsbury**. You may wish to have a look at the amazing facilities and experiences on offer by visiting their website www.condoverhall.com

It promises to be a fantastic experience! More details will follow shortly.

School Christmas and Summer Productions 2017 - 18

After much consideration, we have decided to change the way we organise school productions at St. Anne's. At Christmas time, children from Year Nursery - Year 2 will still perform in a Nativity play. However, the children in Key Stage Two (Years 3 - 6) will not perform in a play at Christmas but will instead produce a summer show on 16th & 17th July 2018.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Liturgies in Church / Masses

Wednesday 13 th September	New school year Liturgy in church led by Y4 at 9.15am
Wednesday 27 th September	Harvest Mass in school YR - Y6 at 9.15am
Sunday 1 st October	Family Mass at 11.15am (Y6 Confirmation Commitment Mass) All families encouraged to attend please.
Wednesday 4 th October	Confirmation Mass for Y6 with Bishop McGough 6.30pm in church
Wednesday 11 th October	Welcome Mass in church for YR and their families 9.15am
Sunday 5 th November	Family Mass at 11.15am (All families encouraged to attend please)
Sunday 3 rd December	Family Mass at 11.15am (All families encouraged to attend please)

Friday Assemblies - Parents Welcome

Friday 8 th September	Class Saint Assembly 9.10am
Friday 15 th September	End of Retreat Day Liturgy 2.35pm
Friday 22 nd September	Celebration Assembly 9.10am
Friday 29 th September	YR & Y6 Special Friends Assembly 9.10am
Friday 6 th October	Celebration Assembly 9.10am
Friday 13 th October	Y5 Topic Assembly 9.10am
Friday 20 th October	Celebration Assembly 9.10am

Important Dates

Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th September	INSET - First Aid Training for Staff
Wednesday 6 th September	Children return to school
Wednesday 6 th September	PTFA Coffee Morning for new parents 8.40am - 9.30am in the school hall
Monday 11 th September	GIST Road Safety competition launched in assembly
Friday 15 th September	One Life Music - Whole school retreat day in school. Parents are welcome to join us for a liturgy in the school hall at 2.35pm.
Tuesday 19 th September	Confirmation meeting for parents 3.30pm
Tuesday 19 th September	Individual and family photographs
Wednesday 20 th September	Animal Man visit to school - (YN - Y6) £2 Donation per child please.
Thursday 21 st September	We welcome Ken Wilson from CAFOD to speak to us in assembly
Thursday 21 st September	PTFA AGM at 6pm in school
Friday 22 nd September	St Anne's Parish Beetle Drive
Wednesday 27 th September	Mass in celebration of the Harvest in school at 9.10am, Harvest produce will be sold after Mass - proceeds to CAFOD
Friday 29 th September	Parents of Reception children are invited into the classroom after assembly at 9.10am to add to their child's learning journey.

Sunday 1 st October	Family Mass - Commitment Mass for children in Y6 preparing for Confirmation. All families are encouraged to attend please.
Monday 2 nd October	GIST truck safety demonstration for Y1 -3
Wednesday 4 th October	Confirmation for Y6 with Bishop McGough at 6.30pm
Monday 9 th October	GIST truck safety demonstration for Y4 - 6
Tuesday 10 th October	Meeting of the Governors 6pm
Wednesday 11 th October	Welcome Mass in church for Reception children and their parents 9.15am
Saturday 14 th October	St. Anne's Parish Table Top Sale
Tuesday 17 th October	Parents' Evening 5 - 7pm
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
Thursday 19 th October	Year 2 visit to Stafford Castle
Friday 20 th October	Children break up for half term
Monday 30 th October	Holy Trinity Academy INSET training for staff - children not in school
Tuesday 31 st October	Children return to school
Sunday 5 th November	Family Mass at 11.15am (All families encouraged to attend please)
Friday 10 th November	Flu immunisation Y1 - 4
Monday 13 th November	Anti- Bullying Week
Thursday 23 rd November	PTFA Festive fair
Friday 24 th November	Own clothes day - Donations of Christmas chocolate for Bingo please!
Friday 24 th November	St. Anne's Parish Barn Dance
Friday 1 st December	PTFA Bingo
Sunday 3 rd December	Family Mass at 11.15am (All families encouraged to attend please)
Friday 8 th December	St. Anne's & St. Patrick's Carol Service
Monday 11 th December	EYFS - Y2 Christmas Play dress rehearsal
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS - Y2 Christmas Play dress rehearsal
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 th December	Pantomime in school provided by the PTFA
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Play EYFS - Y2 9.30am
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Play EYFS - Y2 2pm
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Disco (during school time)
Tuesday 19 th December	Carol Service 9.10am. Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 3 rd January	Children return to school
14/02/18 - 16/02/18	Y6 Residential Visit to Conover Hall
16/7/18 & 17/ 07/18	Y3 - Y6 End of year Production

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. N.J. Hannett