

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024



Upcoming Events...

Friday 4 th October	Sponsored Walk
Sunday 6 th October (5:30pm – 6:30pm)	Harvest Celebration Mass at St Ann's Church
Monday 7 th October (3:30pm onwards)	Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 9 th October (9:00am)	EYFS/KS1 Parents' Phonics/Early Reading Workshop
Friday 11 th October (9:30am)	SAFFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
W/c Monday 14 th October	Harvest Celebration Week - Archer Project Donations
Friday 18 th October (8:50am)	Harvest Festival Assembly
Friday 25 th October (3:00pm)	Break up for October Half Term Holiday

Proud to be Me: GOODNESS: *"God is good and all things that come from God are good." St Hildegard of Bingen. We can show our love for God through trying our best to grow in goodness. Each of you decide on a particular act of goodness which you will offer at home, at school or in the parish – to make life better for others this week. Perhaps you can: be more compassionate and caring. Why not make a phone call or send a message to someone who may be lonely. Don't forget, we can always ask God to help us to grow in goodness*

Reception	Annabella	For listening carefully and sharing her ideas with her friends when working together on the carpet to build a simple sentence and identified the nouns we have used in our sentence.
Year 1	Zach	Zach has made a brilliant start to Maths. He has tried his hardest in all lessons and has set an excellent example with his attitude to learning!
Year 2	Isla H	Isla has worked incredibly hard in maths, she has shown real focus and determination deriving facts when adding and subtracting multiples of ten, well done Isla!
Year 3	Skyla	Skyla has been a superstar this week. She has shown independence and resilience in the classroom, and she sang beautifully with joy in her heart during the Y3/4 celebration of the Word.
Year 4	Laylah	Laylah has produced some amazing ideas this week and has tried really hard with her writing. Well done Laylah.
Year 5	Seb L	Seb is a joy to have in the classroom. He always approaches every task with enthusiasm and has engaged brilliantly with our whole-class novel.
Year 6	Joshua C	Joshua has a brilliant attitude towards his learning and always leads by example with his excellent behaviour and engagement. Well done Josh!

P.E: Jacob D for trying hard with his throwing techniques. Beatrix a superstar as usual, impressing Coach Jake with her throwing and catching skills. Heidi G for her super teamwork and throwing and catching skills. Juno for her continuing efforts and good behaviour in PE. She's polite and listens to instructions well and can be trusted to just go and get on with the activity. Zach really got involved without distracting others and engaging with the lesson well. Imogen listens to instructions, gives everything a try and is willing to take feedback and improve herself and her skills within basketball. Dottie is always willing to help, she's polite, respectful during the lesson and always tries her best. I've seen a real difference in her confidence through the past few weeks.

Music: Sara for her super singing and actions this week. Rosalie for her great singing and super French horn work. Arie for his super work this week, answering questions and giving his instrumental ideas in our Radio Advert lesson. Erin for her great Call and Response singing this week in our lesson about Disco music. Joshua C and Matilda M for their super Indian instrument work with this week.

Spanish: Isabel tried really hard in Spanish this week, singing with such enthusiasm and listening beautifully. Arie was really careful writing the Spanish farm animal words and listened beautifully. Madison was so enthusiastic trying to sing our Spanish European Day of Languages song and doing the sign language too. Ffion always goes above and beyond in Spanish trying her best with presentation.

House of the Week: St Gregory's with 258 points

Attendance: Year 5/6 with 98.5%

Happy Birthday to Daniel, Thomas, Carter and Maya

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 one more week 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.

Harvest Celebration Mass at St Ann's Church 06.10.24: St Ann's Church, Deepcar, is holding a Harvest Celebration Mass on 6th October and we would like to invite our St Ann's School community to attend this Mass. Any children attending will be invited to be involved in the bidding prayers and singing. In order to be able to plan ahead, it would be helpful to know if your child will be attending this Mass and would like to get involved. If you are hoping to come, but are unsure about whether you will manage to make it or not, you can still let us know on the form below. Children will need to be at Church for 5:15pm ready for Mass to start at 5:30pm. Please complete [this short form](#) to let us know of your child's attendance.

Meet the Teacher 07.10.24: For parents of children entering a new class this year, there is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. This will not be a progress meeting; parents' evenings will take place in January to discuss progress. A booking form for *Meet the Teacher* has been emailed out to Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 parents/carers. Time slots will be allocated next week and an email confirmation sent out. Parents/carers of Reception Class children will have a *Teacher/Parent meeting* in lieu of *Meet the Teacher* (see below).

