



# St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> October. There is a special meeting for parents of Year 6 wishing to be Confirmed on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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

### Mass

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

### INSET Training Days – Children not in School

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	INSET Training Day for staff
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	INSET Training Day for staff
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	INSET Training Day for staff
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	INSET Training Day for staff
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	INSET Training Day for staff

### Important Dates for your Diary

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

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