

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Welcome to a new academic year and greetings to our St Ann's families both old and new. We are Looking forward to sharing all that this year has in store, starting with the *Proud to be Me* assembly next Friday!



## Upcoming Events...

A full timetable of 2023-24 year's events will be emailed out to parents shortly.

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September (8:50am)	Proud to be Me assembly in the School Hall (every Friday unless specified)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Coffee Morning
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September (9:30am)	SAFFA Meeting after the Proud to be Me Assembly
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October (3:30pm onwards)	Meet the Teacher
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Space Day Themed Census Day Menu
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Sponsored Walk (Information to follow)

## Plugs for Parents...

**Proud to be Me Assemblies:** Family and Friends are welcome to join us every Friday at 8:50am in the school hall for our *Proud to be Me* assembly. This is a time when we all get together as a school community and celebrate each other's achievements and share what has been happening at school. If for any reason the *Proud to be Me* assembly has to be cancelled we will let you know on this Newsletter.

**Coffee Morning 15.09.23:** SAFFA (St Ann's Family and Friends Association) would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families. All parents and Carers are invited to stop behind after the *Proud to be Me* assembly for tea/coffee and if you're lucky biscuits!

**SAFFA Meeting 22.09.23:** SAFFA is a small organisation made up of parents/carers who raise funds to be spent on the children at St Ann's. They organise a number of events throughout the year as well as activities. SAFFA are holding the first meeting of the year on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> after the *Proud to be Me* assembly where new members will receive a warm welcome. There is no obligation, or commitment, so if you would like to come along, meet other parents and see what's what then this is a good place to start!

**Meet the Teacher 04.10.23:** For parents of children entering Reception Class and those who are in a new class this year, there is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher should you wish. If your child has the same teacher as last year, but you would still like to meet with them, you are more than welcome to take this opportunity to see them. A form will be sent out via email next week for parents/carers to register their interest followed by confirmation of your 10-minute time slot.

**Space Day Themed Census Day Menu 05.10.23:** Occasionally, Dolce do a theme day menu which is different from the scheduled menu. Please find attached the Space Day themed menu for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. This dinner can be ordered in the usual way, either at School on the day or pre-ordered from home on parents/carers SchoolGrid login.

**Sponsored Walk 06.10.23:** A hardcopy of the sponsor form and cover letter will be sent out next week. Please keep an eye out for it in your child's bag.

**National Online Safety:** Most parents frequently chat with their child about how things are going at school or what's happening in their friendship groups – but those discussions often don't extend to youngsters' online activities. In fact, National Online Safety conducted a recent survey which found that only slightly more than half (54%) of parents regularly talk to their children about staying safe online. It can be an awkward topic to broach and, of course, it needs not to feel intrusive. However, just checking in with your child about their digital life can get them thinking about online safety and alert you to any issues they might be having. In support of Safer Internet Day 2023, our #WakeUpWednesday guide has some useful tips on potential ways to start those conversations. In the attached guide you'll find a number of useful tips such as being as honest as possible, discussing how misleading the online world can be and creating a 'family agreement'.

### **Other Items...**

**Does anyone have a lawnmower that could be donated to School?** We regularly have the grass cut, however there are a couple of small areas that we would like to keep neat and tidy more regularly with a small mower. If anyone has a good working mower that they are happy to donate, we would be very grateful.

### **Attached with this Newsletter...**

- National Online Safety – Tips for Encouraging Open Discussions about Digital Lives
- St Ann's Church and St Mary's Church Bulletin
- [Eat Smart Sheffield Parent/Carer Newsletter](#)
- Eat Smart Sheffield Free Webinar Poster - '10 Top Tips for a Healthier Bank Balance - How to Eat Well AND Save Money'
- Dolce Space Day Themed Menu