

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024



Upcoming Events...

Friday 4 th October	Sponsored Walk (Information to follow)
Monday 7 th October (3:30pm – 5:00pm)	Meet the Teacher Drop-In
Friday 11 th October (9:30am)	SAFFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Proud to be Me: *JESUS: "Jesus is not a figure from the past: he continues now and always to light the way for us." Pope Francis. Each of you choose something to do at home or at school to be more like Jesus for each other throughout this new school year. Perhaps you can: try to be patient with others; be a good listener if someone is sad and wants to share their problems with you; be more generous and loving; forgive others; find regular time to pray for guidance, remembering to ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?" and then try to do the same ourselves.*

Reception	Israel	Israel made some excellent contributions to our RE and RSE lessons this week. He happily shared his knowledge of the creation story with the class, listened attentively and patiently, answering questions with confidence. Well done Israel!
Year 1	Marcus	Marcus has made a fantastic start to the new school year. He has been an excellent role model to his peers by listening carefully, being thoughtful, patient and kind. Well done Marcus!
Year 2	Declan	Declan has worked incredibly hard this week in all lessons. He has had such a positive attitude and shown great determination, especially with his writing. Well done, Declan!
Year 3	Teegan	Teegan for communicating her ideas with the adults and being a fantastic reading partner.
Year 4	Zak	Zak for trying really hard with his learning. All week, he has demonstrated maturity, confidence and an eager to learn attitude.
Year 5	Melchi	Melchi has had a great week. He has worked so hard in maths, both independently and in group work. Well done, Melchi!
Year 6	Matilda	Matilda has made a brilliant start to Y6. She has tried her hardest in all lessons and has set an excellent example with her behaviour and attitude to learning!

P.E: Heidi N - Heidi was an absolute star today, she did so well at throwing and catching and even helped show the class how to do it. Well done! Daniel - A brilliant effort from Daniel today, he worked so well with Gabriel and was by far one of the best at catching. Shay & Lucy- Together were amazing today, they scored the most points in the throwing and catching game. A real Superstar! Well done!

Music: Charlotte for her super singing and instrument playing this week. Jacob for his super brass instrument work this week. Avayah for her super contributions this week to our sound effects lesson. Theodora and Juno for their super work this week in our Elvis Presley lesson. Liliana for her super contribution to our Indian music lesson.

Spanish: Eleni listened beautifully and was great at practising the name phrase in Spanish. Shay learnt the farm animals really quickly and participated really well. Laylah showed fantastic perseverance when something did not go quite right with her Spanish work. She tried the task again and completed it. Well done Laylah. Melchi showed off his knowledge of English to help others with their Spanish. Well done Melchi.

House of the Week: St Teresa's with 348 points

Attendance: Reception with 100%

Happy Birthday to Erin

Plugs for Parents...

Sponsored Walk 04.10.24: A hardcopy of the sponsor form and cover letter has been sent out, so please keep an eye out for it in your child's bag. The children have two weeks to get busy, asking family and friends to sponsor them on the walk and your support with this is greatly appreciated. Please bring the sponsor forms back to school w/c 30th September – thank you.

Plugs for Parents Continued...

PE Kit Policy Reminder: St Ann's PE kit consists of a white T-shirt, PE hoodie and black shorts/leggings or jogging bottoms – no short shorts (shorts need to be at a length just above the knee). No shorts over leggings or skins. Trainers can be of any kind or colour; however, they must not be football boots. Please make sure that long hair is tied back in a bobble. And earrings need to be removed before participating in PE. For our younger children in Reception/Year 1 and Year 2, they are unable to remove earrings themselves, so we suggest that earrings are taken out at home on PE days. Please could we also remind parents/carers that hooped earrings are not allowed in school at any time– please swap these for stud earrings instead. Our full [School Uniform Policy](#) can be found on our website.

Cashless Dolce: Just a quick reminder that from Monday, Dolce will no longer be accepting cash payments for school meals.

House Captains and Vice Captains: Congratulations to our House Captains and House Vice Captains, who gave fantastic nomination speeches and have been voted by the school to their positions. They are as follows - St Catherine's: Sofi (C) Francesca (VC) St Gregory's: Josh R (C) Max (VC) St Teresa's: Liliana (C) Joshua Co (VC) St Benedict's: Isla (C) Matilda (VC)

First Holy Communion: If you are interested in your child taking their First Holy Communion this academic year, please register your child's name [using this form](#).

National Online Safety: As children go through life, they will inevitably come into conflict sooner or later. These disagreements can range from seemingly minor squabbles to far more serious disputes, and dealing with them in an effective, mature manner is an absolutely vital skill – one that takes some time and effort to cultivate. In children and young people's formative years, it's incredibly important for parents and educators to know how to teach them conflict resolution, as well being able to model this skill effectively. This free guide offers expert advice on helping youngsters avoid unnecessary conflict and supporting them in finding solutions when clashes arise.

Other Items...

St Ann's Family and Friends Association (SAFFA): As you know, SAFFA has been an important part of St Ann's School for many years, providing funding for excursions and extracurricular events that would otherwise not have happened. With their funding SAFFA has relieved some of the costs otherwise incurred by parents and provided opportunities for us to get together as a school community. The small SAFFA team have been so very grateful for the help and support of other parents/carers over the years and people have always come forward to volunteer when they have needed help.

So, what's next for SAFFA? There is no script that SAFFA works to – each year is what the team makes it! This flexibility is an important part of making sure that SAFFA volunteers can work within their means. SAFFA are holding their AGM on Friday 11th October and are keen to recruit! Due to increasing commitments in other areas of life, the small group of SAFFA volunteers have less time this year to commit and are looking for new members to pick up the baton! The position of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer is open to anyone who would like to put themselves forward – and you are encouraged to do so! If you are hesitant because you are not sure what it entails or if you are interested in finding out more, please see Ashleigh or email her at saffapta@gmail.com. I will warn Ashleigh that she is about to be inundated with emails!

Asda's Cashpots for Schools: St Ann's is registered with Asda as one of the schools you can support. It's as easy as 1,2,3...

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Top Tips for Supporting Children to Manage Conflict Effectively
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#)
- Sheffield Attendance and Inclusion - Importance of School Attendance
- Sheffield Attendance and Inclusion - How to Save Money on Travel
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- [Pastoral Letter from Bishop Ralph](#)
- St Ann's Church & St Mary's Church Bulletins

Picture News...

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



How can photos shape the world?

In the news this week

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year shortlist has recently been announced, with just 100 photos left in the competition, following a record-breaking 59,228 entries! The winners will be revealed on 8th October and displayed in the Natural History Museum in London. To celebrate its Diamond Jubilee (60 years) this year, the competition has also introduced a new Impact Award to recognise conservation successes and stories of hope.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you think of any wider benefits of people learning about the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition?
- Do you enjoy photography? Do you prefer looking at or taking photos?
- Do you have a favourite photo? What is it of, and who took it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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