



St. Anne's Gazette

Free Prae Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8ET
Headteacher: Mrs L M Harris

September 2023

Dear Parents,

A welcome back to everyone from years 1-6 and a warm welcome to our wonderful reception classes and their families. We do hope you will be very happy within our St. Anne's family and we look forward to working with all families again this year.

We also welcome new staff - Mrs Yates (5F teacher), Ms Lomonaco (Reception LSA), Mr Smith (SCITT student), Mr Upton (PE coach)

We're excited to start a new school year with you all and to live out our school values to make our community as loving as it can be.

This newsletter is a very important tool to ensure you are up to date with a range of information, so I encourage you to take the time to read it through.

It is going to be a busy one with lots of things to look forward too. Great to start it off, even today, with our Year 1 students dressed as pirates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If your child was born between
1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020



They are eligible to start school in the next academic year. Please ensure that you have completed and returned an application form for the schools of your choice as soon as possible, available from the schools' offices.

Online applications for a primary school place will open from **30th October 2023** applications will need to be completed by **15th January 2024**.

Please visit - www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions to access application form & more information on how to apply.

You can download the app ParentComms to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application. Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

PLEASE NOTE - CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15th JANUARY 2024

We will be holding Open Days on **Tuesday, 26th September** 9.30am and **Wednesday, 27th September** 1.30am to which all prospective parents are very welcome.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

You can start your online application any time from 1st September 2023 you must have completed your application by **31st October 2023**. We would suggest you submit your application by **Friday, 20th October 2023** before the half-term.

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES

We believe our school values will motivate the children to work hard and achieve their very best, not only now but in the future.

Here are our 5 values:



Iggy Inclusivity- we include everyone all of the time.



Peter Perseverance - we never give up.



Freda Forgiveness - we forgive one another and move on.



Kitty Kindness - we are kind in our thoughts, words and actions.



Ralph Respect - we treat others well through our actions.

The reason for including values within our school culture is because research shows when the children actively engage with values they start to understand their implications for making choices about our attitudes and responses.

A Values-based approach encourages reflective and aspirational attributes and attitudes. These can be nurtured to help people discover the very best of themselves, which enables them to be good citizens and prepare them for the life of work.

The idea is that if everyone fulfils these values our mission statement will always be lived out.

These are our priorities for this coming year. These are not new they are just our particular focuses taking into account our leadership capacity, data, staffing demographic and what the parents, pupils and staff have shared with us.

Catholic Life

We are implementing a new scheme for **RE** in **Y6, Y1** and **Reception**. Plus working with our new staff members to ensure all our staff are confident in all aspects of our Catholic life.

Leadership

This year, we will have a new Chair of Governors plus a relatively fresh leadership team therefore we will be working together and with outside guidance to develop our leadership at all levels.

Teaching & Learning

Our teachers have always had individual coaches to develop the teaching but as a school we're moving to an instructional coaching model. The reason is so each teacher can have bespoke steps to meet their career stage and the particular needs of their cohort. It will take more time (not teaching time) but we feel our teachers deserve this and our pupils too.

Writing & Maths

All our work last year on reading really made a difference to our children, so this year our focus is on the writing process and plugging gaps in maths knowledge and understanding.



Inclusive Practice

We really are living out our values, as one area we are looking at this year is meeting the needs of the most vulnerable pupils and how can we be even more inclusive.

Curriculum

We have some exciting new schemes for **Science, Geography, DT and Art**. We started the schemes in the summer term, but we will be continuing to implement them for the rest of the year. These will enhance our curriculum, offer even more and give pupils a wider range of knowledge and skills to learn.



Over the course of the year you will be given more information of what this looks like in school and how, most importantly, it is benefitting your children's academic progress but also their well-being too.

Dear Parent/Carer

We are aware that the pandemic has had an effect on families, but the expectation is still that every child should now be attending school full time. If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carers for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Inclusion Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).

- **Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**
- **The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.**
- In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised.

Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance.

This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance.

If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Inclusion Officer.

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued currently £60 if paid within **21** days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after **21** days but within **28** days.