EYFS (Reception Class) Teacher/Parent Meetings: This year, Mrs Brotherton will meet with Reception Class parents/carers each week for a half hour meeting. Mrs Brotherton is able to meet with two parents/carers each week, so the invitations will be spread out over the course of this Term. Reception Class parents/carers will receive an email in due course, with an invitation to this Teacher/Parent meeting.

EYFS/KS1 Parents' Phonics/Early Reading Workshop 09.10.24: This Phonics/Early Reading Workshop will take place from 9am until 10am and is open to all parents/carers with children in EYFS/KS1. SAFFA have kindly said that they will provide tea and coffee in the Hall from 8:30am, so feel free to stop behind after *drop off* and grab a cuppa.

Harvest Celebration Week - Archer Project Donations 14.10.24: As part of our harvest celebrations we are starting to collect non-perishable food items, toiletries etc for our Harvest display and would appreciate any donations you can give. Please see the attached poster for a list of needed items. Please ignore the Harvest Appeal dates on the poster! Please drop off your donations any time in the School Office – thank you!

National Online Safety: QR codes are a useful means by which people can quickly access online resources and other information, simply by scanning the pixelated pattern with their phone's camera. Unfortunately, as with many other advances in technology, there are those who use QR codes to scam and defraud unsuspecting people, tricking them into providing their personal details and payment information. It can be difficult to determine when a QR code is legitimate – or where exactly you might encounter a scam of this nature – but it's important to learn how, if you wish to avoid falling victim to such a thing. This free guide explores the most common places you may find a QR code scam and explains how best to protect yourself from this underhanded practice.

Admissions Policy Consultation: We are consulting on our admissions arrangements for pupils applying for places in the year beginning September 2026. A copy of our draft arrangements and details about how you can share your views or questions can be found on our [school website](#).

Free School Meals: From September 2024, the Council have started using benefit information to see which families are entitled to FSM but don't currently claim. They are arranging the FSM application directly, however, individuals are still allowed to apply themselves. Please visit [Sheffield City Council's Free School Meals website](#) for more information.

Other Items...

Christmas Raffle: As stated below, SAFFA volunteers haven't got the time this year to commit to many of the regular tasks they would normally carry out. The Christmas raffle is one of those tasks and so, we are asking our wider community of parents/carers if they can help in one of two ways?

- Firstly, do you have any contacts that might be able to provide a raffle prize? Prizes need to be ready for raffle book printing on 15th November.
- Secondly, would anyone be willing to be this year's Raffle Coordinator? This prestigious voluntary role would consist seeking out raffle prizes by contacting businesses; keeping a list of all raffle prizes ready for creating the raffle books; processing the raffle books ready to hand out to parents/carers. Support will be provided.

Without this help, it is likely that the Christmas raffle will not go ahead, so if you can help, please do!

Penny Wars is Back! This will be an ongoing competition which will run until the end of the year. Children can place their coppers in their class's jar to gain points and place their silver coins in another class's jar to lower their total score. The winning class gets a movie afternoon with popcorn at the end of the year!

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 – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about QR-Code Scams
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#)
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- [Pastoral Letter from Bishop Ralph](#)
- St Ann's Church & St Mary's Church Bulletins
- Dolce – Theme Day Menu – Thursday 3rd October
- Sheffield Giants Taster Session

Picture News...

This is the question that we will be deliberating over the next two weeks:



Penguin Random House UK, Colin Wright

How important is it to know about the author behind the book?



Penguin Random House UK, Colin Wright

In the news this week

Book publishing company, Penguin Random House UK, has revealed a new book vending machine at Linlithgow Academy, near Edinburgh, Scotland. The machine gives the pupils access to more than seventy different books from Penguin's 'Lit in Colour' reading lists. The reading lists, set up around four years ago, are updated each year and aim to make works by writers of colour more visible and accessible in schools.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Would you like to see a book vending machine in school? Do you think it would be popular?
- > What types of books do you like to read, and who are some of your favourite authors? Ask others at home about their reading preferences.
- > Do you feel it's important to know about the author of a book you read? Is it important to you to read books by authors from different backgrounds and with different experiences? What do others at home think?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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