

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024



Upcoming Events...

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
Wednesday 24 th April (3:15pm – 5:15pm)	Parents' Evening

Proud to be Me... *PRAISE: "God is full of love: to him be praise forever!" Pope Francis. "Praise God always, no matter the time of day." St Benedict. In this Sunday's Gospel, the people praised Jesus. There are many things for which we can praise God (e.g. a loving family, good friends, caring teachers and for always having a good friend – Jesus – who loves us and never forgets us). Praising God brings happiness; it's what we were made for. How can we praise God this week? Perhaps we can: think of all the good things that we have received from God (like the beauty of nature and all creation, for our homes and for each other) and say a quiet prayer of thanks and praise; regularly pray the 'Glory Be'*

Reception	Margot	For working hard on her dinosaur fact file, and making sure she has included capital letters finger spaces and full stops.
Year 1	Avayah	For showing determination in her phonics work this week, especially when looking out for those split digraphs Well Done Avayah!
Year 2	Elma	Elma always works extremely hard and has shown great determination during the maths this week when identifying quantities of fractions!
Year 3	Laylah	Laylah has shown real enthusiasm and resilience with her reading this week and has really impressed all the adults in year 3.
Year 4	Edna	Edna has been a pleasure to teach all year. She is inquisitive, kind and helpful. For science week, year 3/4 investigated the digestive system and despite not wanting to touch the squashed banana, crackers, grapes and orange juice combination she worked really hard with her group.
Year 5	Evelyn	Evelyn has been a super star this week. She has shown excellent behaviour in every single lesson, contributing answers and listening carefully to the teaching. She has produced some excellent work on the Nowhere Emporium and has read with fluency and confidence. Well done.
Year 6	Frankie	Frankie has worked really hard this week. She has had a brilliant attitude to her learning and has really impressed me, particularly in reading, where she has shown a real improvement in her ability to find and retrieve relevant information!

P.E: Marcus for showing great football skills, but also really helping his team mates with demonstrations. Evie was amazing at football, she always surprises Coach Jake with her football skills showing fantastic control over the ball. Elma had another super PE lesson. She has consistently been a fantastic member of the class and is always so kind and supportive to her class mates. Erin – Paul, the tennis coach, picked Erin due to her fantastic listening and never give in attitude. Oliver - Really impressive in terms of ability to continuing a rally! Amelia - really did give 100% and showed real good rallying skills. Jensen- Really concentrated today and showed his best to show his control in his shot selection.

Music Awards: Eleni for her super singing this week. Shay for her great percussion work this week. Elma showed that she is a super musician again this week with her great xylophone playing. Edna showed her versatile music skills this week by her super African Call and Response singing and drumming. Amelia and Matilda for great work on composing and performing their witches spell motif.

Spanish Awards: Jacob for joining in so well with Spanish this week. Eden for her lovely Spanish dinosaur. Thea always show great enthusiasm in Spanish and was really helpful this week. Carter for super work writing our rainbow sentences. Esme for super sentences describing clothes in Spanish.

Proud to be Me Continued...

Happy Birthday Henry H and Dottie

Swimmers of the Week: Myah and Juno

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

Walking Challenge Isla C, Dottie, Max, Sofi, Josh C, Francesca, Joe, Wilf, Emily, Zara, Daisy & Edith

Bronze Award goes to Emily for earning 100 Monster Effort Points – Well done!

Silver Awards go to Aida, Beatrix, Bobi, Chase, Daniel, Dougie Dylan, Eden, Evie, Gabriel, Jacob, Zach, Marcu,s Margot, Rosalie, Tinashe, Louie and Lucy for earning 200 Monster Effort Points – Well done!

Gold Award goes to Max for earning 300 Monster Effort Points – Well done!

Platinum Award goes to Francesca for earning 400 Monster Effort Points – Well done!

Attendance: Reception Class with 98.9%

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.

