



# St. Anne's news

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

Headteacher: Miss L France

December 2020



## Christmas celebrations



Christmas celebrations at St Anne's

Here are a few Christmas activities/risk assessments to keep us safe:

Children can bring **Christmas cards** in for the people in their bubble only. Please bring these in on a **Monday** to be distributed on a Friday (children will open them at home)

Each class will have it's own **Christmas tree**.

Each class is going to make a **wreath** to hang on their bubble doors.

Christmas dinner will be in classrooms on Tuesday 8th December.

**Christmas parties** will be on Thursday 10th December in bubble rooms. Party clothes (with the usual sensible shoes and coats for playtime)

Each class bubble will be having their own special **Christingle** service (thanks to Jenny and Andrew for providing this.)

The pantomime that was booked for this month has been postponed until later in the new year. (Sorry no toy day or fair this year).

We having special **Fun Christmassy assembly**, lead by Year 6, hosted again on Teams for the whole school.

We are having a week of **nativity** "telling" by different classes in school, all on Teams again.

We can't invite you to join us but we will be sharing photos on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

### Self Isolation near Christmas

We are very concerned about the possibility of children and staff missing out on visiting their extended families over the Christmas period due to possible self isolation. At this point the government has said that schools cannot close earlier than planned but we intend to keep all our risk assessments in place and protect our children the best we can. Please be aware that we may need to notify family and staff to Self Isolate, over Christmas, if we have a positive case in school in the last week of term (or are notified of a case in the first 4 days of the holidays). Sorry but if any of the children have a positive result help us to protect our school community by emailing... [enquiries@admin.saintannes.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@admin.saintannes.wigan.sch.uk) and put **POSITIVE** as the subject. Please continue to support us all by not sending any child into school with symptoms.

### Thank you

Massive thank you to all of you for supporting our school community by wearing masks and socially distancing, and following all the other safety rules. I hear from other schools the difficulties they are having and you are wonderful! I hope we can all keep safe and have a happy Christmas.

We are looking forward to welcoming our parents and friends back into school in 2021.



## November Super stars

### **Butterflies**

Sophie, Belle, Archie & Malakii

### **Ladybirds**

Amelia-Rose, Eden

### **Grasshoppers**

Jack, Isaac, Antony, Eleanor B, Madison

### **Rabbits**

Cora, Mabel & Baneen

### **Foxes**

Lois, Elias & Mya P

### **Dragonflies**

All the class & Lexie P

Well done to all these children!

## **Diary dates**

### **Autumn Term 2020**

Tuesday 8th December—School Christmas dinner

Thursdays 10th December—Bubble Christmas parties

Friday 18th December- Finish for Christmas holidays

### **Spring Term 2021**

Tuesday 5th January - INSET DAY

Wednesday 6th January Spring term begins

Monday 15th February— Friday 19th February (inclusive) Half term

Wednesday 31st March—Finish for Easter holidays

### **Summer Term 2021**

Monday 19th March— Summer term starts

Monday 3rd May—Bank holiday

Monday 31st May— Friday 4th June (inclusive) Half term

Wednesday 21st July— Last day of school year.

### **Last day—Staggered finish times**

Butterflies and Ladybirds—1pm

Grasshoppers and Rabbits— 1.10pm

Foxes and Dragonflies

and **all families**— 1.20pm



## **Catering changes**

Sadly we will be closing Bumblebee-stro (due to financial implication caused by lack of funds coming into school during the lockdown and lower uptake of dinners when we only served cold food). We will be handing over our catering to Metro Fresh, a company used by many schools , run as part of Wigan council. We are glad to say our staff will stay on as Metrofresh employees and new menus will be available from January.

We will all need to get used to a new payment system , Evolve ( which will replace Parent Pay) There will be a new app for your phones. More information to follow.

## **Pop-up pantry**

Soon to be located in front of school. A "Fur Clemt" container, extending the good work going on in Shevington, will soon be appearing in Standish Lower Ground. This will be a great opportunity for us all to help prevent good food going to landfill.

## **Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas from everyone in our St Anne's family.**

It's been the strangest year, for school, we have all faced challenges and none of us, back in January, could see how long this pandemic would effect our everyday ways of life. I want to thank you all, for your positive comments and encouragements, on Twitter, Facebook, emails, shouted comments at the school gates, over the phone and by letter.

My team of staff have felt encouraged by yourselves and I am glad to be working through this with them and yourselves, as part of our wonderful school family.

This Christmas may well be different from any you've had before but please take some time to smile and give thanks for the many good things that we have experienced this year.

Take care and God bless, Miss France

