

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023



Upcoming Events...

Sunday 15 th October (5:15pm)	St Ann's Church Mass
Tuesday 17 th October (9:30am)	Harvest Festival Celebration Assembly
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
Friday 3 rd November (9:30am)	SAFFA AGM
Monday 6 th November	Reception & Y6 Height and Weight Measurement
Friday 10 th November (10:00am)	Y5/6 Remembrance Liturgical Prayer

Proud to be Me: TOGETHER: *“Jesus invites us to build the civilization of love together.” Pope Francis. “Dear young friends, I invite everyone to learn to pray every day.” Pope Francis. Every moment God is inviting us into a loving relationship. We accept God’s invitation through loving him and all those around us. As a family, think about someone you could invite to your home for a meal or to play (when the time is right) - to make them feel especially valued and loved. This week, why not accept Pope Francis’ invitation (above) to learn to pray every day – inviting God to guide you in all you do and in all you say?*

Reception	Chase	Chase is always a very cheerful and friendly member of our class. However, this week he has tried so hard with his work across all lessons, and his really impressed me with his phonic work.
Year 1	Tinashe	Tinashe has worked really hard in all of her lessons, and always tries her best with her work. She has impressed me this week with her brilliant sentences in her English work!
Year2	Lottie	Lottie always works with enthusiasm and positivity. Lottie has really impressed me this week with her fantastic explanations and contributions in lessons. Lottie is a confident and expressive communicator who always articulates her thoughts and ideas beautifully. Well done Lottie!
Year 3	Erin	Erin has worked incredibly hard this week, she has generated some wonderful work in English and has really thought hard on improving her language choice to engage the reader.
Year 4	Noah	Noah has blown me away this week with his learning and eagerness to share his historical knowledge. He has sparked an in-depth class conversation about the Titanic and then used this to create a boat themed stop motion animation.
Year 5	Sofi	For her amazing independent writing this week! Sofi has clearly taken on board the advice on how to improve her writing and really used it to produce some outstanding work. Her use of vocabulary, and her improved understanding of punctuation have resulted in an excellent space transcript and she should be very proud of herself.
Year 6	Joshua Hi	Josh has had an excellent attitude towards his learning this week. He has contributed maturely and enthusiastically in all our lessons and has shown real respect for his teachers and classmates. The independent writing he has produced this week is possibly his best yet, and I am very proud of him!

P.E: Chase for answering lots of football questions and showing great football skills during our football games. Arie for really impressing Coach Jake with his passing skills in football, scoring lots of goals. Iona for super passing skills in football and demonstrating these skills to the whole group. Gerard - this week he was really impressive. Fantastic Knowledge in Benchball and After School club! Always gives 100%. Maya Johnson very good listening skills and effort today! Jensen W shows a really good understanding on invasion games and the starting point of hockey. Matilda M - Fantastic passing skills in Hockey and showed 100% effort.

Spanish Awards: Chase tried really hard with his Spanish writing of hola and Buenos dias. Henry H was really focussed on his Spanish work trying really hard with presentation. Connie always listens beautifully and tries her best every week in Spanish. Edna produced a beautiful piece of work on school labelling all the school rooms in Spanish. Joshua C worked really hard on his ‘daily routine of a superhero’ work in Spanish.

Music: Beatrix for her super singing and her movement to our elephant music. Shay for her great singing and her movement to our elephant music. Connie great confident singing this week. Leo put in a lot of effort in to his Young Voices singing this week. Joe super effort in music this week.

Happy Birthday to Alex

House of the Week is St Teresa’s with 150

Attendance: Y1 with 96.4%

Plugs for Parents...

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 last week, so have a look in your child's bag.

Harvest Festival Donations 17.10.23: We are still 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 by Tuesday morning at the latest. Please join us for our harvest assembly on Tuesday 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.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations 31.10.23: The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete this [nasal flu vaccine consent/decline form](#) even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination. The unique school code for St Ann's is SF140441 and the deadline for sending your consent/refusal is 29/10/2023 @ 8:30am. For more information about the vaccination please visit the [child vaccinations website](#).

Reception Class Vision Screening 06.11.23: The School Vision Screening Team will be visiting to routinely check all of our Reception childrens' vision. For more information please see the attached guidance.

