



St. Anne's news

"With God and each other: aiming high to achieve our best."

Headteacher: Miss L France

January 2020

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you all had a good Christmas with your families. The staff and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and good wishes for our Christmas break.

New Year is a time for resolutions so please consider coming into school, to help, as a positive, something new, you could do this year.

I would like to warmly invite you, or anyone you know, that would like to come and join our school family, helping in school during the week. If you know anyone that would like to come into school on a regular basis to help with reading, small groups support in class, making toast in the mornings, please encourage them to pop into the school office, phone us or email. All visitors are DBS checked and have a brief induction to ensure we keep our children safe in school.

Please don't be shy. We'd love to welcome you into our school.

Lockdown Procedure

We regularly practice our fire safety drill and twice each year we practice the Lockdown Procedure. This will be happening in the next few weeks. Both these tests are to keep the children, staff and visitors safe if we have a dangerous intruder approaching school or if a fire is detected. We do not expect either to happen, but it helps us feel safe when we are prepared.

New Phone for Christmas?



Please remember to update your contact details in school as soon as you change your number. We need at least 2 contact numbers for each child for emergency purposes. If any other details change, regarding contacts, please remember to let us know asap.



£5,000 to spend on reading



We are very pleased that we have been awarded over £5,000 to spend on developing reading and phonics this year. This much needed grant, from Wigan Local Authority, will be spent on staff training, children's books and fun reading and phonics resources.

Reading underpins nearly everything your child will learn in school and add hours of enjoyment and confidence to their lives. Research proves that **daily reading** at home has a very positive impact on the children's reading ability, so any reading you can do will really help your child. Thank you to everyone that is already supporting us and your children in this.

Later this term we intend to invite yourselves into school for phonics and reading workshops. We would love to see those of you who can make these sessions and we will be putting additional guidance for phonics and reading on our website to help everyone.



Mrs Wright and Mrs Marshall delivered training to all the staff on phonics and reading, on our INSET day last Monday. This will help our staff develop our teaching in phonics and reading including "Rapid Phonics" and "Catch Up Literacy". We have already purchased loads of new reading and phonics books and materials, with this funding.

Many children in KS2 and all the children in KS1 are enjoying their new group phonic sessions in the mornings and we have already begun rolling out the 1:1 reading program in Y2





End of last years' Super stars

Butterflies

Amelia & Olivia

Hedgehogs

Emily & Mia

Ladybirds

Jacob & Anthony

Grasshoppers

Erica & Jaxon

Rabbits

Mia SM & Reenie

Fireflies

Lexi & Isla

Dragonflies

Oliver & Alex B

Well done to all these children!

Diary dates

Wednesday 15th January— Theatre production to visit whole school 9am (Pinocchio).
£1 donations would be gratefully received.

Monday 20th January—Mark and Monty (the dog) to visit school.
Mark is a local children's author.

Friday 31st January—Mid year reports go home today.

Tuesday 4th February— Last swimming until September.
(Children will take up PE lessons in school after this session)

Monday 17th—Friday 21st February Half Term holiday

Things going on in school...

We welcome Mrs Howard back, following her maternity leave, she is supporting in Year 6.

Miss Glynn is still unwell and has just had an operation on her hip. We all send her our good wishes and look forward to seeing her in school soon.

Sadly Mrs Yates will be leaving us, at the end of this month. The post of School Admin officer is currently being advertised (see Wiganjobs.engageats.co.uk).

We have several Edge Hill University trainee teachers in school at the moment, in Year 5 (Fireflies) and Year 6 (Dragonflies). New students are due to start in Year 3 (Grasshoppers) and Reception (Butterflies) soon. We also have a trainee teacher, from Prestolee SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) working in Y2 (Ladybirds).

Our new Local Authority Governor, Councillor Janet Brown, will soon be joining our team.

For more information about the governors and staff please visit our website at

www.saintannes.wigan.sch.uk

Please check your child's hair for head lice.



We have been notified of a couple of families with this problem. You can get free shampoo from the pharmacy to treat Head lice but it is very important to keep checking for several weeks after the treatment in case any eggs survive. Wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17. See NHS website for details on treatment and identification,

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

PE pumps

Please can you make sure your child has pumps to change into for PE lessons. It is more hygienic for children to change their footwear for PE activities and we are finding the black shoes/trainers are making marks (that are difficult to clean) on the hall floor.

Thank you to everyone for providing PE kits ready for the start of this year.

Well done to all the KS2 parents for having the swimming kits ready for the first day back in school, not easy after a Christmas holiday.

Please note the last swimming date (above).

Spring term dates 2020

7 January - 3 April

**** MAY BANK HOLIDAY HAS CHANGED FROM 4TH MAY to 8TH MAY ****

17 - 21 February - half term

Summer term dates 2020

20 April - 17 July

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