



St. Anne's Gazette

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Headteacher: Mrs L M Harris

February 2024

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are at half term already. It has been a whirlwind of a half term - this week in particular.

With that, I am pleased to announce to you all, that this week we appointed a new **Assistant Headteacher** to replace Mrs Murphy who leaves at the end of term, **Mr Cassidy**, and he will be joining us straight after Easter. We were blessed with a strong field of applicants, and we put them through a rigorous process on the day. I am confident the panel have made an excellent appointment who will bring a lot to St Anne's staff, pupils and community. We will be in touch with more information about Mr Cassidy and importantly **Mrs Murphy's farewell** after half term.

In addition, the children have been very busy. Last week, Y5 went to Upton Court for a three day residential and had a great time living like Tudors and experiencing all there was to know about that era of time. Thank you to all the staff for their time and efforts to make it another successful trip.

Other year groups have been bringing their topics to life. A couple of weeks ago, Y1 went to the Milestone Museum and had a great time learning about the past. Y2 and Y3 both had theme days this week. Y2 experienced a re-enactment of the fire of London, which really set their learning a blaze. While Y3 came into school dressed as Romans and also took part in a very informative workshop delivered by Chertsey Museum.

Finally, as we approach **Ash Wednesday**, next week, we look ahead to the season of **Lent**. A time in our liturgical year when we look to better ourselves by doing something for someone else. Mrs Kemp-Smith has already sent out our Lenten mission this year. Hopefully, we can make some money for our charities as well as complete tasks that will make each of us better people and do something good for someone else.

St. John Bosco Day

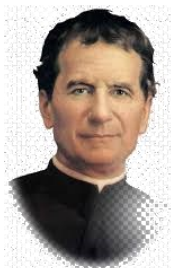
Last week, we celebrated the feast of John Bosco, the author of our school mission statement.

"It is not enough to love children, they must know that they are loved"

John Melchior Bosco was canonised Saint 90 years ago, and this year 2024 the Salesian family marks the 200th anniversary of the Dream at age nine, which so powerfully inspired John to dedicate his life to the Christian education and welfare of young people.

We spoke to the children in collective worship about how we can live out kindness in our lives as John did and I see these words and actions of kindness being lived out everyday at St. Anne's.

On Wednesday, 31st January Years 2-6 celebrated the feast day of St. John Bosco at church, **Year 6** led the mass. The children spoke very clearly, they sang beautifully and portrayed the St John Bosco's story wonderfully. It was a real celebration and made us all remember what an inspiration St John Bosco was.



Mother's Day Mass

On Mothering Sunday (**10th March**), as in previous years, the children in **Year 3** will be leading Mass in St Anne's Church.



You are, of course, all invited to celebrate the occasion with us and we would appreciate as many Year 3 children as possible to take part in this happy celebration. There will be opportunities for the children to lead the readings, offertory, prayers and songs.

The mass will be held at **11:30 am** but if your child is taking part we ask for them to be there at **11:15 am**.

I look forward to seeing you at this special Mass.

The PFA is once again kindly organising a Mother's Day Gift stall for the children to buy a gift for their Mum on the 7th & 8th March.

LENT

Wednesday, 14th February marks the first day of the season of Lent.

This Lent, we will be raising money for **CAFOD and Catholic Children's Society**. This year's appeal is inspired by Pope Francis' call for young people to use their voice to make a difference in the world. Every penny raised by your school will support our work with local disadvantaged children and families.



During Lent, it is important to do something for others rather than just give something up. It would be wonderful if you could take some time to talk to your child about what '**actions**' they could do to help others.

In Collective Worship, we spoke to all the children about 3 things we are asked to do during Lent to be closer to Jesus.

1. **Fasting** - Try not to eat as many snacks and save the money up
2. **Give** – Give your time more to elderly relatives
3. **Pray** – Say our special prayer (EYFS/ Year 1) / Say the Hail Mary or Our Father every day (Year 2 upwards)

Fundraising - Make Your Voices Heard

On the last day of half term, your child will have come home with a **calendar** to use **during Lent**, to fill with '**actions**' they can do to make a difference during **Lent**. It would be great if you could try to look at this daily with your child to reflect on this very important season.