If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows :-

North West	-	Tel: 01483 518130	South West	-	Tel: 01483 517179
North East	-	Tel: 01372 833588	South East	-	Tel: 01737 737777

School Uniform

The children all looked so smart on the first day wearing their school uniform that I think it is appropriate just to say a few words.

Wearing school uniform helps to develop the sense of community and the concept that we all belong to a special team which is, of course, the brilliant St. Anne's! So it really is important that the children wear their uniform correctly, **whenever they are wearing it**. The wrong message is being given if, as soon as school finishes, the wearing of school uniform becomes irrelevant and untidy. Can I remind parents that shirts/blouses must be tucked in please.

St. Anne's children are recognized wherever they go and I'd like to think this is because of their good manners and by how smart they look. Please, please do support us in this and insist that your child wears their uniform properly. It is crucial that we are **all** giving out the same message.

Just a gentle reminder that long hair must be tied back and hair accessories must be green and/or white only. Boys' hair must be short and tidy. No extreme hair cuts for boys or girls are allowed e.g. shaved head with hair on top. I would also be grateful if you could please ensure that coats are dark green, black, charcoal grey or navy.



We would like to introduce a partnership with label makers **Stikins**.

These labels can be ordered with your child's name on. They can then be used to label clothes, water bottles, lunchboxes etc.

If you use this link [Name Labels | Stick On School Name Labels | Stikins®](#) it should automatically include our school code, if it doesn't, we would be grateful if you could enter **18728** in the school code box, by doing this the school receive money from Stikins at no cost to you.

School Hours



	<u>Morning Session</u>	<u>Afternoon Session</u>
EYFS	8.45am-12.00noon	1.15pm-3.05pm
Year 1	8.45am-12.05pm	1.15pm-3.05pm
Year 2	8.45am-12.10pm	1.15pm-3.05pm
KS2	8.45am-12.15pm	1.15pm-3.15pm

The staff are not on duty until **8.45am**, so no children should be left in the playground before this time.

Parents are only allowed to drive into school for the drop off zone in the mornings. There is no parking for parents during the rest of the school day.



Please note - **cycling or scootering is not permitted** on the school grounds by adults or children.

Due to children with allergies,

dogs are not allowed on the premises past the main school gates.



Late arrivals MUST be brought to the school office to be signed in. This is primarily for safety reasons and in case of fire.

If your child is going to be **absent**, please **ring the school and leave a message** on the answerphone or **send a message via Arbor**. The absence must then be followed up with a written note on return to school.

Absence due to illness should be backed up with evidence from a doctor/hospital wherever possible. If a child is absent due to vomiting, they must be **48 hours** clear before returning to school.

Mobile Telephones/Safeguarding

Can I remind you that the children **must not** bring mobile telephones into school unless there are exceptional reasons.

Should it be essential to have a mobile phone, the phone must then be handed in to the school office or to the class teacher in a small plastic bag and collected at the end of the school day.



Similarly if parents are on site we do ask, for safeguarding reasons, that you do not use your mobile phones on school premises.

Jewellery

Jewellery must not be worn to school with the exception of a sensible watch. Those children with pierced ears may wear a pair of small stud earrings, one stud in each ear lobe.

Earrings must be removed, for safety reasons, before PE lessons. Following County Policy, staff are not allowed to remove earrings from children's ears and pupils cannot tape them therefore they cannot take part in contact activity.

Nail varnish, wristbands, temporary tattoos and friendship bracelets should be left at home. Children with significant medical conditions may wear a med-alert wristband if wished.

Parking

Please may I remind you of some of our rules concerning car parking. It is so important that all parents and visitors abide by these for the sake of the children's safety:



- **Please be thoughtful and respectful towards the residents and each other when parking on the roads**
- **No Parking on the pavements**
- **No Parking on the Yellow Zig-Zag Lines, or the Double Yellow Lines**
- **Please make sure you're not blocking any driveways before leaving your car**



The Child and Family Health Surrey Immunisation Team is visiting your school on **Wednesday 27th September** and **Thursday 28th September 2023** to deliver Influenza (flu) vaccinations via nasal spray.

Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on Thursday 21st September 2023 by visiting:
www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk

If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine, then please fill in the 'No' box.

If you do not want your child to receive the nasal spray vaccine on the basis of porcine gelatine, please **fill in the 'No' box indicating this**, and you will be given the opportunity to consent for an alternative vaccination. This vaccination is delivered by injection into the arm (intramuscularly) and does not contain any porcine DNA agents.

An automated email will be sent to you on completion of the e-consent form from Cinnamon Digital Applications (who host the website portal for us). If you do not receive this, please check in your junk email or contact the Immunisation team.

You can find out further information about this vaccine at the following link: Child flu vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

EYFS & Year 1 Phonics Workshop

We understand that reading at home can be challenging so we are offering a Phonics information session for all **KS1 and EYFS parents on Wednesday, 27th September at 2:30pm**. The session should last no longer than 30 minutes, to allow you to then pick your child up at 3:05pm.

The information session will be an opportunity for us to run through the phonic sounds with you, suggest some reading games to play at home and show you some of the ways we approach the teaching of reading and phonics in KS1 and EYFS. If you are unable to attend, we will ensure the resources are sent to all parents, so you don't miss the information.

Miss Lawrence & Miss Gullick

Accelerated Reader

Sorry for the continued issues with Accelerated reader. I understand some parents are struggling to access it at home.

This is the definitive web address we have been given:

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/2079688>

The advice has been to clear your cache and history if you can't access on chrome.

Mrs Day



Parents Coffee Morning - 22nd September After Drop Off

Please come and join us for an informal cup of tea and catch up with one another. Our Home School Link Worker, Niamh Burke, will always be available during these times if there is anything you and your family need.

We hope that this will also be an opportunity to have good condition second hand uniform on sale, for great prices.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to all the wonderful parents who presented me with gifts at the end of last term. Especially the Y6 leavers for the "raffle basket" selection, some of which helped me on my trek up Mount Snowden on August 22nd.

Chris Chambers—Lollipop Lady



Ordering School Dinners online from September

As from September 2023 the cost of school dinners (**KS2 only**) will be **£13.50** per week (**£2.70** a day).



You can pre-order your child's lunch online using Scopay. Please note that school lunch accounts for **KS2 children will need to be in credit** before ordering a meal online.

Please order before Thursday pm at the latest for the following weeks lunches as meals can not be ordered on Monday morning for a meal on Monday. If you are unable to order a meal online, please ensure your child has a packed lunch.

We ask that you order meals as much in advance as possible.

Special Meal

We will be having a special meal on **Thursday, 5th October**.

Please keep an eye on your e-mails for details of the menu and when the meal will be available to book on Scopay.



This week marks the start of our school Drama Club. The children spent time getting to know their fellow drama club members, taking part in some ice breaker drama games!

The children were then challenged to create some dramatic freeze frames. The children then added their own ideas and scripts to their freeze frames.

I am incredibly proud of the start our school Drama Club has made. If your child would like to attend Drama Club, every **Monday 3.30-4.30**, please find the appropriate information on SCOPAY or follow this link to the Drama Club page on our website - <https://www.stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Drama+Club&pid=121>

Drama Club
Miss Manners



In an effort to encourage healthy eating, may I remind parents that children are allowed a piece of fruit and/or a drink during morning break. **Please do not send in fizzy drinks, biscuits, sweets, crisps, etc.**

I really am trying to encourage the children to eat a more healthy diet, so would be most grateful if you **did not** include any of these items in their lunch boxes as well.

May I also remind you that children who have packed lunches need a straw/beaker if they are having a drink at lunch-time.

Finally, we are trying to encourage the children to take responsibility for their own well-being by drinking plenty of water.

Can you therefore ensure your child brings a water bottle to school, please could you ensure that any water bottle is **unbreakable and has your child's name clearly marked on it.**



Please may we remind everyone that any food items coming into school **MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS or SEEDS OF ANY SORT.**

In addition to the children already in school, we have a few children starting Reception with severe allergic reaction to nuts and just being in the vicinity/smell of them can potentially cause an anaphylactic shock.

