

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023



## Upcoming Events...

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October (3:30pm onwards)	Meet the Teacher (Mrs Brotherton, Mrs Marshall and Miss Edwards)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Space Day Themed Census Day Menu
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Sponsored Walk
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	No <i>Proud to be Me</i> Assembly
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October (3:30pm onwards)	Meet the Teacher (Mrs Beckett)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October (5:15pm)	St Ann's Church Mass
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October (9:30am)	Harvest Festival Mass
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October (6:00pm)	SAFFA Online Meeting
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October (3:00pm)	Break up for October Half Term Holiday

## Proud to be Me: Certificates will be handed out and achievements celebrated in Monday's Gospel Assembly.

*CHANGE: "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." St John Henry Cardinal Newman*

*"We all can improve and change for the better." Pope Francis. Each of you share something about yourself that you would like to change – and say why. Perhaps it is: trying to listen better at school; being more patient; helping out more at home; always remembering to say your daily prayers. How can you make that change? Do you need anyone's help? Are there any other ways to make a change for the better over the coming days? You may also like to choose something new to do together that will make life better for the family.*

Reception	Gabriel	Gabriel has really worked hard this week. He has come into school smiling and ready to learn. He has also helped his friends during phonics lessons. Well done
Year 1	Dougie	For working really hard on his RE artwork about how people show that they love and care for us. Well done Dougie your ideas and presentation was superb!
Year2	Connie	Connie works incredibly hard in everything she does, but her fantastic artistic skills have really impressed me this week! Connie has thought carefully about her design and has applied the new skills she has learnt. Connie has worked really hard and has created a beautiful painting, well done for always working with enthusiasm and positivity.
Year 3	Zak	Zak has really impressed Mrs Marshall and Miss Gill this week with his writing. Zak showed real focus and determination while using the ICT equipment while writing independently.
Year 4	Seb L	For showing enthusiasm in our 'That's All, Folks!' project. Seb was eager to share his great historical knowledge this week and was eager to discuss the changes in technology over the decades.
Year 5	Isla C	For giving 100% in absolutely everything she does! Isla works so hard in class and approaches her learning with enthusiasm and positivity! She listens carefully to the teaching and produces fantastic work in every lesson! Well done, Isla!
Year 6	Marshall	For trying so hard in his lessons this week. Marshall has really pushed himself in Maths to complete the challenge activities every day. He has also worked hard in reading and writing and art, and has produced some brilliant work. Keep it up, Marshall!

**P.E:** Ruby had her best PE lesson so far. She amazed me with her football skills and sat and listened beautifully. Dougie did really well today and picked up the skills that we learnt really quickly. Also, Dougie won our warm up game of sharks and surfers. Henry had a very good lesson today showing me his football agility and speed as well. Special mention to Clay for being really helpful and kind throughout the lesson. William - Really good PE lesson. He showed great behaviour, listening skills and really good attitude. Maya J - Great this week and really concentrating on attacking skills. Max F - showed good understanding of attacking and defending skills. Ffion - Really good knowledge of invasion games.

**Spanish Awards:** Marcus joined in beautifully with Spanish this week. Heidi was fantastic asking and answering the name phrase. Iona did a fantastic Spanish conversation with her partner. Niamh was superb in Spanish this week and tried her best with all the activities. Isla C sang our European Day of Languages song with fantastic enthusiasm.

**Music:** Olivia for her super use of different singing voices in our new song this week. Bobi for great singing and his bassoon work this week. Elma great singing and actions this week. Nancy for her super enthusiastic singing this week. Zara for her fantastic drummer and rhythm work this week.

**Happy Birthday** to Daniel S, Thomas, Carter, Maya and Kaleb

## Plugs for Parents...

**No Proud to be Me Assembly 06.10.23:** There will be no *Proud to be Me* assembly next Friday because of the Sponsored Walk.

**Meet the Teacher (04.10.23 Mrs Brotherton, Mrs Marshall and Miss Edwards and 10.10.23 Mrs Beckett):** For those parents/carers who requested an appointment, and email was sent out this week with your 5-10 minute time slot. Please can we ask all parents to be mindful of sticking within their 10 minutes – this will mean that other parents aren't kept waiting, thank you. If you feel that you need further discussion about your child then a separate appointment can be made through the School office.

**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:** One week to go! The children have one more weeks to collect as many sponsors as possible and there will be 'thank you' prizes for the most money raised. Funds raised will go towards subsidising School trips, which are an ever-increasing cost for parents, so please ask friends and relatives for support in this challenge. We thank you all for your efforts and support in advance.

