Newsletter

St Anne's Catholic Academy

With grace and humility, glorify the Lord by your life

St Anne's Church—Masses:

Saturday 5pm & Sunday 10:30am

There are daily masses at 9.30am

https://www.saint-anne-nuneaton.co.uk/index.html

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents,

Our Catholic Mission

What are exciting and happy start to the year! The children look amazing in their school uniform and it is fantastic to see them wearing it with such pride and huge smiles! We welcome all those new to St Anne's this year, particularly those children who have joined us in Reception for the start of their journey in education.

This year, our Masses in school will continue as last year and begin to be held in St Anne's Church. Please check the dates for this information. Over the term, the children will attend a Whole School Mass, a Mass with their key stage and also a mass with their Year group and the local parishioners. Dates for whole school Masses and Key Stage Masses are below on the date's list. Year group Masses will be shared by the class teacher through a text. Our first whole school Mass (Y1 – 6) will be on Wednesday 10th 10:30am which will be celebrated by Father George.

The Holy Spirit Catholic Multi Academy

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What's happened over the summer…

Congratulations…

Welcome to 'Renzo Coape-Arnold' Born on 31s July.

& Congratulations to Miss Neal on her engagement.

This Term…

What's Happening this Term?

I am delighted to be continuing my role as Head of School at St. Anne's, and I will be supported by an amazing senior leadership team of Miss Neal and Miss Varden. We welcome two new teachers to our school Mrs Loveday – (Year 2) & Miss Wilson (Year3) who have joined us from Our Lady & St. Josephs.

From next week we will begin our 'celebration assemblies' on a Friday, where you will be welcome to join us to see your child in their class. The achievement assemblies on the alternative week, will be where achievements in school are shared, alongside children's own personal achievements, i.e. swimming certificates, football trophies etc. During these assemblies, weekly star awards will be presented during them. Our Maths and Reading awards will be presented by teachers in their classes. We will continue to share these awards on the weekly award sheet which is sent home with the newsletter.

At the bottom of the newsletter is a list of dates for your diary and events which you can attend. (Keep checking this list as if there any changes or additions, these are always in red).

The teachers and other members of staff are available after school every day to speak to, or alternatively you can email your class teacher for any questions or queries. Their email addresses will be sent to you on Monday. Please note that these will be responded to between 8.30am – 4.30pm.

A New Term…

To ensure that every child does the very best they can, we again start this year with the highest of expectations. We know that children will live up (or down) to the expectations we have of them and so it is essential that they understand, from the outset, that we expect 100% effort at all times. There is no doubt that when we work together, we achieve so much more for every child so I would start this year by asking you to reinforce our shared high expectations at home. I ask that you make every effort to ensure that your child:

- Arrives at school on time to begin their learning and is collected on time to avoid them being unsettled
- Makes their best effort with homework (see below)
- Wears full school uniform and always strives to 'dress to impress'- **This includes wearing PE kit on PE days**
- Has respect for our behaviour policy and the rewards and sanctions in place to support positive behaviour
- Is encouraged to have a positive attitude to learning
- Is present at school whenever possible… our school attendance target is 95%!

Home Learning

We know that so much valuable learning goes on at home. For this reason, we provide home learning as a guide to how you can support your child's learning at home, but we value any record of home learning you choose to provide. We will continue to provide weekly home learning suggestions for English, Maths and RE and your child can choose how to present their learning. We will then reward your child with a gold, silver or bronze award, depending on the quality of their homework. At the end of each term, we will continue to reward outstanding effort with an end of term treat. Please remember, if your child has had a busy week, they can record any other learning they have done outside of school, i.e. trip to the zoo, dance classes etc. Simply encourage them to find creative ways to record their learning.

Maths will also continue to be an element to home learning through TT Rockstars**.** Don't forget the books sent home this Friday will also need to be covered and personalised. Please encourage your child to cover it neatly and to take pride in their home learning book.