PLEASE, PLEASE save the nutty foods for home meals and snacks, and choose a non-nutty alternative for school.



Dear Lord,

May Christ be at the centre of all we do.

With your help, fill our school with laughter and learning.

With your guidance, help us listen and respect each other, no matter our differences.

With your love, encourage us to be kind and gentle.

With your light, shine on our school family, so we can be a light for others.

We are all part of St Anne's community and we know that we are loved.



Amen

October 2023		Important information: Rosary before school every day for pupils and parents Black History Month				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Grandparents' Day	2	3 Year 2 Nurturing Nurses Day	4 Year 4 Egyptian Day	5 National poetry day	6 Xavier Inset Day	7
8	9 World Mental Health Day	10	11	12	13 Individual & Sibling Photos	14
15	16	17 6E Henley Fort Trip	18 6S Henley Fort Trip	19	20 Harvest Festival	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Back to school	31				
October Half Term 23 rd October – 27 th October						

The class teacher is always the first person to contact either at the end of the school day or a mutually convenient time. Staff will not respond to e-mails past 6pm or weekends. My door is always open and I am here to work with you to develop successful relationships with all parents as we strive to help your child.

Catholic schools are based on excellent relationships.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Take care and God bless

Yours sincerely

L Harris

Mrs L M Harris
Headteacher

Inset Day Friday, 6th October 2023

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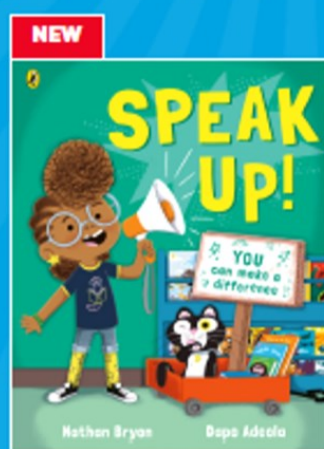
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Dads & Autism

Presented by: Justin Price, Executive Headteacher, Freemantles School

As a part of our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion drive we have designed this course specifically for Dads and Male-presenting relatives that want to learn, as we want to be inclusive and we have identified that:

- Dads often miss out on other training being offered as Mums are so keen to go.
- Dads often open up less if attending with their partners
- Previous feedback on specific Dads training has been hugely positive
- The Understanding Autism course will cover the same content and will be open to all.

Autumn 2023:

6-8pm Tuesday 3 rd October 2023	Autism awareness and strategies in the home
6-8pm Tuesday 10 th October 2023	Building relationships and communication with your child
6-8pm Tuesday 12 th October 2023	Promoting positive emotional wellbeing and understanding your child's behaviour

Summer 2024:

6-8pm Tuesday 16 th April 2024	Autism awareness and strategies in the home
6-8pm Tuesday 23 rd April 2024	Building relationships and communication with your child
6-8pm Tuesday 30 th April 2024	Promoting positive emotional wellbeing and understanding your child's behaviour

Sessions are at Freemantles School, Smarts Heath Road, Mayford, Surrey, GU22 0AN

The cost is £10. To book, visit <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNLZ>



Understanding Autism for parents

Presented by: Justin Price, Executive Headteacher, Freemantles School

Autumn 2023:

6-8pm Tuesday 12 th September	Autism awareness and strategies in the home
6-8pm Tuesday 19 th September	Building relationships and communication with your child
6-8pm Tuesday 26 th September	Promoting positive emotional wellbeing and understanding your child's behaviour

Summer 2024:

6-8pm Tuesday 7 th May 2024	Autism awareness and strategies in the home
6-8pm Tuesday 14 th May 2024	Building relationships and communication with your child
6-8pm Tuesday 21 st May 2024	Promoting positive emotional wellbeing and understanding your child's behaviour

Sessions are at Freemantles School, Smarts Heath Road, Mayford, Surrey, GU22 0AN

The cost is £10. To book, visit <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNMA>

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