



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly!

Value of the Half Term

Thankfulness

Newsletter Issue 1

Friday 8 September 2023

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
always give thanks for everything to God the Father.

Ephesians 5:20

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WELCOME BACK MESSAGE FROM MRS RYNN

I hope that everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer break and is looking forward to the year ahead. There is a lot to look forward to and some trips and residential have already been booked!

A special welcome to all our new starters both in the Early Years, and across school, and to their parents and carers. We are looking forward to working with you and your child over the coming years. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome some new members of staff to our school – Miss McGee, who will be teaching Y1, and Mrs Burgess, who has joined our team of teaching assistants.

It has been a wonderful first week seeing our pupils settling back into their learning with enthusiasm. Good to also see that our St Ann's behaviour standard has not been forgotten over the holidays!

Next week we have our Meet the Teacher workshops to look forward to. Have a lovely weekend. **Mrs Rynn**

JOB VACANCIES AT ST ANN'S

Level 2 Teaching Assistant
Level 3 Teaching Assistant
Therapeutic Teaching Assistant
Midday Supervisor

Visits to the school are encouraged and warmly welcomed. Please telephone to arrange an appointment (0151 426 5869).

Application Process:

The Three Saints Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all those working within the trust to share this commitment. All offers of employment are subject to an Enhanced DBS check, and where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check will be completed for all applicants.

The application pack is available on <http://www.three-saints.org.uk/index.php/vacancies/>. CVs will not be accepted.

Closing Date & Short-listing: Monday 2 October 2023

Interviews: See individual adverts

We are seeking to appoint some highly motivated, enthusiastic and talented people to join our outstanding primary school, and who shares our vision for providing a first-class education and instilling all our children with a love of learning.

We are looking for people who:

- Like working with children
- Are passionate and enthusiastic for learning
- Can establish good working relationships with children, staff and parents
- Can take direction and work on own initiative
- Can work as part of a team
- Promote positive behaviour
- Are hard working and conscientious
- Are excellent communicators
- Are organised and efficient
- Are friendly and flexible
- Are professional and positive
- Understand confidentiality



St Ann's is an over-subscribed, two form entry Church of England primary school, with a strong track record of achievement and an outstanding judgement from Ofsted and excellent from SIAMs. We nurture and care for our children in a Christian ethos, placing our children and their family at the centre of our work. Our children are encouraged to be independent, creative and reflective learners who can self-manage, work within a team and effectively participate and communicate.

What we can offer you:

We can offer you:

- fantastic children with a positive attitude towards learning and excellent behaviour;
- the support of a dedicated, committed and creative staff team;
- the opportunity to be part of an outstanding school;
- a school already established in developing practitioners and nurturing its staff because of its unrivalled opportunities for professional development through the Northwest Learning Partnership and NW3 Maths Hub which are within our MAT;
- an engaging, bespoke curriculum;
- supportive School Committee, Directors and parents

PE DAYS FOR THIS YEAR

This year children will continue to have one of their PE lessons taught each week by a PE specialist from PECO. PECO provide high quality PE School Sport across Merseyside PECO will also be delivering an array of before and after school sports clubs, which you will be aware of from recent communication sent from school. Children should wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE.

	PECO	Class Teacher
EYP	N/A	Friday
EYR	N/A	Wednesday
1M	Tuesday	Friday
1T	Tuesday	Friday
2H	Wednesday	Monday
2O	Wednesday	Monday
3E	Thursday	Monday
3H	Thursday	Monday
4C	Wednesday	Friday
4H	Wednesday	Friday
5B	Tuesday	Friday
5D	Tuesday	Friday
6A	Thursday	Monday
6M	Thursday	Monday

MEET THE TEACHER



Starting next week our annual Meet the Teacher workshops will take place. It is really important parents/ carers attend these sessions so that you can become familiar with what the year ahead will look like for your child in their new class. At the workshops, the teachers will talk about **routines, procedures and expectations**.

Workshops will take place in classrooms. Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5 & Y6 parents/ carers should wait by the gate at the front of school. EYs & Y3 parents should wait by the side gate near the blue BASE door.

YEAR GROUP	DATE
Year 1	5pm - 14 th September
Year 2	5pm - 14 th September
Year 3	5pm - 13 th September
Year 4	5pm - 13 th September
Year 5	5pm - 12 th September
Year 6	5pm - 12 th September

CONSENTS & PERMISSIONS

We will have received an email this week with details of consents and permissions required for the forthcoming year. They will require completion either by accessing ARBOR or completing a Microsoft link. Your early attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated and this helps with our efficiency.

