

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024



Upcoming Events...

Monday 18 th March	Reception Class Vision Screening
Monday 25 th March (8:50am)	Holy Week - R/Y1 Celebration of the Word: Palm Sunday
Tuesday 26 th March (8:50am)	Holy Week - Y2 Celebration of the Word: Last Supper
Wednesday 27 th March (8:50am)	Holy Week - Y3/4 Celebration of the Word: Garden of Gethsemane
Wednesday 27 th March (2:00pm)	Year 5/6 Willersley Castle Residential Information Meeting
Thursday 28 th March (2:00pm)	Holy Week - Y5/6 Celebration of the Word: Stations of the Cross
Thursday 28 th March (3:00pm)	School breaks up for the Easter holidays
Monday 15 th April (8:30am)	Return to School
Monday 15 th April (1:30pm)	Easter Bonnet Parade and Afternoon Tea
Thursday 18 th April (6:00pm)	SAFFA Online Meeting (Link to follow nearer the time)
Tuesday 23 rd April (3:15pm – 5:15pm)	Parents' Evening (Information to follow)
Wednesday 24 th April (3:15pm – 5:15pm)	Parents' Evening (Information to follow)

Proud to be Me... *FOLLOW: "Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus." Pope Francis. "Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds." Pope Francis. We can follow Jesus in the simple things we do in our lives every day, and make life better for all the family and everyone around us. In this coming week, how can we follow Jesus, even in little ways? Perhaps you can: be a good listener if someone is sad and wants to share their problems with you; find regular time to pray for others; be kind and generous; go out of your way to support anyone who needs your help.*

Reception Year 1	Margot Taylor- May	For always being positive and trying really hard with her learning. Well done, Margot! For always doing good listening and working hard during all of our learning. Well done Taylor-May!
Year 2	Lottie	Lottie has worked really hard with her English and has produced a fantastic biography! Lottie contributes brilliantly in class and is such a kind and thoughtful person, always looking out for her classmates and offering to help others.
Year 3	Kaidan	Kaidan has produced some wonderful ideas in our English lessons about the Princess and the Pea and in science has been a super partner by sharing ideas about how to keep our bodies healthy.
Year 4	Myah G	Myah has worked incredibly hard this week and has really impressed me with her attitude and enthusiasm to read aloud to the class and learning our new songs.
Year 5	Liliana	For trying really hard with her maths work this week. Liliana has been putting her hand up and offering her answers in class which is great!
Year 6	Max	Max has had a great week. He has engaged with all of his lessons and has shown excellent prediction making skills in Reading. Max always has an interesting prediction of what might happen next!

P.E: Juno - Paul picked Juno due to hear fantastic listening and real good ability to keep a rally! Kaidan -Really impressive in terms of ability to get in starting position and fast feet! Dottie - always gives 100% and took a bump to head but still joined back in for the rally's! Charlie -Really concentrates on the details from Paul and try's his best to show his control in his shot selection.

Music Awards: Isla Higgins for her super group and solo singing. Thea for her great notation reading and writing this week. William for his great African drumming skills. Evelyn for her super notation reading and writing this week

Spanish Awards: Eleni, for listening beautifully joining in with the Spanish numbers so well. Isla H was superb in Spanish today joining in with all the actions and completing a fantastic piece of work. Elma was fantastic recalling her Spanish numbers. Imogen tried superbly with her Spanish conversation writing. Max completed the extra challenge in Spanish and was great during all the activities.

Happy Birthday Imogen and Darla

Swimmer of the Week: Vincent

House of the Week: St Gregory's with 321 points

Plugs for Parents...

Y5/6 Willersley Castle Residential: Payment in full should have been made now on [ParentPay](#). Also, please find and complete the Willersley Information Form (sent to parents/carers via email) as soon as possible.

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 buns/biscuits, tea and coffee at 1:30pm which will be hosted by SAFFA, followed by the parade at 2pm.

National Online Safety: Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app through which users can chat with friends via text or audio. Images and videos can be shared with specific friends, or as a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) which is visible to a person's entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose significantly during the lockdown periods, with many young people utilising it to stay connected with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivalling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram. In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as sexting, visible location and contact from strangers.

Sponsored Sky Dive: It is so easy to support this! Just use this [SAFFA SumUp link](#) to donate. 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 one week left to collect items and currently St Ann's are No2 in the running out of all six Schools. Please bring in any items before 22nd March, thank you.

Paracetamol: We have noticed an increase in parents giving their children Calpol even when the child is not exhibiting any signs of discomfort or illness or at the most minor complaint. Sometimes children seem to be given these medications routinely rather than as a response to needs. Unless your child has a temperature (38C or more), significant pain, or other clear signs of discomfort or illness warranting medication, there is no valid reason to give paracetamol prophylactically. Please visit this [NHS Fever in Children](#) website and this [NHS Medicines for Children and Babies](#) website for information; its opening paragraph states 'Medicines are not always needed for minor illnesses like coughs and colds in children'. Please consider questioning 'does my child really need Calpol?' before administering. If we feel your child will benefit from Calpol we will call you.

Attached or Linked with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents and Carers Need to Know about SnapChat
- St Mary's Church and St Ann's Church Bulletin
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#) – March2024
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Easter Fayre
- Sky Dive Sponsor Form
- Stocksbridge Library Easter Activities
- Sheffield United Easter Football Camps at Graves Health and Sports Centre (see attached poster):
 - [Week 1 Booking Form](#)
 - [Week 2 Booking Form](#)
 - [Girls Only Week 1 Booking Form](#)
 - [Girls Only Week 2 Booking Form](#)

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

TAKEHOME

11 - 17 March



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

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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