Leadership Roles

Over the next week, we will be receiving nominations for and electing our House Captains and our Annie's Agents which include the School, Learning, Worship and Eco Councillors. These are key roles which enable the children to have a voice in the direction the school takes and the decisions made by the Senior Leadership Team. Please take time to speak to your child about what it means to be a leader and the qualities a leader might display. Even if they choose not to stand for a specific role, it might help them to choose how best to use their vote and this is a great life skill! Our new year 6 are also encouraged to apply for leadership roles and need to send a letter outlining their strengths and roles they would like to ..

Uniform

Please note that it is the winter uniform for this term; a white shirt and school tie for all children. If there does happen to be a spell of hot weather (wishful thinking) then the children can continue to wear the school's summer uniform. The school PE polo shirt should not be worn outside of PE. Similarly, trousers, tights and skirts should be black, in line with the school's uniform policy. For PE, children should come to school wearing their blue polo shirt and hoodie, **along with black PE shorts or bottoms**.
More news on next week's newsletter about our Annie's Shop andknow we always have plenty of spare recycled uniform that is available for all of our families.

Pre- Loved Uniform

Currently we have lots of pre-loved uniform available that has been donated and we would love to be re –used. This will be available at the end of school today and also on Monday at beginning & end of day. Please take what you need. You can make a small donation if you wish.

Other Information

What's coming up...

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 27th September we will be holding a cake sale for the children with all proceeds going to the Macmillan Coffee Morning appeal, raising money for this very worthy charity. We would also very much appreciate cake donations, which can be brought to school from Thursday 26th September; shop bought or homemade will both be greatly appreciated. The children can bring in money to buy a cake at breaktime (no more than £1).

In the afternoon from 2.15pm parents/families are welcome to drop in a for coffee and cake and chance for parents to meet before collecting your children.

If you wish to donate more than this please make this donation on parent mail. Any leftover cakes will be sold at the end of the school day.

Reminders

After School Clubs

We are delighted that the clubs begin again next week – this information has been shared on Parentmail.

Parking

Please park lawfully and respectfully!

Dogs

School policy states that there are NO DOGS ALLOWED ON SCHOOL SITE. (This includes if they are on a lead) Please adhere to this rule for the safety of the children. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Holiday Leave

Please see the Warwickshire County Council advice on holiday leave below.

PE Days

Please also see the days your child will need PE kits.

Judea (Nursery): Tuesday & Thursday
Laural (Reception): Tuesday & Thursday
Mary (Yr 1): Monday & Friday
Joachim (Yr 2): Monday & Wednesday
Grace (Yr 3): Wednesday &Thursday
Constantine (Yr 4): Tuesday & Thursday (Swimming)
Brittany (Yr 5): Tuesday & Thursday
Grandmère (Yr 6) Tuesday & Wednesday

Thought for the week

Miss Gillin

Head of School

Guidance from the DfES on Leave during Term Time

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

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Connect for Health
Your school nursing service

@c4hwarwickshire @schoolhealthc4h @compassc4h

Helpful information & useful websites on health & wellbeing for young people.

Childline Tel: 08001111

www.childline.org.uk.

Family Lives

www.familylives.org.uk

Peer Support

www.kidscape.org.uk bullying, cyberbullying, friendships, moving up to secondary school

www.bullying.co.uk

www.behealthy-peersupport.org.uk

Severe Allergies/Anaphylaxis

www.anaphylaxis.org.uk

Asthma

www.asthma.org.uk/advice/child

Bladder & Bowel, Bedwetting

www.eric.org.uk/Pages/Category/kids

Children's Arthritis

https://www.ccaa.org.uk/

Diabetes

www.diabetes.org.uk/guide-to-diabetes/kids

Epilepsy

www.epilepsy.org.uk/info/children

Bereavement

www.childbereavement.org.uk

https://help2makesense.org/

www.guysgift.co.uk

Emotional Health

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sorted

www.stem4.org.uk

Diet, healthy eating, physical activity and exercise

https://www.wcrf-uk.org/healthy-eating/recipes

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/

Staying safe online

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Safety

www.safetynetkids.org.uk - personal safety, bullying, online safety

Puberty

www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/you-your-body/puberty/

Drugs/Alcohol/Smoking

talktofrank.com

Warwickshire Young Carers

warwickshireyoungcarers.org.uk

Please scan this QR code to access our feedback form. We would love to hear what you thought!

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