

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024



## Upcoming Events...

Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January (8:50am)	Reception/Year 1 Celebration of the Word: Local Church
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February (3pm)	Break up for February Half Term Holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February (8:30am)	Return to School
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 Young Voices
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3/4s First Swimming Lesson
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February (8:50am)	Whole School Celebration of the Word: Lent
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February (6:00pm)	SAFFA Online Meeting (link to be sent out nearer the time)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Photo

## Proud to be Me...

*TEACHER: "The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love." Pope Francis. "Let us thank all t those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life." Pope Francis. Each of you choose someone who teaches you good and right things, and say a prayer for them. How can we show our appreciation to all those who teach us at home, school or in the community? Perhaps we can: be a good learner by really listening to what they have to say; do the good and right things they have taught us; let them know that we have said a prayer for them; make them a 'thank-you' card or simply thank them for being a good teacher.*

Reception	Margot	Margot has shown perseverance in maths this week and has begun to share her mathematical knowledge with her friends during our maths meetings. Well done Margot!
Year 1	Henry H	For showing commitment, determination and resilience in all his work. Well done Henry.
Year 2	Teegan	Teegan has worked incredibly hard in English this week, she has produced some fantastic sentences, full of descriptive language, well done!
Year 3	Juno	Juno has had a wonderful week, and she has spoken clearly and articulately to demonstrate her mathematical thinking to the rest of the class.
Year 4	Leo	Leo has been on fire this week! He has been eager to share his knowledge and understanding across all our learning and ask meaningful questions to clarify his understanding.
Year 5	Ffion	Ffion has had a great week. She has tried her absolute best in all of her lessons and has put so much effort into her poetry. She always arrives at school with a happy, positive attitude and a smile on her face!
Year 6	Violet	Violet has worked so hard in school this week. She has dedicated herself to her maths learning and has been eager to take on new challenges and share her thinking with the class. Well done, Violet.

**P.E:** Aiydhen for great hand eye coordination when hitting the ball in tennis. Tinashe for her perseverance and determination when she found things a little tricky during our tennis session. Elma showed some excellent hand eye coordination and scored lots of points with her partner. Kaidan-Really good today, work learning forward rolls. Juno- Impressive skills in backward and forward rolls. Joe J -Impressed with their knowledge of shapes. Francesca - Headstands, Rolls and Cartwheels, she really shows off her fantastic ability in gymnastics.

**Spanish Awards:** Daniel has been fantastic in Spanish, repeating the Spanish colours. Tinashe demonstrated super counting in Spanish this week. Savannah did lovely work practicing the woodland creatures in Spanish. Myah G tried really hard with animals and numbers together. Francesca, as always, worked beautifully in Spanish. Fantastic!

**Music Awards:** Beatrix for her fantastic instrument playing this week. Eden for her super controlled instrument playing. Darla for her amazing rhythm work this week. Esme Henshaw for her enthusiasm in our Young Voices singing lesson this week. Francesca for her super work over the last two weeks in our George Gershwin lessons.

**Bronze Awards:** Well done Emberlee for earning 100 Monster Effort Points

**Silver Awards:** Well done Seb L, Maya J, Nancy, Edna, Hermione, Myah G and Henry H for earning 200 Monster Effort Points.

**Happy Birthday** Leo, Marcus and Marshall

**House of the Week:** St Teresa's with 448 points

**Attendance:** Year 5/6 with 99.2%

## Plugs for Parents...

**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.

**Young Voices 20.02.24:** We will send out more information nearer the time. For anyone who has bought audience tickets, we will hand these out as soon as they arrive.

**Y3/4 Swimming Lesson:** Starting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Y3/4 will be having weekly swimming lessons. For full details, please see the letter that was emailed out to parents/carers this week.

**Whole School Celebration of the Word: Lent 21.02.24:** Family and friends are welcome to join us for this *Celebration of the Word*.

**Whole School Photo 27.02.24:** On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, St Ann's School will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will let you know a bit more about what we have planned nearer the time, however, on the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> February we will be having a whole school photograph taken in preparation for the Anniversary celebrations. Please could all children come to school wearing their burgundy school jumper (since it will be Y3/4's PE day, they will need to wear their burgundy PE hoodie).

**Y5/6 Willersley Castle Residential:** A quick reminder that the ninth instalment will be due on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please visit [ParentPay](#) to make prompt payment any time.

**KS1 Notice:** Please can Reception/Y1 and Y2 children stop bringing toys from home into school. They are getting lost and broken and often cause arguments. Keep them safe at home - thank you.

**Piano/Ukulele/Trumpet Lessons:** Just a quick reminder that fees are due by 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Payment details can be found on the invoice you will have received from Mrs Fitzpatrick.

**National Online Safety:** Teenagers' blossoming interest in romantic relationships and their devotion to online networking is a potent combination – and, regrettably, not always a safe one. It raises all kind of worries about the possibility of sharing intimate images or deeply personal information; and that's simply with contacts their own age – to say nothing of the chance of connecting with an older stranger. MyLOL – a site which specifically facilitates interaction between 13 to 19-year-olds – has amassed around a million users worldwide, but sadly its safeguarding protocols can't match that level of success. The ease with which an adult could pose as a teen under a bogus birthdate makes grooming a realistic threat – and that's far from the platform's only risk, as our guide explains.

**First Holy Communion 2024:** Parents of children who are at least 8 years old this academic year and wish to make their First Holy Communion are invited to contact Fr Desmond at [office@tpicr.co.uk](mailto:office@tpicr.co.uk) or ring 01709 363753. Enrolment for the course will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at St Ann's Church, Deepcar at 4:30pm. After this, the sessions will be held on Sundays at St Mary's Church in Penistone after the 10am mass and repeated the same day at St Ann's Church at 4:30pm.

**St Ann's KS1 Playground Area:** Please could we politely reinforce that parents/carers do not allow their pre-school toddlers to use the KS1 playground area and equipment whilst they are waiting to collect their children from School. This area is closely monitored by St Ann's staff when school children are using it, but we cannot take responsibility for pre-schoolers using the equipment, even under the supervision of a parent/carer, thank you.

## Attached or Linked with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents and Carers Need to Know about MyLOL
- St Mary's Church and St Ann's Church Bulletin
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#) – January 2024
- Hallam Diocese – Wellbeing for Men Group
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – February Half Term Ultimate Activity Camp
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Table Top Sale

## Picture News...

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



**Is fashion important?**

## In the news this week

A new BBC television programme, called Style It Out, gives nine young promising fashion designers from all over the UK the chance to compete in designing different outfits. The winner will have their clothes showcased at London Fashion Week. The main focuses of the challenge are creativity and sustainability, with the contestants having to use second-hand materials. As people's awareness of the impact of fast fashion increases, sustainable clothing is becoming more at the forefront of shoppers' minds.

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

- > Can you remember the last item of clothing you bought or were given? Where was it from and what was it for?
- > What does 'being fashionable' mean to you? Is it important to you? Talk to others at home.
- > What do you do with the clothes that you no longer need or that no longer fit?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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