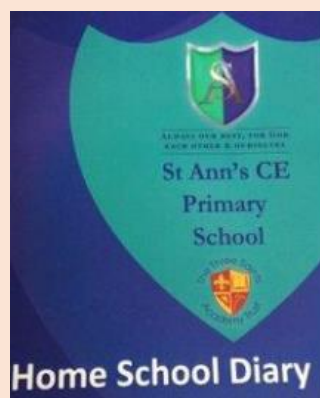
WEEKLY HOMEWORK

This academic year your child will receive the following weekly homework:

- Daily reading – paper books and e-books (Bug Club)
- Numbots (EYs, Y1 & Y2) or TimesTable Rockstars (Y2 -Y6)
- Spellings (Spelling Shed)
- English and Maths alternately, uploaded onto MS Teams

Periodically the children will also be set homework linked other subjects.

HOME SCHOOL DIARY



This week your child will have received their new and revised Home School Diary for 2023-24. The entire diary is completely bespoke to our school and has been designed by the staff at St. Ann's, in consultation with parents. We hope that both you and your child find the planner useful during the coming year.

As the planner also acts as your child's Reading Record Diary, it is important that they bring it into school each day. The diary is also a great way for you to communicate with the staff in your child's year group, as there is plenty of space for messages.

Some pages we would like to draw your attention to include:

- Home School Agreement to be signed by children and parents on p28-30
- Passwords to various website on p159
- A record of collected reading stamps to show how many weeks your child has read daily for on p160-162
- Research about the importance of bedtime stories on p137-139

Lost or badly damaged diaries can be replaced at a cost of £5.00. Replacement diaries can be purchased via Arbor, followed by an email to the school office so that arrangements can be made for the diary to be sent home.



SWIMMING 2023-24

6M will swim at Halewood Volair on the following dates: **17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25 & 26 October 2023.**

Separate letter to follow.

6A will swim in January 2024.

OUTCOME OF MENTORING CONVERSATION SURVEY

Many thanks to everyone who completed the mentoring conversation survey. The overwhelming majority voted to keep mentoring conversation online this year.

DEMOCRACY DAY

Today has been our annual Democracy Day. During the day, the children learned all about general elections, Article 12 of the Children's Rights Charter, and the fundamental British Value of Democracy. The elected Head Boy and Girl, School Councillors and House Captains can be seen below.

Well done to all our pupils who have been elected this academic year. All these children represent our school beautifully and are excellent role models. The children thoroughly enjoyed having their badge presented to them by the Mayor of St Helens!

ROLE	ELECTED CHILD
Head Boy	Blake H
Head Girl	Ellie C
House Captains for Rocket, Phoenix, Planet & North Star	Hugh T, Taylor F, Oliver H & Ava O
1M School Councillor	Alex B
1T School Councillor	Eloise M
2H School Councillor	Olivia L
2O School Councillor	Ella P
3E School Councillor	Zac H
3H School Councillor	Lucia S
4C School Councillor	William C
4H School Councillor	Niall B
5B School Councillor	Isla W
5D School Councillor	Matthew P
6A School Councillor	Jake W
6M School Councillor	Freya R

PARENT FORUM 2023-24



Next week we will begin the process of recruiting this year's Parent/Carer Forum Reps. We hope to recruit a parent/ carer to represent each of our 14 classes. The group will meet termly to celebrate the work of our school and to offer a parental perspective on agenda items.

Please note, individual matters are not addressed at Parent Forum as this is a public forum that only meets once a term.

If you think this is something you would be interested in, simply complete the reply slip and return to school by the deadline. If more than one parent/ carer applies to be the Rep for a particular class, a parent/ carer who has previously not held the role will be randomly selected (names drawn from a hat). Parents/ carers who have previously held the position will be able to be a Rep once again as long as there is no other interest.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of last year's Parent Forum. We hope you enjoyed having an insight into up and coming school matters. We appreciated your comments and valued your support.

The impact of last year's Parent Forum can be seen in the information contained at the end of this Newsletter.

the sleep charity ST HELENS CARES
thesleepcharity.org.uk

Sleep Charity Referral for St Helens Sleep Pathway

Your chance to work directly with our sleep practitioners who are here to help you and your child sleep better



Use the following QR code or link to book one of our 1-2-1 sleep clinic appointments, available via telephone or video calls
<https://ecv.microsoft.com/C35gdvbyBJ>

Why not book on our Foundation Sleep Workshop?
Free training that provides you with knowledge around sleep, some of the common reasons for poor sleep and how you can help to improve your child's sleep

To book, please contact brian@thesleepcharity.org.uk

For more information on the local St Helens sleep pathway and accessing support, or for any concerns you may have regarding your child's sleep patterns, then please contact your health visitor, school nurse, early help worker or children's centre

Children's information support available here:
<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

03303 530 541
Monday - Thursday 9.30am - 5pm
Friday 9.30am - 4pm
Saturday & Sunday 10am - 12pm



UK Health Security Agency NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek




Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>

MMR VACCINATIONS

UK Health Security Agency NHS

Measles is still common in many countries worldwide.

