



St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

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Thursday 8th September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and a special welcome to parents and children new to St. Anne's. Included in the newsletter this week is a reminder of the dates for the term. **Please be aware that the date for our Family Mass has altered and will now take place on the 9th October. This will be a special Mass of commitment for our Year 6 as they prepare for their Confirmation that is due to take place on the 12th October. There is a special meeting for parents of Year 6 wishing to be Confirmed on Thursday 15th September at 3.15pm in Year 6.**

School Meals

Children in Reception Class - Year 2 receive free meals. Meals for children in Year 3 - 6 must be paid for in advance at the start of the week please in an envelope labelled with their name and class please. Please make cheques payable to 'Holy Trinity MAC'. Thank you.

MILK

If your child is aged 5 or more (below age 5 milk is free) and would like milk at playtime, the cost for this term until Christmas will be £13.40. Please make cheques payable to 'Holy Trinity MAC'. Thank you

Allergies

Please let the school know if your child suffers from any allergies. School does not permit nuts so parents should not provide children with any snacks/food containing nuts as we have several children with severe nut allergies. Thank you

Some important dates for your diaries -

Assemblies

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| Friday 9th September | No assembly – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Friday 16th September | Year of Mercy Faith Week assembly for Parents at 2.35pm |
| Friday 23rd September | Celebration Assembly |
| Friday 30th September | Y6 & Reception Class – Special Friends Assembly |
| Friday 7th October | Individual and Family Photographs |
| Friday 14th October | Celebration Assembly |
| Friday 21st October | INSET Day |
| Friday 4th November | Celebration Assembly |
| Friday 11th November | Y1 Prayer Assembly |
| Friday 18th November | Celebration Assembly |
| Friday 25th November | Y5 Topic Assembly |

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| Friday 2nd December | Dress rehearsal and photographs for Christmas Plays |
| Friday 9th December | Whole School Mass with Y6 from St. Patrick's |
| Friday 16th December | Carol Service |

Mass

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| Friday 11th September | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Wednesday 14th September | Mas for Y1 – Y3 led by Y2 |
| Wednesday 28th September | Harvest Mass – whole school in the school hall |
| Sunday 9th October | Family Mass – Mass of Commitment for Y6 |
| Wednesday 12th October | Confirmation Mass with Bishop David 7pm |
| Wednesday 2nd November | Whole School Mass – Holy Souls |
| Sunday 6th November | Family Mass led by Y5 & Y2 |
| Wednesday 16th November | Mass for KS2 led by Y4 |
| Wednesday 30th November | Mass for YR and their parents |
| Sunday 4th December | Family Mass led by Y4 & Y1 |
| Friday 9th December | End of Term Whole School Mass & St. Patrick's Y6 invited |

INSET Training Days – Children not in School

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| Monday 5th September | INSET Training Day for staff |
| Friday 21st October | INSET Training Day for staff |
| Monday 7th November | INSET Training Day for staff |
| Monday 24th July | INSET Training Day for staff |
| Tuesday 25th July | INSET Training Day for staff |

Important Dates for your Diary

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| Tuesday 6th September | Children return to school |
| Thursday 8th September | Safeguarding Training for all staff and Governors 3.30 – 5.30 |
| Friday 9th September | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 9.15am in church, parents warmly invited |
| Monday 12th September | Faith Week |
| Tuesday 13th September | Class Saint's Day |
| Thursday 15th September | Y6 Confirmation retreat to Alton Castle Confirmation Meeting for parents of Y6 at 3.15pm (Parents of Catholic Children wishing to be confirmed will be expected to meet individually with Fr. Edgar for 20 mins on 26 – 30 th September. Appointment slots will be made available to parents on 15.09.15) |
| Friday 16th September | Faith Week celebration assembly – parents warmly invited at 2.35pm |
| Thursday 22nd September | ICT Quality Mark renewal am |
| Friday 30th September | Parents of Reception class are invited into class after assembly (9.10am) and add to child's learning journey |
| Monday 26th – Friday 30th September | Parents of Catholic Children wishing to be confirmed will be expected to meet individually with Fr. Edgar for 20 mins on 26 – 30 th September. Appointment slots will be made available to parents on 15.09.15 |
| Sunday 9th October | Family Mass – Commitment Mass for Children preparing for Confirmation in Y6 (catholic children in Y6 expected to attend). |
| Monday 3rd October | Y5 & Y6 attend 'Life of Jesus Christ' exhibition at Berkswich Church Hall Dyslexia Awareness Week |
| Tuesday 4th October | Meeting of the Full Governors |
| Thursday 6th October | Confession for Y6 |
| Friday 7th October | Confession for Y6 Individual Photographs for the whole school |
| Wednesday 12th October | Confirmation for Y6 with Bishop David 7pm (Please arrive at 6.30pm as there will be a group photograph with Bishop McGough prior to Mass) |
| Friday 14th October | Own Clothes Day for MacMillan Cancer Support |
| Tuesday 18th October | Parents' Evening 5pm – 7pm |
| Wednesday 19th October | Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm |
| Thursday 20th October | Children break –up for half term |
| Friday 21st October | Staff training day – school closed to pupils |
| Monday 31st October | School re-opens |
| Sunday 6th November | Family Mass led by Y5 & Y2 |
| Monday 7th November | Staff training Day – school closed to pupils |