**St Ann's Church Mass 15.10.23:** Our School community is invited to attend this Mass which will be led by the children. A letter was sent out last week with full details. If you are planning on attending, please could you let us know on [this form](#) so that we are able to plan for our participation in this Mass, thank you.

**Harvest Festival Donations 17.10.23:** As part of our harvest celebrations we are now collecting non-perishable food items for our Harvest display and would appreciate any donations you can give. Items such as tinned foods, cereals, sugar, tea bags, coffee, biscuits, pot noodles, razors, shaving foam, toothbrushes and shower gel are appreciated. All donations will go to The Archer Project, which supports homeless people in Sheffield. Please hand all donations in to the classroom of Office. Please join us for our harvest assembly on 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am.

**SAFFA Online Meeting 19.10.23:** This year, SAFFA are holding every second meeting online in the evening, making meetings more accessible to parents who would like to join in but perhaps work full time or have other daytime commitments. The meeting link will be shared with all parents closer to the date.

**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 fifth instalment is due on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Please visit [ParentPay](#) to make prompt payment.

**Y3/4 Thornbridge Residential:** A letter was emailed out last week with details of this exciting 'First Night Away' Residential. The deadline for the first instalment is **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. Please make prompt payment using [ParentPay](#).

**Y3/4 and Y5/6 Young Voices 2024:** A letter has been emailed out this week regarding this event which forms part of the Y3/4 curriculum and is also an optional opportunity for our Y5/6 children. The trip is fully paid for by SAFFA. Parents and carers are able to buy audience tickets on [ParentPay](#). There is a **strict deadline** for purchasing audience tickets of **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, after which, tickets will need to be purchased directly from Sheffield Arena. Please make sure that your payment on ParentPay is accepted and does not fail, otherwise we will not be able to see your purchase on our system and you will not receive. Please could all consent forms be filled in by of **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, as this will give us an idea of how many optional Y5/6 places have been confirmed so that we can book a coach and order T-shirts.

**Year 5/6 National Space Centre:** A letter was emailed out last week with information about this trip. Please complete the consent form and make payment at your earliest convenience, thank you.

**National Online Safety:** This week's online safety guide focuses on supporting children's mental health: 10 conversation starters for parents. Talking about mental health to children is sometimes hard. The guide takes a look at a number of tips such as talking about mental health naturally, being open and honest and asking twice.

### Plugs for Parents Continued...

**Missing Uniform:** We have had a number of jumpers and PE hoodies reported missing over the past week. Please can we ask all parents to see if the clothing their child has brought home has someone else's name in it and if so, please return it to School. 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.

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

### Other Items...

**Stocksbridge Town Council Christmas Card Competition:** You are invited to submit entries to be judged by the Mayor. There will be two finalists chosen from each school with one chosen as an overall winner. A Christmas Card with the winner's design will be produced with smaller pictures of the finalists' design on the inside. All finalists will receive a pack of cards plus the card will be used as the official Town Council Christmas Card. All entries will need to follow the criteria below: -

1. Submitted on A4 paper
2. Only drawn using felt tip pens or crayons
3. **NO** glitter, stickers, glue or anything attached
4. Bright colours show better on finished article
5. Names **must** be written on the back of each entry

All entries will be collected from schools on the morning of **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November** with judging taking place shortly after, following which schools will be informed of winners. Please hand all entries in to the School Office.

**Bangers and Cash:** We are show casing 21 car bonnets across Sheffield city as an art trail for people to scan a QR code and collect the bonnets. People who take part will also be able to learn more about the artists and Roundabout, South Yorkshire's youth homeless charity. The event lasts for two weeks from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of October.



### Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Supporting Children's Mental Health
- Dolce Space Day Themed Menu
- Time to Start School?
- St Ann's Church and St Mary's Church Bulletin
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre Table Top Sale
- Free October Half Term Activity – [Bangers and Cash](#) Car Bonnet Art Trail in Sheffield

## Picture News...

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

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Can anyone break a world record?

## In the news this week

The 2024 edition of the Guinness World Records has been released. This year, over 30,000 applicants submitted their achievements, but only 2,638 records were selected for the edition, which features more than 80% new and updated records. The annual collection of records has run since 1955, when it was first inspired by the question 'What's the fastest game bird in Europe?'. Its latest edition is themed around the Blue Planet, with a number of records celebrated, including those set by impressive marine creatures, adventurous sailors and record-breaking lakes, rivers and icescapes.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you know any world records?
- > If you were to attempt a world record, what do you think you would try to do and why?
- > What do you think the benefits would be of setting or breaking a world record?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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