Make sure you and your loved ones are **up to date with MMR vaccinations** or contact your GP if you need to catch up before you travel.



protects the person vaccinated but can help prevent us spreading the virus to others.

We ask you to check that your child is fully up to date with their MMR vaccinations by checking their record in their red book / contacting their G.P. if you are unsure. Vaccines take about 2 weeks to be effective so book your appointment with you GP practice now if you know that your child has not been fully vaccinated.

Since the beginning of 2023 there has been an increase in the number of measles cases in the UK. Several measles cases have been reported in London, but some have been picked up in other areas across the country and/ or have been linked to travel abroad.

Measles is very infectious, and the risk is that it can cause very serious illness. We are asking that you check that your child has had two MMR vaccines and if not, to get up to date. The MMR vaccine is a very effective vaccine that offers protection against measles. Vaccination not only

UK Health Security Agency NHS

What is measles?

It's a viral illness that can be **serious and sometimes fatal.**

Spending 15 mins with someone with measles is enough to get the virus.



Watch for more info 

YEAR 4 CURRICULUM VISIT



We are excited to share a wonderful opportunity for our Year 4 students to embark on a fascinating journey into history by visiting the World Museum on 22nd September. Details will follow shortly.

FAMILY WORSHIP

On Friday 6 October at 9am, 6A will lead the first Family Worship of the academic year in the hall. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.



PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

As children at St Ann's attend school wearing their PE Kit on the days they have PE, it is important that this is seen as an extension to our day-to-day school uniform. Therefore, our high standards for dress, remain the same.

All children require:

- a navy blue t-shirt
- a navy blue hoody
- navy blue shorts
- navy blue jogging bottoms
- trainers

These items can be plain or have the school and trust logo on.

Branded sportswear is not acceptable. It is also not acceptable for children to wear trainers on non-PE days.

Children who fail to wear correct PE kit will be provided with the correct clothing to wear during the school day.

Thank you for your co-operation and support with this matter.



SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #1

Returning to school

Going back to school can bring up lots of feelings. You might be happy to go back, wish you were still at home or want to be somewhere else completely. If you're going back after being off from the holidays or for any other reason, you might be worried about:

- what the school will be like when you go back
- catching up with work and how you're going to be assessed
- seeing friends again
- being [bullied](#)
- starting a new routine, or coping away from home
- keeping safe.

You might also be worried about [problems at home](#) getting worse by you returning to school. Whatever's worrying you can speak to a parent, carer, member of school staff or Childline.

Childline 0800 1111



School Admissions Calendar: 2024-2025 School Year Intakes

	Closing Dates for Applications	Letter/Email to Parents
Secondary (portal opened 4th September 2023 closes 31st October 2023)	31 October 2023	1 March 2024
Primary (portal opens 18th September 2023 closes 15th January 2024)	15 January 2024	16 April 2024
Nursery Autumn 2024 Intake (portal was open 12 June 2023 -21 July 2023)	21 July 2023	22 September 2023
Nursery Spring 2025 Intake	19 July 2024	20 September 2024
Nursery Summer 2025 Intake	19 July 2024	20 September 2024

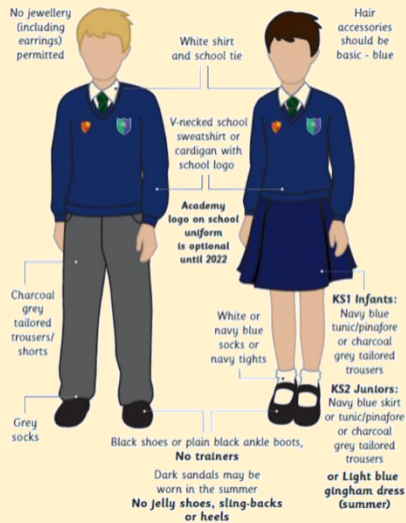
For further information please contact the School Admissions Section on 01744 671035 (Nursery and Primary Allocations), 01744 671030 (Secondary Allocation) and 01744 671027 (In Year Transfers).



