

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023



Well done to the whole school for taking on this challenge in such windy conditions! Please can any sponsor forms along with sponsor money be handed into the school office in a sealed envelope no later than **Wednesday 18th October**. If you did not manage to bring in your form to be stamped, don't worry, we will still be happy to receive all sponsor money... every penny counts! And if you need a sponsor form, we have spares in the School Office. Funds raised will go towards subsidising school trips. A huge 'thank you' in advance for your support.

Upcoming Events...

Tuesday 10 th October (3:30pm onwards)	Meet the Teacher (Mrs Beckett)
Sunday 15 th October (5:15pm)	St Ann's Church Mass
Tuesday 17 th October (9:30am)	Harvest Festival Mass
Thursday 19 th October (6:00pm)	SAFFA Online Meeting
Friday 20 th October (3:00pm)	Break up for October Half Term Holiday
Monday 30 th October (8:30am)	School Re-opens for Autumn 2 Half Term
Tuesday 31 st October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations

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

MESSENGER: "Let the message of Christ live in you." St Paul. "How wonderful it is to proclaim to everyone the love of God which gives meaning to our lives!" Pope Francis. What do we think are the best ways that we can be God's messengers in these coming weeks? Perhaps we can: demonstrate our faith in God through being peacemakers - showing God's love and kindness to those around us; remember to start our day with a quiet time of prayer, just listening to God in our hearts before moving into action; talk with others about why we believe in God

Reception	Tafara	For being kind to everyone and encouraging others to do the same, as well as making a wonderful Harvest basket using repeating patterns.
Year 1	Evie	For showing consistent kindness to all her friends and adults in the class as well as trying her best with her reading. Well done Evie!
Year 2	Elma	Elma always arrives at school with a huge smile on her face, she is such a polite and enthusiastic member of the class. Elma always has a positive attitude to her learning but really impressed me with her kindness towards her classmates this week. Elma is caring, a fantastic role model and is always willing to help peers and grown-ups in school. Well done Elma!
Year 3	Niamh	Niamh has been a super star this week. She has eagerly taken part in the Holy Rosary and led the Celebration of the Word shining with confidence and joy.
Year 4	Nancy	Nancy has had a great week and has demonstrated resilience with her origami skills. In the Celebration of the Word, Nancy sang beautifully showing reverence and pride.
Year 5	Joshua C	Joshua was polite, positive and enthusiastic on our class trip to the Space Museum this week. He really made the most of the experience, and even took the initiative to write notes about all of the exhibitions we saw, so that he could share what he learned with his parents!
Year 6	Wilfred	Wilf has had a great week this week. He was a pleasure to have on our class trip, demonstrating excellent manners and enthusiasm. He has engaged brilliantly with our Earth and Space topic and has asked important and interesting questions to further his learning. Well done, Wilf!

P.E: Zach is a great member of the class every week always trying his best within our games. Dougie has grown in confidence within PE remembering each skill we practised throughout this half term. Lottie – Fantastic football skills showing great technique and skill. Carter was fantastic in PE, real positive attitude, and fantastic listening. Juno always gave 100% and showed great respect. Wilfred always wants to learn and develop, really impressed. Daisy - Really impressive understand of invasion games. Always willing to get stuck in!

Spanish Awards: Eleni tried really hard saying the Spanish feelings. Taylor-May joined in really well practising our Spanish through Simon Says. Thea always works beautifully in Spanish and shares her knowledge with her peers. Nancy worked so well on designing her Spanish school and labelling all the rooms in Spanish. Francesca quietly gets on with the task with such lovely focus.

Music: Isabel for joining in all our songs this week. Heidi for her super solo singing and instrument playing this week. Jessica for her super controlled drum playing this week. William always works hard in music and shows great singing skills. Max for always showing enthusiasm in music lessons.

Happy Birthday to Matilda C and Daisy.

Plugs for Parents...

KS2 Visit to St Ann's Church to learn about the rosary: An email has been sent out today to Y3/4 and Y5/6 parents and carers regarding this trip next week. Please take a look.

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 postcard invitation from the Church has been sent home with the children today, so have a look in your child's bag.

Harvest Festival Donations 17.10.23: We are 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 or Office. Please join us for our harvest assembly on 17th 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 was due on 1st October. Please visit [ParentPay](#) to make prompt payment.

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

Y3/4 and Y5/6 Young Voices 2024: A letter has been emailed out last 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 10th 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 the tickets.
- Please could all **consent forms** be filled in by of **Tuesday 10th 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.

Piano/Ukulele/Trumpet Lessons: Just a quick reminder that fees are due by next Friday. Payment details can be found on the invoice. There are also spaces available for anyone interested in learning the ukulele. Please email Gillian Fitzpatrick at gillian@raylormusic.com to enquire.

National Online Safety: Created in 2018 by a small indie studio that (at the time) had only four employees, Among Us has become one of the gaming world's biggest breakout hits of recent years. In 2020, for example, it was the world's most-downloaded mobile game. Its simplicity helped Among Us to resonate with younger players in particular: the game's second largest audience slice is the 13–18 age bracket. While the 7+ age rating, emphasis on teamwork and cartoonish, colourful graphics all suit a young fan-base, however, the game does carry more serious risks than betrayal by a team-mate or an untimely on-screen demise – with in-game purchases and possible contact from strangers on our #WakeUpWednesday guide's list of hazards that trusted adults should bear in mind.

Missing Uniform: We have had a number of jumpers and PE hoodies reported missing since we returned in September. 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.

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, 9th November** with judging taking place shortly after, following which schools will be informed of winners. Please hand all entries in to the School Office.

Attached or Linked with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Among Us
- The Wednesday Word
- St Mary's Church and St Ann's Church Bulletins
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Ultimate Activity Camp
- 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...



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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