

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024



## Upcoming Events...

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March (8:50am)	Year 5/6 Celebration of the Word: Eucharist
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March (9:30am)	SAFFA Meeting at School
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Vision Screening
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March (8:50am)	Holy Week - R/Y1 Celebration of the Word: Palm Sunday
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March (8:50am)	Holy Week - Y2 Celebration of the Word: Last Supper
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March (8:50am)	Holy Week - Y3/4 Celebration of the Word: Garden of Gethsemane
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March (2:00pm)	Holy Week - Y5/6 Celebration of the Word: Stations of the Cross
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March (3:00pm)	School breaks up for the Easter holidays
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April (8:30am)	Return to School
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April (1:30pm)	Easter Bonnet Parade and Afternoon Tea
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April (6:00pm)	SAFFA Online Meeting (Link to follow nearer the time)

**Proud to be Me...** *GIVING: "Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us." St Teresa of Calcutta* *It is in giving that we receive." St Francis of Assisi*

Reception Year 1	Ruby Eden	For joining in and trying hard at the gymnastics festival this week. For sharing her encouraging words with friends
Year 2	Skyla	when working together to create their potato characters during World Book day. Skyla has been a reading superstar this week! She has been working incredibly hard applying her phonics knowledge and has read some really tricky words, well done Skyla!
Year 3	Vincent	Vincent has had a superb week! He has shown determination, concentration and enthusiasm in all our tasks from creating potato dragons to identifying equivalent fractions. Well done Vincent!
Year 4	Hermione	Hermione has been a wonderful example of a St Ann's pupil this week. She has shown kindness and compassion to her friends and has shown focus in her learning.
Year 5	Francesca	Francesca has shown a secure understanding of how to add, subtract and multiply fractions. She has shared her reasoning with the class and has really blossomed in confidence in her maths ability. Well done!
Year 6	Amelia	For making a big effort in her learning, particularly her maths, this week. Amelia has worked really hard and has been keen to share her ideas with the class. Well done Amelia!

**P.E:** Nancy D Wow! What a lesson, she demonstrated some fantastic rallies and answered Paul's questions very well! Seb J - Really impressed, first minute to the last he was 100% involved in working with Oliver and really good at listening. Max F A lot better in rallies this week, and showed more control. Esme Rey' Impressed with her enthusiasm when working with Nathan L doing rallies. She took real care with her speed of shots.

**Music Awards:** Elma for her great music reading and xylophone playing. All Year 3/4 for their super African drumming this week. All year 5 / 6 for their great notation writing / reading and xylophone / ostinato performances.

**Spanish Awards:** Melchi for some super ideas during our World Book Day Spanish lesson.

**Happy Birthday** Francesca

**Swimmer of the Week:** Laylah

**Silver Awards** go to Noah, Vincent and Laylah for earning 200 Monster Effort points.

**Gold Awards** go to Hermione for earning 300 Monster Effort points.

## Plugs for Parents...

**British Science Week:** To mark the start of Science week the whole school will be taking part in a live assembly being broadcast on Friday 8th March (9.30am - 10am), live streamed from the Royal Observatory exploring the origins of telling time, and the evolution of time-telling instruments. Children will find out what solutions inventors and innovators of the past came up with to measure time, help navigators at sea, and standardise time – ensuring people in and across communities were using the same or similar time. Therefore, on this date we will not be holding our PTBM assembly that morning. The children will receive their certificate the following Monday after the Gospel assembly

**Year 5/6 Celebration of the Word: Eucharist 13.03.24:** Family and friends are welcome to join us for this Celebration of the Word.

**Red Nose Day 15.03.24:** We are not selling red noses at School; however, children are welcome to come to school with their red noses and non-uniform dressed in something red. As a forfeit, we are asking for £1 to go towards Comic Relief. Don't forget to donate to our [Comic Relief fundraising page](#) here.

**Y5/6 Willersley Castle Residential:** Payment in full should have been made now. If you haven't yet paid the total cost of the Residential, please visit [ParentPay](#) to make prompt payment, thank you.

**SAFFA Meeting at School 15.03.24:** Parents and carers are invited to come along to this meeting after the *Proud to be Me* assembly.

**Reception Class Vision Screening 18.03.24:** The School Vision Screening Team will be visiting to routinely check all of our Reception children's vision. For more information see the [NHS Vision Screening parent leaflet](#).

**Holy Week:** Family and friends are welcome to join us for these celebrations of the word as each class celebrate Holy Week.

**Easter Bonnet Parade and Afternoon Tea 15.04.23:** We hope that over the Easter break your children will enjoy being creative and make their own Easter Bonnet to be exhibited and judged by the Mayor of Stocksbridge at our Easter Bonnet Parade. There are chocolatey prizes in store for everyone participating including the overall winner's prize! – Everyone is welcome to come and sample the Afternoon Tea at 1:30pm which will be hosted by SAFFA, followed by the parade at 2pm.

**National Online Safety:** For many companies who operate in the online space, attention and engagement are the holy grail. Social media sites in particular make deliberate creative choices to keep people scrolling, reading, watching and clicking. This phenomenon is known as 'persuasive design' and it's being employed in the vast majority of the digital world's most popular destinations. A study by the charity 5Rights Foundation concluded that "...the brain's response to rewards and punishments can be leveraged through persuasive design to keep children online." To tie in with Safer Internet Day 2024, our #WakeUpWednesday guide can help to educate youngsters on the effects of persuasive design – and suggests ways to insulate themselves from its influence.

**Teddy Bear Donations:** If anyone has any Teddy Bears in good condition for a SAFFA teddy tombola at the Summer Gala, please bring them in to School any time.

**Sponsored Sky Dive:** Don't forget to call in to the School Office to collect a sponsor form for SAFFA's sponsored sky dive! Alternatively, you can support this fundraising event by sending money into School in a sealed envelope labelled 'sky dive'. SAFFA's are aiming to raise £9000 for new iPads to benefit all the children at St Ann's and this skydive will kickstart this fundraising initiative!

**Head Lice in School!** Please regularly checking your child's hair, and treat where necessary, as this does stop the spread of head lice in our classrooms. Free treatment is available from most pharmacies under [the minor ailments scheme](#).

**Stocksbridge Scouts Food Drive:** We would like to help support Stocksbridge Scouts Food Drive by inviting families to donate non-perishable goods to the cause. Please see the attached poster. We have two weeks to collect items, so please bring in any items before 22nd March, thank you.

## Attached or Linked with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Persuasive Design Online
- St Mary's Church and St Ann's Church Bulletin
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#) – March 2024
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Easter Fayre
- Sky Dive Sponsor Form
- NCT Nearly New Sale

## Picture News...

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



### Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



## In the news this week

Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways of introducing the ban. These include an order to leave all phones at home, handing them in on arrival, keeping them in inaccessible lockers or allowing pupils to keep them, on the condition they are not used or heard.

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

- > Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- > Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in secondary school classrooms?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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