We are asking children to get sponsored for taking part in completing **actions** linked to **giving, fasting and praying**. Any money raised or donated can be made through the '**Lent 2024**' link on **SCOPAY** throughout the season of Lent.

You may decide to sponsor your child for each action they complete or make a one off donation on SCOPAY. A family **suggestion is £5**.

Any other donations through the link would also be greatly appreciated. At the end of Lent, we will share with you how much money has been raised.

We look forward to a very special term.
Mrs Kemp-Smith (RE Lead)

NSPCC



Number Day

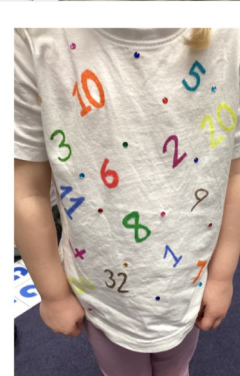
On **Friday, 2nd February** we supported the NSPCC by taking part in **Number Day**.

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as **Childline** – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

On average, a child contacts Childline every **45 seconds**.

The children took part in '**Dress up for Digits**' they wore items of clothing with a number on it. We had an array of football shirts, socks with numbers on them and much more. We have a lot of creative children!

The children had a fun day of maths activities and KS2 children also took part in a Times Table Rock Stars Challenge organised by the NSPCC.



So far we have **raised £285** for the **NSPCC**

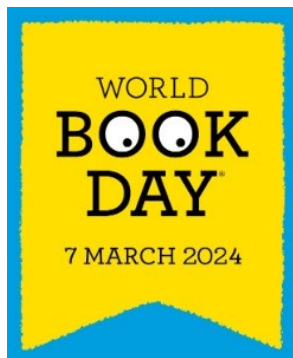
Please support the NSPCC, by paying a **voluntary contribution of £1 per child**. Please pay your contribution via **ScoPay**.

Many Thanks for your support
Mrs Wales (Maths Lead)



World Book Day

World Book Day, this year, is on **Thursday, 7th March** when we will be celebrating our love of reading for the whole week. In particular, this year, the focus will again be on poetry.



All the children will be given a book token to spend on a book of their choice. Please take a look at the fantastic choice on the World Book Day website. <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

We will be starting the week with **Pyjama Day** on **Monday, 4th March**. Children can wear suitable pyjamas to school, but no slippers please, as well as bring along one of their favourite bedtime stories to share with the class.



On **Thursday 7th March** children are asked to dress as their favourite book character **OR** in mufti.

We would also like them to bring in a copy of their favourite poem or nursery rhyme to share with their class. If you would like some inspiration, please visit the World Book Day official site for ideas.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

During the week the older classes will be buddied up with younger classes where they will spend some time reading, storytelling and sharing poems together.

Some useful poetry websites

- <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>
- <https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/poetry-for-children/>
- <https://www.poetry4kids.com/>
- <https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/books-for-children/best-poems-for-children-julia-donaldson>

There are a lot of wonderful books due to be released in 2024. Please have a look at the link below for some new, exciting books.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/blog/2024-preview-brilliant-childrens-books-to-look-forward-to-next-year-6567>

Last year I shared this poem with you and I am sharing it again, because I enjoyed reading it so much.

Books

*Here's to books what a great invention,
Countless stories, too many to mention!
They take you to places beyond your reality,
Some are escapism, some give you clarity!
What I love about books – they depend on your mood,
For bookworms essential, the words are like food.
As you begin reading, whatever you've chosen,
The words create pictures, your body stays frozen.
There's crime and romance and comedy too,
How to be happy and quotes just for you!
Words to inspire and also distress
Some disappoint and some can impress!
Poems, non-fiction a newspaper story,
Enjoy, its delightful words in their glory!
Reading with children is such a delight,
At bedtime, a favourite, then off with the light!
So here's to the authors and wherever you look,
You will find magic inside a book!
A gift of words, all wrapped up in a paper,
To treasure forever and read again later!*

Written by Sarah Griffiths

Ms Dimech (English Lead) Miss Wilder (Reading Lead)

Sport's News

On **Tuesday, 29th January**, both our **Netball** and **Football** team played against **St Ann's Heath Junior School**. We travelled via minibus singing songs and maintaining a positive morale.