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| Friday 11th November | Own Clothes day for Christmas Bingo |
| Monday 14th November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Friday 18th November | PTFA Christmas Bingo |
| Friday 25th November | Parish Barn Dance in the school hall |
| Friday 2nd December | Dress rehearsals and photos for school Christmas plays |
| Saturday 3rd December | Parish Christmas Fair |
| Sunday 4th December | Family Mass led by Year 4 & Year 1 |
| Monday 5th December | Dress rehearsals and photos for school Christmas plays |
| Wednesday 7th December | Christmas Play – EYFS – Y2 9.30am & KS2 2pm |
| Thursday 8th December | Christmas Play – EYFS – Y2 2pm & KS2 6.30pm |
| Friday 9th December | School Mass for the end of Term Parish Carol Service at St. Patrick's Church 6.30pm |
| Tuesday 13th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 14th December | Pantomime in school provided by the PTFA |
| Thursday 15th December | Christmas Disco pm |
| Friday 16th December | Carol Service 9.10am & break – up for Christmas |
| Tuesday 3rd January | Children return to School |
| 15/02/17 – 17/02/17 | Y6 Residential visit to Laches Wood |
| Friday 17th February | Children break-up for Half term |

Handwriting

This school year we will be moving towards a 'cursive' style of handwriting. A cursive style of handwriting enables children to form their letters more naturally, is an aid to spelling and helps the children to write more quickly. There will be dedicated handwriting lessons in years YR to Y5 and an additional explanation letter accompanies this letter which provides details to parents about online access to www.letterjoin.co.uk

Stafford 10k in aid of 'Breast Cancer Now'

Many parents are aware that Mrs Peters is recovering from breast cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with her every day. Several members of staff are taking part in the Stafford 10k on 25th September in aid of 'Breast Cancer Now'. A 'Just Giving' page has been set up and parents can access via the link below if they wish to make a contribution.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/StAnnesteachers>

Several parents have requested a reminder of school uniform -

School Uniform

Boys

Grey Trousers/Shorts
School Sweatshirt Maroon
School Logo Polo Shirt(Summer Term only)
White shirt and school tie
Black School Shoes/ Sturdy sandals during summer term
Black/Grey/White socks

P.E.

House Colour T-Shirt (available from School Office)
Black Shorts
Trainers/pumps*
PE Shirts are available from the School Office

Girls

School Sweatshirt/Cardigan (Maroon)
School logo Polo Shirt (Summer Term only)
White shirt and school tie
White/grey socks or maroon/grey tights (winter)

**Black shoes (no sling backs, high heels)
Sturdy sandals during summer term
Grey Skirt/Grey Pinafore/Grey Trousers
Summer optional pink/white gingham dress**

P.E.

House Colour T-shirt(available from School Office)

Black shorts

Trainers/pumps for outdoors*

PE Shirts are available from the School Office

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name

*New H&S guidance dictates - Nursery and Reception Classes will need black pumps for PE indoors and either black pumps or trainers (with Velcro fastenings – if with laces children need to be able to tie their own) for the summer term. KS1 & KS2 will need bare feet for gym and dance (verrucae are not spread on dry surfaces) and pumps/trainers (preferred) for outside PE.

Fashion Haircuts

Our school uniform clearly states that 'fashion haircuts' are not permitted in school. To clarify this, girls should not dye their hair or use overly colourful hair accessories. Long hair must be tied back. Boys should not have shaved heads of a grade 1 or less. (Peaky Blinders hairstyles and shaved patterns are slowly creeping in and this is not permitted) We are proud of our school identity and our school uniform is a vital part of who we are. I am very grateful for your support and co-operation in this matter.

Start of the School Day

Thank you for arriving at school at 8.40am. This has made such a difference to classes. The children benefit from the calm and structured extra session before registration and assembly. This is most beneficial if **all** children arrive at 8.40am so that the classes aren't disrupted by the steady trickle of children arriving after 8.40am. Thank you.

Medicines in School

If your child is ill and not well enough to attend school they should remain at home. Prescribed medicine can be administered in school if it is required 4 or more times a day. (3 times a day can be given at home before school, after school and before bedtime.) Parents will need to complete a medicine administration form in the school office for all medicines that need to be administered by school.

Please ensure that your child brings a fresh bottle of water to school every day. Fruit is provided for children in Nursery - Year 2 so children in Key Stage 2 will need to bring their own fruit snack in to school every day.

Staff are available on the school playground each morning or can be contacted by phone to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time. Mrs Lomas and Mrs Spendlow are available so parents can either pop in and see us, contact us by telephone or arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs J.N.Lomas