

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024



Upcoming Events...

Monday 22 nd January (1:45pm)	Parent/Carer Report Card Consultation Meeting
Tuesday 23 rd January (3:30 – 5:30pm)	Parents' Evening (Information to follow next week)
Wednesday 24 th January (3:30 – 5:30pm)	Parents' Evening (Information to follow next week)
Friday 26 th January (9:30am)	SAFFA Meeting at School
Wednesday 31 st January (8:50am)	Reception/Year 1 Celebration of the Word: Local Church

Proud to be Me...

NEW START: "After meeting Jesus, the two disciples immediately noticed something new in their hearts." Pope Francis "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." St Teresa of Calcutta
As we begin this new year, are there any new starts that we can make with our family, friends or with God? Perhaps we can: always try to help around the home before having to be asked; remember to start each morning with a prayer and thank God for each new day and for each other; make a new start with church; be peacemakers and try to make friends with someone we've fallen out with. You may like to choose something new to start together that will strengthen your family.

Reception	Dylan	For showing determination in our writing lessons week
Year 1	Shay	For persisting in her maths work this week, to use the phrase - If I know Then I know to explain her findings.
Year2	Jessica	What a fantastic first week back! Jessica has worked hard in maths when representing arrays, contributed brilliantly in English and produced some lovely sentences and had some thoughtful contributions in RE, well done!
Year 3	Laylah	Laylah has had a spectacular first week back. She has worked really hard with her multiplication and division skills in our maths investigation, and in Geography she carefully labelled a map identify the continents, oceans, equator and the Arctic and Antarctic circle. Well done Laylah.
Year 4	Melchi	Melchi has returned to school with a superb attitude. He has been trying really hard with all his learning and he confidently presented a persuasive argument about the 'Best Year ¼ Water Bottle'.
Year 5	Joshua R	Joshua has tried really hard with his learning this week. He has shown a real commitment to his learning and has made meaningful contributions in our RE Lesson.
Year 6	Charlie	Charlie has had a great week. He is making excellent progress in his learning and always gives 100% to everything he tries. He has written some excellent poetry and should be very proud!

P.E: Eleni – following instructions really well participating in every dance trying his best. Tinashe – great co-ordination during street dance, copying visual cues very well. Savannah – fantastic agility and teamwork and for a fabulous effort within his group work this week. Zak- Very Good listening and gymnastic shapes. Nancy- Fantastic ability in gymnastics. Charlie - Really good at Counter balances with partners. Evelyn- Fantastic skills in gymnastics doing some amazing group and partner work.

Spanish Awards: Emberlee showed fantastic enthusiasm in Spanish this week. Bobi joined in brilliantly with our new topic of minibests in Spanish. Lottie tried really hard learning our new woodland animals in Spanish. Esme H showed great enthusiasm in Spanish this week and was really helpful to her classmates. Emily worked really well, as she always does, with our Spanish work on the 'spooky house.'

Bronze Awards: Well done Aleston for earning 100 Monster Effort Points

Silver Awards: Well done Josh Hic' and Sofi for earning 200 Monster Effort Points.

Happy Birthday Melchi

Attendance: Year 5/6 with 97%

Plugs for Parents...

Parent/Carer Report Card Consultation Meeting 22.01.24: Our school is taking part in a trial which is being led by Learn Sheffield. We are testing whether school 'report cards' would be useful. We are wondering whether a report card could provide better quality information about a school. A group of schools has been meeting to design a test version and we are interested in feedback from parents and carers across the city to help us to make this better. Steve Davies, CEO of St Clare multi academy trust would like to meet with a number of our parents to discuss the possible implementation of 'report cards'. This would be an informal meeting/chat taking place on Monday 22nd January at 1.45pm in the school hall.

Punctuality: We are getting an increasing number of children arriving late every morning. Between 8:40am – 9am there is a steady stream of late arrivals coming in to School which causes disruption in the classrooms and interrupts learning. Please could parents/carers have a push for punctuality and arrive at School for 8:30am.

Reception/Year 1 Celebration of the Word: Local Church 31.01.24: Family and friends are invited to join us for this service of the word.

Y5/6 Willersley Castle Residential: A quick reminder that the eighth instalment was due on 1st January. Please visit [ParentPay](#) to make prompt payment.

Y3/4 Thornbridge Residential: The final instalment for this Residential was due on 1st January. Please complete the payment using [ParentPay](#).

Water Safety Advice: Attached you will find a South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue poster reminding us of the dangers of ice. We urge parents to discuss with their children the importance of staying off the ice as we head into a much colder spell of weather. Ice can seem to children like an invitation to have fun, but it can also quickly lead to life threatening situations and drowning.

National Online Safety: Freedom of expression is enshrined in international law. Some individuals, however, misunderstand the right to share their opinions as a license to target others with the most horrendous prejudice. So how do we balance people's prerogative to have their voice heard against everyone's right to live in a respectful, inclusive society? This conflict frequently unfolds in the digital world. Online posters can be falsely accused of hate speech, while actual hate is often defended as merely being 'free speech'. To help children and young people learn to identify the boundaries and recognise genuine hate speech when they see it, our [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide provides some helpful definitions and guidelines

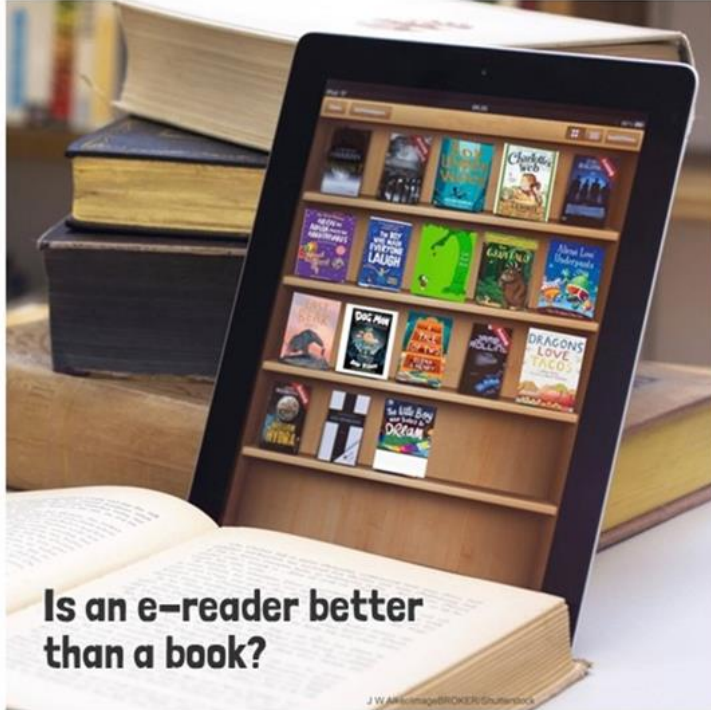
Attached or Linked with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Children & Young People Need to Know about Free Speech vs Hate Speech
- St Mary's Church and St Ann's Church Bulletin
- Dolce Theme Day Menu for Thursday 18th January
- Sheffield Parent Hub – What's On Guide
- [Wednesday Word](#)

Picture News...

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

TAKEHOME



Is an e-reader better than a book?

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In the news this week

A study from the University of Valencia, in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading, for example, on an e-reader or tablet. The study, published in the Review of Educational Research, also found that while there is a negative relationship between digital reading and comprehension for primary school pupils, the relationship turns positive for secondary school-aged pupils.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you enjoy reading? If so, what type of books?
- > Talk to someone at home about the types of books they like to read.
- > Do you think you would prefer to read printed books, or books on an e-reader?
- > Do you think that one day, e-readers will replace books?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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