



We live, love and learn as Children of God

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Prayer for Candlemas

Lord, may I recognise your light and thank you for enlightening me in my difficulties and decisions. May your light bring warmth into my heart towards my family, my friends and all who meet me. Through the intercession of Mary, our mother, I place in your care those in need, especially... Please help me to continue to shine your light on everyone I meet this day. Amen.

Staffing Announcement

St. Anne's is delighted to announce we have some new members of staff joining The Federation of St. Anne's and St. Martin's.

Mrs Trudy Fidler has accepted the Office Administrator role in St. Anne's. Mrs Rachel Matthews has accepted the Finance Administrator role in St. Anne's. Both ladies will start in their new roles after half term.

Mr Michael Eagles is our new Caretaker for both St. Anne's and St. Martin's schools and has already commenced in his role.

Mrs Fiona Duncan has accepted the role of Finance Administrator in St. Martin's. Mrs Duncan has been a Teaching Assistant in St. Anne's for a number of years and she will be greatly missed by the children and staff in school. We would like to thank Mrs Duncan for the wonderful support she has given to the St. Anne's school office since December and wish her every success in her new role in St. Martin's.

We would also like to say thank you to Mrs Milada Fiddes for the temporary support she has given in St. Anne's office during this transition period and wish her well with her next opportunity.

We would like to welcome all the new members of staff to our federation and look forward to working with you all. Thank you to everyone for their patience during this transition period.

St. Mungo's Wear a Woolly Hat Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Woolly hat day in school last Friday. The combined total raised from money donated in school and the cake sale was £136.00



Election Fever is coming to St. Anne's next week! Thursday 8th is voting day!



St Anne's is currently preparing for the upcoming school council elections on 8th February. Children will get a chance to put themselves forward to be their class representative to be involved in making decisions about our school, such as which charity events to be involved in, deciding which games should be available at playtimes and any other ideas which the children/adults bring to meetings for discussion. They will also automatically become members of The Eco Council alongside the last school council, who are busy starting to make positive change to how environmentally friendly our school is.

Each class will vote for who they think will make the two best school council members from their class and prospective candidates will be asked to make a short speech before these elections. The children are also welcome to create a campaign for election and teachers will have an area where candidates can put up posters advertising themselves.



Internet Safety at home

There has been a lot of information in the media recently about how safe the apps are, which our children may use. There is a lot of information on app safety on the NSPCC site 'netaware' which you may find helpful. www.net-aware.org.uk. Please also remember to come to our internet safety event on March 14th at 2:15, hosted by the NSPCC.



[Net Aware: Parents and young people review kids' social networks, apps & games](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

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First Holy Communion

Information regarding First Holy Communion is on the school website in Classes/Year 3. To confirm,

- Confessions will be held in school on Tuesday 22 May.
- All children are to attend a session with Fr Patrick on Wednesday 23 May at 5p.m. in the Cenacle.
- First Holy Communion will take place at the 10a.m. Mass on Sunday 3 June.

In order for your child to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion,

- Your child must be baptised in the Catholic Church.
- A copy of the certificate of baptism must have been given to Mrs Bernto.
- Your child must have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Your child must be a regular attendee at Mass.

It is assumed that the children of those parents who did not attend the meeting and did not contact Mrs Bernto beforehand have decided that they will not be seeking the Sacrament of Holy Communion for their son/daughter. Please make an appointment to see Mrs Bernto and to go through the information shared at the meeting should this not be the case.

Reminders

Whole School Mass -Tuesday 6th February - Parents and Carers are welcome to attend. Mass begins at 9.15 a.m.

Vomiting & Diarrhoea

If a child vomits or has diarrhoea, please be reminded they **MUST** be 48 hours clear since the last occurrence before they can return to school. Children who return to school earlier than this time will be sent home.

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school every day

February Half Term Holiday Club

Coach Meakin will be running a Holiday Club during February Half Term. The club will be open to all Children from Reception Class to Year 6. Please see the attached registration form for more details. Coach Meakin would like to assure Parents/Carers that this club will run and that it will not be cancelled if numbers are low. Please ask in the school office for a registration form.

Online Safety Workshop

On 14th March at 2:15, we have organised for the NSPCC to deliver an online safety workshop for parents/carers. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out how to keep our children safe online and how to understand their online world. The workshop is aimed at parents/carers of children at all stages of primary education and will empower you to tackle the issues that all our children will face now and in the future. **Please try to make the time to come.** To give us an idea of numbers, please drop an e-mail to admin@st-annes.reading.sch.uk to let us know that you will attend or let the school office know in person.

Diary Dates for Spring Term and School Academic Dates for Year 2017/2018

FEBRUARY		
Day	Event	Time
Thursday 8 th	Book sharing with parents all year groups	14:45 – 3:15
Friday 9 th	END OF TERM – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	
Monday 19 th	TERM 4 - RETURN TO SCHOOL	
Tuesday 20 th	Bikeability, Years 5 & 6	All day
Wednesday 21 st	Bikeability, Years 5 & 6	All day
Wednesday 21 st	Year 4 to UTC for Thames Water for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	AM
Monday 26 th	Bikeability, Years 5 & 6	All day
Tuesday 27 th	Bikeability, Years 5 & 6	All day
March		
Thursday 1 st	World Book Day	All day
Thursday 8 th	Red House Parent Assembly	09:00 – 9:30
Tuesday 13 th	Change for Life Festival Years 1.2.3.4 & 5 at JMA	12:00 – 3:30
Wednesday 14 th	Online Safety Workshop for Parents – School Hall	2.15
	Parents evening (In the School Hall)	3:30 – 5:00
Thursday 15 th	Blue House Assembly	09:00 – 9:30
	Parents evening (Hall)	3:30 – 5:00
Tuesday 20 th	Learning event book sharing all years	3:15
Wednesday 21 st	Easter Service in church	09:00
Friday 23 rd	END OF TERM 4 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	14:00
APRIL		
Monday 9 th	TERM 5 - RETURN TO SCHOOL	
MAY		
Monday 7 th	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 22 nd	First Holy Communion – Confessions in school	
Wednesday 23 rd	First Holy Communion Meeting with Fr. Patrick – The Cenacle	5:00
Friday 25 th	END OF TERM 5 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	
JUNE		
Sunday 3 rd	First Holy Communion Mass – Church	10:00
Monday 4 th	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 5 th	TERM 6 - RETURN TO SCHOOL	
JULY		
Friday 20 th	TERM 6 ENDS – SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 23 rd	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 24 th	INSET DAY	

