



We live, love and learn as Children of God

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A SINGLE GRAIN

John's Gospel uses the metaphor of the grain of wheat falling into the earth and dying. When it is planted/buried those in ancient times felt, it died and then was brought back to life in a new form of a plant. Jesus is saying that if a grain of wheat isn't planted, then it does nothing and remains alone. It is just a single grain and it stays that. But if it's planted, then it dies and brings forth a plant that yields grain. It bears fruit only by dying. That metaphor is used to explain his death; by dying he will bring forth great fruit. The focus of Jesus' address is his followers, because He wants to tell them the message that those who love their life will lose it. Why? If they hold on to life alone, without thought of God then, like a grain, they stay alone. Those, however who are willing to die for the Kingdom of God, will keep it for eternity. Let us pray that we choose not to stand alone, but rather continue our journey with Christ.

Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Festival

On Tuesday 13th March, a group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Tag Rugby Festival at The Hill. The children played fantastically and won four out of their five matches. A huge achievement considering some of them have never played competitively together before. Throughout the afternoon, they showed great sportsmanship and rugby skills. Thank you to all the parents who came to support and a huge thank you to Mr Gaylor and Mr Meakin who have coached the children this term, they were a credit to you and the school. Miss Talbot



Year 5 High Five Netball Tournament

A big well done to Kayla, Leith, Leah, Harlem, Royanna, Sheya, Voke & Minal from Year 5 for competing in the Year 5 High Five netball Tournament at Caversham Primary. The children played five games against several local schools and put all of their fantastic netball skills into action which resulted in the team coming third place. It was great to see the children working so well together as a team and enjoying the afternoon. Thank you to parents for supporting the children by coming along to watch and thank you to Mr Gaylor and Mr Meakin for helping to coach the children. Miss Roberts



Change4Life Festival

A huge well done to the Year 1 and 2 children who took part in the Change4Life Festival at Bisham Abbey, on Wednesday. The children had a great day competing against other Berkshire Schools. They also had the opportunity to visit the Cultural Village during the afternoon, where they had a go at archery, circus skills, skipping and a very challenging obstacle course. I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Andrew, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Forde for taking the children to this event. I hope you had as much fun as the children. Miss Talbot



Children's Stations of the Cross – Friday 30th March



There will be Children's Stations of the Cross followed by craft activities on Good Friday March 30th at 10am in Our Lady and St Anne's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.



The Meaningful Chocolate Company



EASTER EGGS - The Meaningful Chocolate Company have again produced an Easter Egg that tells the Easter Story as well as using Fair Trade chocolate and tasting delicious! The eggs are on sale in most major supermarkets and the story will remind children of the meaning of Easter while they enjoy the traditional chocolate treat.



Chocolate Tombola & Tombola Competition



Thank you to everyone for all the chocolate that was collected for the Tombola yesterday in school. We had over 700 pieces, which is probably the most chocolate ever collected. It was a very close competition so the PSA have given a movie treat to a year group from KS1 and KS2. Reception class were in 3rd place, Year 2 were the winners in KS1 with 251 items and Year 6 were the winners in KS2 with 263 items. The winning Year groups will receive a movie afternoon with treats next term. Thanks again everyone for all your support and we hope you enjoy all the yummy chocolate treats from the Tombola yesterday. Happy Easter from St. Anne's PSA.



All children from Reception to Year 6 will have a username and password for Bug Club. Your child's Bug Club account allows them to access books online for their reading level, in addition to the paper books sent home each week. This term, class teachers from Years 2-6 will now be uploading maths and SPaG games, linked to the units being taught in class, to each child's Bug Club account every week. This is a great and fun way for all children to consolidate what they have been learning in school at home. If your child is having difficulty accessing their Bug Club account, please speak to the class teacher.

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Family Bingo returns Friday 27th April, this is a fun filled night for all the family to enjoy. Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start, put the date in your diary and come along and enjoy the fun. Lots of line prizes to be won and a raffle, BYO and Pizza will be available to purchase on the night.

Easter Holiday Club

Mr Meakin is running an Easter Sports Camp during the Easter Holidays, please see the attached document in order to register.

Venue: St Anne's Primary School

Dates: Monday 26th - Thursday 29th March & Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th April

Times: (Sports camp only 9am - 3:30pm) (Extra time chill out sessions 3:30pm - 6pm) (Early drop off from 8am)

Cost: Sports Camp only: £15 per child per day or £75 for Sports camp.

Early drop off prices £2.50 per child per day

Chill out session prices £5 per child per day

Full week sports camp £75 per child - Full week with chill out & early drop off £100 per child

Afterschool Clubs next term

The following clubs will run after school next term, registration forms can be picked up from the school office.

Tuesday AM - Running

Tuesday PM - Gymnastics

Thursday AM - Tennis

Thursday PM - Football

Friday PM - Dodgeball & Girls Football



Parking outside school on Washington Road -

Please be reminded that parking is not permitted on the Yellow Lines outside of school on Washington Road. Parents are kindly reminded not to park outside the main school gate at drop off & collection times. The Yellow Lines are there to ensure the safety of the children.

St. Anne's PSA -

Join our Facebook page to keep up to date with future school and PSA events. It is a closed group strictly for Parents and Carer's of children in school. Please ensure to read the "Pinned Post" to be aware of the rules of the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StAnnesCavershamPSA/>

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.

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

March		
APRIL		
Monday 9th	TERM 5 - RETURN TO SCHOOL	
Friday 27th	PSA Family Bingo Night – School Hall	6.45
MAY		
Monday 7th	BANK HOLIDAY	
Friday 18th	PSA DISCO RECEPTION & KS1 – 5.00 – 6.45 KS2 – 7.00 – 8.15	
Tuesday 22nd	First Holy Communion – Confessions in school	
Wednesday 23rd	First Holy Communion Meeting with Fr. Patrick – The Cenacle	5:00
Friday 25th	END OF TERM 5 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	
JUNE		
Sunday 3rd	First Holy Communion Mass – Our Lady & St. Anne’s Church	10:00
Monday 4th	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 5th	TERM 6 - RETURN TO SCHOOL	
Wednesday 6th	Confirmation Mass – Our Lady & St. Anne’s Church	7.00
Friday 15th	PSA – Family Breakfast – School hall	8.00
Friday 22nd	PSA - Non Uniform Day	
Saturday 30th	PSA – Summer Fair – Food ‘n’ Fun Discovery Day	TBC
JULY		
Friday 6th	PSA – Family Camp Out Night – School Field	
Friday 20th	TERM 6 ENDS – SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 23rd	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 24th	INSET DAY	

The Federation of St Anne’s and St Martin’s - Term Dates - 2018/2019

Term	Start date	End date
1	Wednesday 5 September 2018 (INSET on 4 September)	Thursday 18 October 2018 (INSET on 19 October)
2	Monday 29 October 2018	Friday 21 December 2018
3	Tuesday 8 January 2019 (INSET on 7 January)	Friday 15 February 2019
4	Monday 25 February 2019	Friday 5 April 2019
5	Tuesday 23 April 2019	Friday 24 May 2019
6	Tuesday 4 June 2019 (INSET on 3 June)	Wednesday 24 July 2019 (INSET on 25 July)