I am delighted to let you know that our Football team won with a result of **2 - 0**.



The next football match for Year 6 boys & the year 5/6 girls football team will be at home on Monday, 26th February against Walton Oak School.



Our Netball team played their first away game and won, leaving with an impressive result of **12 - 0**.

I am incredibly proud of both teams. The children conducted themselves in a polite and kind manner from beginning to end.

Miss Manners (Netball Coach)

Topic Days

Ufton Court

Monday, 29th January - Wednesday, 31st January - Yr5

On Monday, 29th January 2024, 54 excited children (and 7 adults) set off to make memories at the annual year 5 Ufton Court residential. On our arrival, we were transported back to Tudor times to take part in a mission. Did the residents of Ufton Court manor house harbour any priests?



Throughout our time at Ufton Court, the children got to take part in many activities including crime and punishment, archery and the infamous raid. This year, the children even learnt how to light a fire with flint.

The highlight of the trip was of course the banquet, where everyone dressed as Tudors and feasted on delicious food! The children were all so enthusiastic and the Ufton Court staff complimented them on their behaviour! Well done to all the children and a massive thank you to all the staff who attended and the Ufton Court staff too! Another very successful trip!



Great Fire of London Day

Monday, 5th February - Year 2

The highlight of the day was definitely our re-enactment of the **Great Fire** when, helped by Mr Marek, we set fire to the 'houses' we made! As in 1666, there was a strong wind on Monday which blew the flames rapidly from house to house until we were left with a pile of ashes. There was enormous excitement from the children, but it also highlighted for them the dangers of fire.



Roman Day

Tuesday, 6th February

Year 3 have been exploring the Celts and Romans for their History topic. As a way of bringing this learning to life, they held a Roman Day this week. The children participated in a variety of activities, including a visit from Chertsey Museum.



The children made their own Roman shields exploring battle formations to help them understand why the Roman army were so successful.



Children's Mental Health Week Art Competition

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and schools across the country are raising awareness about children's right to be listened to. This right is found in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

To raise awareness, our Wellbeing Champions have organised an art competition for the children with the theme '**This is Me**'.

They invite children in all year groups to participate and create a piece of artwork over half term. It could be a self-portrait or simply a piece of artwork that expresses who they are e.g. a hobby or interest.

Artwork can be done in any medium (paint, collage, charcoal, pastels etc.) and will be photographed and displayed along the fencing at the front of the school as a '**pop-up**' gallery.

Entries are due in on Monday 19th February and must be labelled with your child's name and class.

Miss Dorgan

(Mental Health, Safeguarding and English as an Additional Language (EAL) Lead)

St. Anne's Science Fair

I am excited to announce that we will be holding our Science Fair after half-term. Due to the work being carried out on our school hall, there will be two separate science fairs taking place in the cabin. One for KS1 children and one for KS2 children. As there is limited space, places at the science fair will be given on a first come first serve basis.

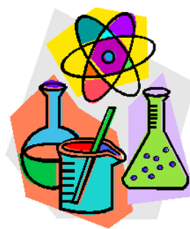
The best science project will receive a prize and the title of '**St. Anne's Scientist of the Year**'. Runners up will also be selected and will receive a prize & certificate.

This year, in addition to presenting at our school Science Fair, some projects from KS2 will be chosen to take part in the **Xavier Science Fair Grand Final** on **Wednesday, 27th March**.

The closing date for applications has now closed, I will be informing children if they have been successful, after half-term.

