

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021



It was really great to see so many parents, carers and grandparents in the Hall for this morning's *Proud to be Me* assembly. We have really missed getting together at the end of a busy week to share in the children's achievements, and it was good to get back into the swing of things.

Upcoming Events...

Thursday 23 rd September	Sunflower Competition Closes
Friday 1 st October	Sponsored Walk
Thursday 7 th October	Y3/4 Trip to the Jorvik Viking Centre

Proud to be Me: *Healing: 'God grants us his love, which saves us, heals us and gives us strength.' Pope Francis God still heals today, particularly through other people – doctors, nurses, and, if we let him, through us too. Consider if there is anyone whom you can help bring God's healing. Perhaps you can pray for someone; talk gently and lovingly to someone if there is a problem; give the gift of a SMILE!*

Reception Year 1	Harry Matilda	Harry greets everyone with a huge smile and spreads his kindness to all his new friends. Matilda shows a kind and caring attitude towards her friends, greeting everyone with a cheerful smile.
Year 2	Leo	Leo always greets others with a smile and has helped create a fun and positive environment in Year 2. I am very impressed with his confident and friendly attitude.
Year 3 Year 4	Max Wilfred	Max has shown love and care for his learning partners and class members every day. Wilfred has spoken gently and lovingly to the younger members of the class and really helped them to understand and learn our Y3/4 routines and rules.
Year 5 Year 6	Oscar J Sophie	Oscar has shown great enthusiasm since joining our class. For always trying to put a smile on everyone's face.

Spanish: **Oliver** for lovely participation and enthusiasm in Spanish. **Jensen** trying really hard in Spanish. **Bailey** for working hard on her Spanish conversation.

Music: **Erin** for joining in all the songs and great drum playing. **Oliver**- Great music leader keeping his group playing their rhythm in time with the rest of the class. **Zara** for her good Viking chant work this week. All **Yr 5/6** for their great discussion work on the World War Two composers Oliver Messiaen and Aaron Copland.

P.E: **Connie** for showing great demonstrations and ball bouncing skills. **Gerard** for following and listening well to instructions. **Noah** for listening carefully and showing his fantastic movement skills with chair yoga. **Reon** - Fantastic effort and manners during the lesson, making sure everyone was involved by letting others have a turn. **Jude L** for excellent attitude and resilience during PE. **Marshall** - amazing effort in our bench ball practice and for getting the highest score in the throwing competition! **Matilda M** for joining in even though she was a bit hesitant of the rules, she really tried and got stuck in to the game and did amazingly!

Happy Birthday Violet, Max, Joshua Hic', Erin and Gerard

Plugs for Parents...

Sponsored Walk 01.10.2021: We know... it is only a couple of months since that last sponsored walk, but as we are back to our usual full calendar of events, we are resuming our annual sponsored walk in October. Sponsor forms and a letter with full details of the walk will be send home at the beginning of next week.

SAFFA Sunflower Competition 24.09.2021: Has anyone managed to grow the sunflower seed that SAFFA sent out in June? If you have then there is a prize for the tallest sunflower and the one with the largest head. To enter, please take a photo of your child with the sunflower and send it along with the height and flower head diameter to enquiries@st-anns.sheffield.sch.uk

Summer Birthdays: Apologies to Jude W-S, Eva, Noah, Matilda H, Bailey, Maisie L, Rowan, Kalifah, Seb L, Niamh who all celebrated their birthdays over the summer holidays. We didn't announce the birthdays on the last Newsletter of the year in July, but we will be handing out belated birthday crowns at next Friday's Proud to be Me.

PE Kits: Just a reminder that on PE days, children need to come to school dressed in their PE kit, which will be worn all day. If your child forgets to come to school in their PE kit, unfortunately they will have to sit out of PE and watch. PE kit consists of plain black or grey leggings/shorts/jogging bottoms, a plain white top and plain black trainers.

Plugs for Parents Continued...

Sickness and absences: Please follow this link for full information about [changes to Covid-19 self-isolation rules](#) from 16th August. If your child has Covid-19 symptoms, please keep them at home and have them take a PCR test. If your child tests negative, they may return to school if they feel well enough to do so. Please keep the school office up to date with all absences. If you are unsure as to what to do, please contact the school office so that we can advise.

Updating Your Child's Contact Information: We hold a minimum of three 'emergency' contacts for your child and it is important that we are kept up to date if any of these contact details change. This includes phone numbers, email addresses and home addresses. If there have been any alterations to the details that we hold, please complete this [Contact Update](#) form. If you would like to check the details we hold, please call the school office on 0114 2884281

Free School Meals (FSM): If your circumstances have changed recently you may be eligible to [apply for Free School Meals](#). Children receiving FSMs are automatically eligible for Pupil Premium status, which provides extra financial help for other areas of your child's education, for example piano, guitar or swimming lessons. Even if your child is in KS1, all of whom are eligible for Universal Free School Meals (UFSM), it is worth applying for FSM.

Wednesday Word: Please follow the link for this week's [Wednesday Word](#).

News...

Upper Don Renewable Energy Green Homes Visit: Anyone interested in renewable energy projects for the home is very welcome to join us. We have two planned: one on Saturday 18th September in the Stocksbridge/Oughtibridge area and the second around Penistone on Saturday 16th October. The cost for the day is £5 which will cover lunch. We will meet in the car park at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre at 9.50am, and set off in shared cars soon afterwards. We will be visiting people with multi green projects- including solar panels, double glazing, water storage, batteries, insulation, poly-tunnels, heat pumps and computer programmes which integrate the systems in the home. On previous *Green Homes Days* it has been fascinating to hear from householders who use the system. We're back to the Leisure Centre for lunch, then out again for another visit in the afternoon.

We've also got a visit to Heeley City Farm planned for Thursday 16th September, specifically to look at renewable energy projects. Some of us are meeting at 11.30 am to look around the farm, having a bite to eat in the cafe then having a talk at their Eco-House at 2pm. I know it's a school day but if any parent or staff was interested they would be very welcome to join us. All bookings can be made by an email to this address udrenergy@gmail.com

South Yorkshire Orienteers run exciting competitions and activities throughout the year, giving beginners and experienced players the opportunity to exercise their bodies and minds with the excitement of trying to complete the course in the fastest time. Take a look at the attached flyers for more information

South Yorkshire Police Alerts: SYP Alerts is a messaging system brought to you by South Yorkshire Police for our communities. By registering with SYP Alerts, you can choose to receive the latest news and appeals from your local police officers, local crime information and crime prevention advice – direct to you by email, text or voice message. You can choose exactly what news you receive- it can be completely tailored to your interests and preferences. Registering for alerts is free and once you have signed-up, you can choose how you want to receive the messages and what you want to receive messages about. Alerts can also be translated into more than 100 languages, meaning if English isn't your first language, you can still access the latest news and get to know your local policing team in a way that's accessible for you. To sign up, simply click the link: www.sypalerts.co.uk/

Attached with this Newsletter...

- St Ann's School - Dates for the Year 2021-22
- South Yorkshire Orienteering Flyer
- Worrying About Money? – Advice and Support from Sheffield Council
- Sheffield Parenting Hub – What's On?
- St Ann's and St Mary's Church Bulletin
- Stocksbridge High School Open Evening Flyer