Reception & Y6 Height and Weight Measurement 06.11.23: Each year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The checks are carried out by trained practitioners from Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust. For more information about this please visit the [National Child Measurement Programme website](#).

Remembrance Day Liturgical Prayer 10.11.23: Family and Friends are invited to join us in the school Hall for this Liturgical Prayer.

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: The second instalment for this Residential will be due on 1st November. Please make prompt payment using [ParentPay](#).

Piano/Ukulele/Trumpet Lessons: Just a quick reminder that fees are due today. 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.

Penny Wars: Starting today and running until the end of the year, SAFFA have organised for the classes to compete in Penny Wars! Children can place their coppers in their class's jar to gain points and place their silver coins in another class's jar to lower their total score. The winning class will be treated to a movie afternoon with popcorn at the end of the year!

National Online Safety: They might not be able to pinpoint its location on a map, and they might not fully grasp the historical and political drivers behind the conflict – but in this age where news, images and video can cross continents in seconds, many children are now aware of the terrible recent events in Israel. It's a situation, of course, that could cause youngsters extreme distress and worry. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide contains some valuable pointers for supporting children to deal with upsetting content they've encountered online – whether that's the attacks in Israel, ongoing worries over the environment, or something else entirely. Our tips will assist trusted adults in helping young people to process any negative emotions that they may be feeling.

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.

Plugs for Parents Continued...

Christmas card design proofs have been handed out this week so look out for them in your child's bag. There is information on the proof on how you can order cards, mugs, tea towels and more. The deadline for ordering is 11:59pm on Wednesday 25th October. Please note: the name and class that you enter when ordering is the name and class that will be printed on the products.

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

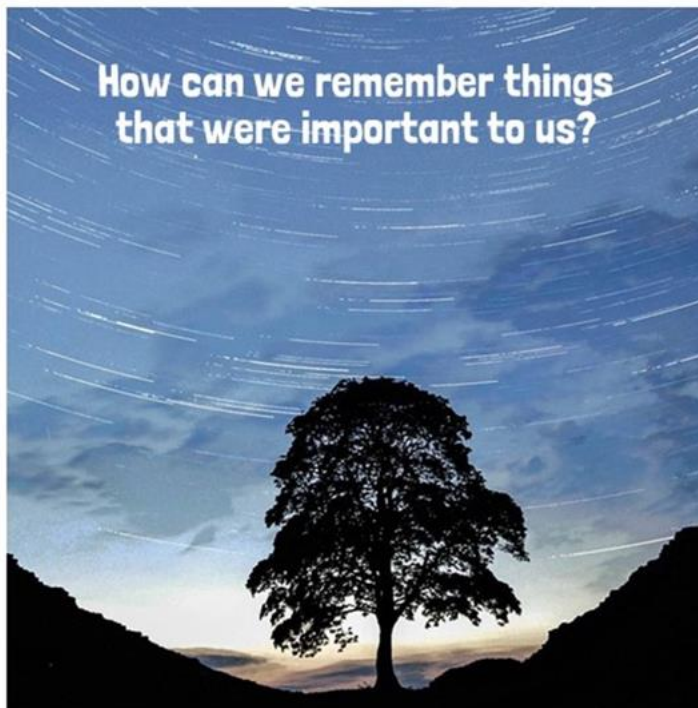
Is My Child Too Ill for School?: As winter is approaching there are the usual colds and illnesses circulating. Parents may find this NHS page [Is my child too ill for school?](#) useful.

Attached or Linked with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Supporting Children to Deal with Upsetting Content
- St Mary's Church Bulletin
- Barnsley Museums – Half Term Activities
- Stocksbridge Library – Half Term Fun
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Halloween Skate
- Bolsterstone Archaeology and Heritage Group Activity Day

Picture News...

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



In the news this week

The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28th September and was discovered by walkers the next morning. The National Trust said it was 'shocked and saddened' by the felling of the tree, which won English Tree of the Year in 2016.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Is there a place in your local area that is very special to you? What is it that makes it special?
- How do you think the people living close to Sycamore Gap will be feeling? How do you believe the legacy of the tree could be remembered?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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