I look forward to seeing your entries.

Miss Taylor (Science Lead)



Safeguarding

We know this time of year can put pressure on families and loved ones. For that reason we just wanted to draw your attention to some websites and resources that may come in helpful now and in the future:

Family Lives – very useful parental information website, provides lots of links and resources - they also have a telephone support line for parents/carers

[Parenting and Family Support - Family Lives \(Parentline Plus\)](#)

Mental Health support – suitable for lots of families, especially at this time of year

[Mental health support - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

NHS Talking Therapies – it may be helpful for any parents to be able to talk to someone and this is a self referral service Home

[Mind Matters Surrey - NHS Talking Therapies \(mindmattersnhs.co.uk\)](#)

Family Conflict – SCC pages for parents

[Our resources for reducing conflict between parents - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

Your Sanctuary – Domestic Abuse Support - Services

[YS Home \(yoursanctuary.org.uk\)](#)

Relate – resources for relationships –

[Get Help | Relate](#)

[Find your online centre | Relate](#)

Drug and Alcohol Support Services

[i-access Drug & Alcohol Service : Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust \(surreydrugandalcohol.com\)](#)

Catalyst – substance and mental health support

[Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Service in Surrey \(catalystsupport.org.uk\)](#)

Citizens Advice – another more general link but useful for newsletters at this time of year

[Citizens Advice](#)

Family Information Service – Families can search for services near to them

[Family Information Service - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

Online Understanding your child guides – Free for all Surrey residents – use access code ACORN.



[Online Learning \(heiapply.com\)](#)

As a safeguarding team we are always here to support, to be a listening ear, and guide in anyway you feel appropriate. Do get in touch with any member of the team via phone or email. (DSL@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk)

You are not on your own and many individuals or families do come and ask. We've supported **37 families** just this term.

Miss Dorgan, Mrs Harris, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Burke, Mrs Lewthwaite, Miss Lawrence, Ms Alba, Mrs Dyer

Class Attendance - January 2024

| <u>EYFS & KS1</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>KS2</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>%</u> |
|--|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| Sunshine | 95 | Monet | 96 | EYFS 92 |
| Rainbow | 88 | Delaunay | 94 | KS1 95 |
| Ladybird  | 98 | Tolkien | 94 | KS2 95 |
| Bumblebee | 95 | Rowling | 97 | |
| Squirrel | 96 | Earhart | 94 | |
| Hedgehog | 92 | Fiennes | 94 | |
|  | | Einstein | 95 | |
| | | Somerville | 97 | |

Now more than ever your child attending school is crucial to their education and future. We will be sharing these figures with you each month and celebrating those classes who have high attendance. We appreciate some absences cannot be avoided and in these cases you do need to let the office know the reason on a daily basis.

Congratulations to Ladybird Class, once again, for the highest attendance figures for January.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

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



Please click on the link below, to find the latest Parish Newsletter

https://www.stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk/web/st_annes_parish/193745

| March 2024 | | Important information: Star reader tests | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Lent/ Easter topic begins Feet First – Y3 World Book Day – Pyjama Day | 5 Y6 Reconciliation Service Feet First – Y3 | 6 Year 4 Bikeability Level 1 9.30am – 12 noon | 7 World Book Day- Dress up Day PFA Mother's Day Gift Stall | 8 PFA Mother's Day Gift Stall | 9 |
| 10 Mother's Day Mass – Year 3 lead | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Inset day | 16 |
| 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 World Poetry Day | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Palm Sunday | 25 Holy week Drama Club Show at Salesians School | 26 Easter Service- Y4 Lead (at Church) | 27 | 28 End of Term EYFS & KS1: 12.05pm KS2: 12.15pm Easter Mufti | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Easter Sunday | | | | | | |
| Easter Holidays 29 th March – 14 th April | | | | | | |

Thank you for your support and co-operation

Take care and God bless

Yours sincerely

L Harris

Mrs L M Harris
Headteacher

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES
Friday, 15th March - Inset Day



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