

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023



Upcoming Events...

Friday 22 nd September (9:30am)	SAFFA Meeting after the Proud to be Me Assembly
Wednesday 4 th October (3:30pm onwards)	Meet the Teacher
Thursday 5 th October	Space Day Themed Census Day Menu
Friday 6 th October	Sponsored Walk (Information to follow)
Friday 6 th October	No Proud to be Me Assembly due to Sponsored Walk
Tuesday 17 th October (9:30am)	Harvest Festival Mass

Proud to be Me: *FORGIVENESS: "Pray and forgive." St Teresa of Calcutta. "It is by forgiving that one is forgiven." St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). Forgiveness is one of God's greatest gifts to us. Each of you say how it feels to forgive someone and make friends again. As we start this new school year, ask your child if there is anyone whose forgiveness they would like. Is anyone they need to forgive? If so, share ideas about how to do this. Perhaps they can: talk gently and lovingly to that person if there is a problem; try to recognise some good qualities in that person; pray and ask God to help them forgive. You might like to end tonight by slowly saying the Lord's Prayer together – thinking carefully about the words*

Reception	Zach	Zach has worked really hard this week in his learning showing Ted how well he can follow his listening rules.
Year 1	Bobi	Bobi has returned to school with a positive attitude. He has tried really hard with his learning and made some wonderful contributions during class discussions. Well done.
Year 2	Thea	For her amazing start to Year 2, showing a positive attitude towards all of her learning.
Year 3	William	For joining St Ann's with an amazing attitude to his learning and being a wonderful example to others.
Year 4	Esme	Esme has returned to school with a positive attitude and has been very helpful in ensuring the class stick insects are healthy and happy.
Year 5	Joe	For his absolutely brilliant writing in English this week. Joe has listened to all of the instructions and has really pushed himself to produce engaging and interesting sentences! Well done Joe.
Year 6	Violet W	For storming into Year 6 with an excellent attitude towards her learning! Violet has been enthusiastic and motivated with all of her learning this week and it has really payed off. She has done impressive work in every single lesson and has been an excellent role model with her behaviour!

P.E: Jacob for being confident and following instructions well during our games. Henry for showing brilliant throwing and catching skills, whilst impressing Coach Jake with his attitude towards P.E. Darla for encouraging her friends throughout the lesson and impressing coach Jake with her throwing and catching skills. Matilda C for listening carefully to feedback to improve her ball skills. During the lesson she improved her control and coordination whilst handling the ball. Seb L for demonstrating a brilliant chest pass in basketball and showing great sportsmanship by encouraging others. Oliver - A real positive attitude in PE & Sport. Esme H - A real positive desire to get involved. Dottie - Fantastic Dodgeball Skills and willingness to give 100%. Joshua Richmond-Great Bench ball Skills really understood attacking and defending skills

Spanish Awards: Rosalie joined in superbly with the Spanish songs and actions. Avayah listened brilliantly in Spanish during Simon Says. Darla was a fantastic role model to her classmates in Spanish. William has made a fantastic start in Spanish showing fantastic confidence. Zara has joined in with Spanish with such wonderful enthusiasm as she always does.

Music: Gabriel for his super singing and claves playing this week. Taylor-May for trying really hard with our singing warm up. Connie for her great singing warm up work. Nancy for her super singing this week. Esme R for working really hard on her cyclic pattern work this week.

Attendance: Year 5/6 with 100%

House of the Week: St Gregory's with 400 House Points

Happy Birthday to Violet, Max, Gerard, Josh Hi' and Erin.

Plugs for Parents...

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 22nd 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 was sent out via email this week for parents/carers to register their interest. We will follow up shortly with 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 5th 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 has been sent out next week. Please keep an eye out for it in your child's bag.

Inhalers and Medication: All medication and inhalers were sent home on the last day of school in July. Please could all parents with children who need inhalers or medication bring them to the School Office to be signed in to School and complete a consent form for this academic year, thank you.

Y5/6 Willersley Castle Residential: A quick reminder that the fourth instalment was due on 1st September. Please visit [ParentPay](#) to make prompt payment if you haven't already done so.

Names in Uniform: Please remember to put your child's name in all uniform items so that we can easily reunite clothing with their owners and so that your items are less likely to go missing, thank you.

National Online Safety: Behind video-sharing platforms (like YouTube) and streaming TV shows and movies, gaming is the third most popular online activity for children in the UK. In fact, according to recent data from Ofcom, an overwhelming 89% of children aged 3 to 17 play video games. Of those, more than one in five (22%) talk to other players online who they don't know outside the game. The risk of contact from strangers is just one of the reasons that many parents are concerned about their child's gaming: increased screen time, inappropriate content and in-game spending also figure among the most frequent fears. Agreeing on some rules around your child's gaming activities can certainly help, and our guide has some useful tips for establishing these boundaries – see the attached guide.

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

Other Items...

CAFOD: CAFOD doesn't have an established programme in Libya and the collapse of state structures there makes it very difficult for aid agencies to operate, but because of the scale of the disaster we will be working with a trusted partner to ensure that help can get to where it is most needed. We have launched a [Libya Floods Appeal](#) so that donations can be made to help those affected directly.

Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Setting Boundaries Around Gaming
- Dolce Space Day Themed Menu
- Sheffield Giants Academy Flag Football
- Autism and Sleep Information Session
- Fire Service Recruitment – Stocksbridge
- Vaping and E-Cigarettes – The Facts
- Smokefree Sheffield – Do you know someone under 18 who is thinking about quitting smoking?
- Time to Start School? – Applying for a School Place - September 2024

Picture News...

This is the questions that we will be deliberating next week...

TAKEHOME



Is a school more than just a building?

In the news this week

More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s. The crisis has left some school staff struggling to find temporary teaching accommodation and forced many pupils to begin their academic year learning online. It's not just schools affected; more than 30 hospitals are also believed to be at risk, according to experts.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on this week's news. Are you aware of any local schools or hospitals that have been affected?
- For those pupils resuming learning online from home, how do you think they might feel?
- Considering school buildings, how do you believe they might change in the future? Can you think of any ways to improve school buildings or classrooms?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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