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: For children and young people, low-quality sleep can become a serious issue. It has been theorised that poor sleep can have a significant impact on children's brain development, affecting them for the rest of their lives. A healthy – and consistent – sleeping pattern, therefore, is incredibly important for children and young people's wellbeing. With the stresses and distractions that can present themselves to youngsters, it can be tricky to ensure they're in the best mindset to wind down in the evenings for the rejuvenating rest that they need. The right approach, however, can give them a better chance of cultivating a healthy sleeping pattern. Our guide has some practical tips on helping them to achieve exactly that.

Sponsored Sky Dive: Mel's skydive has been cancelled tomorrow due to strong winds. She is really disappointed, but determined to do it; it has been rescheduled for 8th June... so we have plenty of time to support Mel with her fundraising. It is so easy to support this! Just use this [SAFFA SumUp link](#) to donate.

Piano/Ukulele/Trumpet Lessons: Just a quick reminder that fees are due today. Payment details can be found on the invoice you will have received from Mrs Fitzpatrick.

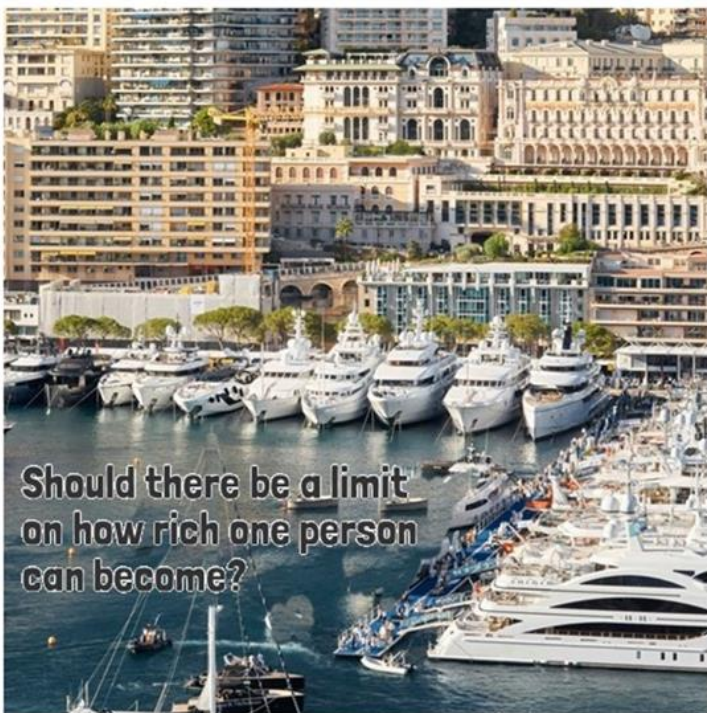
Healthy Snacks: If your child brings snacks into School for break times, please remember that these need to be healthy choices – thank you.

Attached or Linked with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators: Developing Healthy Sleep Patterns
- St Mary's Church and St Ann's Church Bulletin
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#) – March2024
- Looking for Support with Childcare Costs? – Help For Households Poster
- Easter Holiday activities at Barnsley Museums
- Sheffield Family Hubs – Coffee Mornings
- [Trans Pennine Trail Easter Activity Pack](#)

Picture News...

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



Should there be a limit on how rich one person can become?

In the news this week

Poverty-fighting charity, Oxfam, recently released a new report on inequality and global corporate power. It found that the world's five richest people have more than doubled their fortunes from a combined total of £321 billion to £688 billion since 2020. The wealth of the poorest 60% (nearly five billion people) has fallen. If this trend continues, the world will have its first trillionaire within 10 years, whilst poverty may not be eradicated for another nearly 230 years.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on this week's story. Are you surprised to learn that there will likely be a trillionaire within ten years?
- Can you name any billionaires? Do you know how they acquired their money?
- Do you think more should be done e.g., by governments, to reduce the gap between the world's richest and poorest people?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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