

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024



Upcoming Events...

Friday 25 th October (3:00pm)	Break up for October Half Term Holiday
Monday 4 th November	Return to School
Thursday 7 th November (7:00pm)	SAFFA Online Meeting (Link to be sent out closer to the date)
Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance Parade
Monday 11 th November (10:30am)	Y5/6 Celebration of the Word – Armistice Day
Thursday 14 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 15 th November	Reception & Y6 Height and Weight Measurement
Tuesday 19 th November	Individual School Photos

Proud to be Me: GREATNESS: *“Doing little things with a strong desire to please God makes them great.” St Francis de Sales. God is great and He made us to be great too. Through spending lots of his time serving others Jesus shows us the way to true greatness. Each of you share one thing about other family members which you think makes them great. Then choose a way in which you can be ‘great’ for each other this week. Perhaps you can: look for new ways to serve someone at home or at school; offer help at mealtimes, preparing the food and clearing up afterwards; avoid being bossy; resist pushing in and let others go first instead; give your time or money where needed.*

Reception	Miles	Miles has really impressed the adults in school this week. He has worked incredibly hard with his phonics, and has shown determination and resilience.
Year 1	Aida	Aida has had a great week. She has tried her best with all of her learning, and is always willing to share her interesting ideas with the class. She is a brilliant role model of kindness and positivity and she should be very proud!
Year 2	Eden	Eden has worked incredibly hard this week, she always has such a positive attitude to learning and approaches all tasks with enthusiasm and a smile on her face. Eden has produced some great writing this week, working hard to rhyme within her poem, well done!
Year 3	Darla	Darla has had another great week in school. She is always eager to share her ideas and is gaining confidence in receiving feedback to improve her work.
Year 4	Kaidan	Kaidan has had a wonderful week and is growing in confidence. He is showing real resilience with his writing and is working hard on re-reading and editing his work.
Year 5	Imogen	Imogen has had a great week. She has shown real understanding of a simple sentence and has been trying her best in all of her lessons. Well done Imogen!
Year 6	Dottie	Dottie has been a super star this half term. She has tried so hard in all of her lessons and has led by example with her outstanding behaviour in class. Well done Dottie!

P.E: Miles has had a great PE lesson this week he showed great passing skills. Isabel was amazing at shooting in basketball and used a great chest passing. Dougie has remembered everything we have learned, last week and used all the new techniques brilliantly.

Music: Reign super singing and instrument playing this week. Aida amazing composing this week inspired by Stravinsky's music 'The Firebird'. Dougie super contribution to our breakfast cereal advertisement work this week. Matilda C for her great rhythmic notation work this week. All Year 5/6 for their super performance of their Ravi Shanker inspired Indian piece this week.

Spanish: Louie tried really hard with the Spanish numbers this week. Well done Louie. Eden always tries really hard in Spanish with all the songs, the actions and the tasks. Emily always wants to know more in Spanish and always tries to make her work stand out. Fantastico!

Happy Birthday Reign, Zak and Harry

Plugs for Parents...

Remembrance Parade 10.11.24: Our School community are invited to meet on Johnson Street in Stocksbridge at 9:45am ready to march at 10am. The parade will follow the traditional route up to the clock tower. The service will commence at 10:45am at the clock tower, after which the parade will march to Fox Valley.

Y5/6 Celebration of the Word – Armistice Day 11.11.24: Family and Friends are invited to join us in the school Hall for this Celebration of the Word. There will be a two-minute silence at 11am.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations 14.11.24: An email has been sent out to all parents/carers with full details about this including our unique School Code. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the consent form so please complete the [nasal flu vaccine consent/decline form](#) even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination. For more information about the vaccination please visit the [NHS child vaccinations website](#).

Reception & Y6 Height and Weight Measurement 15.11.24: Each year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The checks are carried out by trained practitioners from Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust. For more information about this please visit the [National Child Measurement Programme website](#).

Individual School Photos 19.11.24: If you would like a photograph taking of your child with any siblings not attending St Ann's, please come to the School Hall between 8:25am and 8:45am. Photos of siblings within St Ann's will be taken during the school day. Year 3/4 have PE on Tuesdays and would normally come to School in their PE kit. If you would prefer for your child to have their photo taken in their formal uniform with tie, please send them to school wearing this, with their PE kit in a bag so that they can get changed at School.

National Online Safety: Talking about mental health to children is sometimes hard. To the point that we can put off raising the subject, not wanting to unearth problems or raise overwhelming subjects that we perceive our child is too young or not ready for. But rather than keeping children in the dark, this guide is designed to help you confidently talk about mental health, so they feel comfortable talking about their own worries and end any stigma before it begins. In the guide, you'll find tips such as talking about mental health naturally, being open and honest and asking twice.

Piano, Trumpet and Ukulele Lessons: Fees are now due to Mrs Fitzpatrick for all of these music lessons. Please make prompt payment, thank you.

Year 5/6 Walking Group Reminder: Please ensure your child has a change of boots/wellies for the walking group. The woodland we walk in is very muddy and the same footwear cannot be worn indoors that same day.

Reception Class ParentPay: Reception Class parents/carers should have received an *Activation* email from ParentPay. Please complete the activation of your account at your earliest convenience. All trips/milk etc will need to be paid for using ParentPay and this needs to be set up at your earliest convenience. If you have not received this email, please contact the office so that we can help – thank you.

Grown Out of It: St Ann's School have *Grown Out of It!* *Grown Out of It* is a website a bit like Vinted or ebay but for new or second-hand school uniform. The platform offers a sustainable alternative to the traditional school uniform purchasing process. By facilitating the buying and selling of second-hand uniforms, the website extends the lifespan of garments and reduces the demand for new ones. This not only helps families save money but also significantly reduces the carbon footprint associated with producing new uniforms.

The site allows parents to buy and sell between themselves. It helps parents get a return on uniform their own children have grown out of, but also really helps other parents grab bargain uniform items. So, if you have any uniform that still has plenty of wear left, please consider selling it on our St Ann's [Grown out Of It](#) page. We will keep the link on our weekly Newsletter so that parents shopping for uniform can take a look.

Sponsored Walk Fundraising: Thank you so much for the support the sponsored walk has received this year. There is still quite a bit of sponsor money outstanding. You can bring this in to School at any time. Any sponsorship money brought in before we break up for the October half term holiday will be included in the running for prizes.

Other Items Continued...

SAFFA Christmas Cards: SAFFA has rescheduled the Christmas Card design afternoon to Friday 25th October. They are meeting in the School Hall at 12:30pm to set up and children will join them in the afternoon to design their Christmas Card. If you are able to lend a hand, please email Ashleigh at saffapta@gmail.com or contact the school office.

Picture News...



In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has faced questioning and criticism recently for accepting free gifts. The Prime Minister has said he would continue to accept such gifts, despite the negative comments, stating that he is not doing anything wrong. Sir Keir, an Arsenal football fan, has also come under pressure for receiving thousands of pounds worth of football tickets. Although he is already an Arsenal season ticket holder, Sir Keir explained that security concerns mean he can no longer watch games from his usual seat in the stands.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you believe politicians should always be allowed to accept free gifts?
- Can you make a list of the different times you give people gifts, and times you receive them?
- Do you prefer to give or receive gifts? Ask your people at home what they think.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Mental Health Conversation Starters
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - October](#)
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- St Ann's Church & St Mary's Church Bulletins
- [Trans Pennine Trail Activity Pack](#)
- Kixx Free Taster Session at Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre
- St Ann's [Grown Out of It](#) page
- SCC Under 9s
- Barnsley Museums Posters