****Please note that St Helens Council are currently experiencing problems with the portal, we will keep parents updated once we receive further information.**

GENERAL INFORMATION/WEEKLY REMINDERS

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS



**Please note, it is no longer compulsory to wear items of clothing with the school and Trust logos on. Children may wear plain navy-blue items of school uniform.*

SCHOOL SHOES REMINDER



TOAST YEARS 1-6

The deadline for Toast (Years 1-6) for this half term has now passed. Please see the flyer attached to this Newsletter for details of the payments required for future half terms.

EARLY YEARS SNACK

Foundation stage children receive Snack on a daily basis. We would be most grateful if you would make payment on Arbor of the following amounts by the due dates:

Autumn 1 - £11.40 at your earliest convenience

Autumn 2 - £10.50 by 18th October 2023

Spring 1 - £7.20 by 19th December 2023

Spring 2 - £8.70 by 31st January 2024

Summer 1 - £8.40 by 20th March 2024

Summer 2 - £11.10 by 15th May 2024

PRIVACY NOTICE

The Privacy Notice for the Three Saints Academy Trust can be viewed at <http://www.three-saints.org.uk/pages/policies/policies.htm>

TERM DATES

Term	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term 2022	5 th September 2023	26 th October 2023
	6 th November 2023	22 nd December 2023
Spring Term 2023	9 th January 2024	9 th February 2024
	19 th February 2024	28 th March 2024
Summer Term 2023	15 th April 2024	22 nd May 2024
	3 rd June 2024	23 rd July 2024

PURCHASING SCHOOL ITEMS

If you wish to purchase a school item this can now be done through Arbor. If you make a purchase please email the school office at stannsce@three-saints.org.uk so that arrangements can be made to issue the item. Current prices are as follows:

School Bag £10.00

Junior Tie £4.00

Elasticated Tie £3.50

Children's University Passport £5.00

Replacement Home School Diary £5.00

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Twitter: [@RainhillStAnns](https://twitter.com/RainhillStAnns)

Headteacher: Mrs Laura Rynn

*'But those who trust in the Lord, they will find new strength.
They will soar high on wings like eagles' Isaiah 40:31*

Parents' Suggestion/Comment Slip

TOAST

YEARS 1-6

If you would like your child to have Toast every half term please see below for the amount due each half term and the date the amount is required by. Payments should be made to your Arbor Toast account. Payments can be made in advance of these dates if you wish and the credit will be used once the due date arrives.

	Amount Due	Date Toast Account to be in credit by
Autumn 1	£9.50	13th July 2023
Autumn 2	£8.75	18th October 2023
Spring 1	£6.00	19th December 2023
Spring 2	£7.25	31st January 2024
Summer 1	£7.00	20th March 2024
Summer 2	£9.25	15th May 2024

Total for year £47.75



St. Ann's Church of England Primary School

Parent Forum 'We asked, you said, we did' Impact Report (2022-23)

Our Parent Forum was established in July 2015; it acts as a representative body for all parents and carers in St Ann's and we have at least one parent/ carer from each class involved in the forum. The Parent Forum meet three times a year to discuss issues and subjects linked to school priorities; they also act as a consultative body for the school.

We asked/ shared	You said	We did
Parental view on Parent Insight sessions	Parents enjoyed the sessions and found them useful. Parents especially valued the Maths Parent Insight Sessions. Would like session to be longer.	2x Parent Insight sessions to continue to run each academic year. One of the two sessions will focus on Maths. Sessions were extended to 45 minutes.
Feedback on schools APPs	Raise profile of APPs amongst parents and communicate expectations around use.	Promoted use of TT Rockstars & Numbots at Maths Parent Insight session. Introduced TT Rockstars Competitions. Spotlight feature on APPs in school newsletter. Weekly TT Rockstars feature in school newsletter celebrating individual achievements. Will highlight in future Meet the Teacher sessions.
Additional actions school could take to continue to educate pupils about safe internet use	Invite Community Police into school to talk to pupils about consequences of inappropriate use of social media. Educate parents/ carers on online safety matters. Educate parents/ carers about parental controls on devices. When online safety incidents are communicated to school from St Helens LSCB, for school communication to make it clear the intelligence has come from them.	Community Police invited into school to speak with pupils across the school about online safety. Parents continued to be invited to an online safety workshop during Safer Internet Week. School produce monthly online safety newsletter for parents. School produced a guide to parental controls on devices. When online safety incidents are communicated to school from St Helens LSCB, school communication makes it clear the intelligence has come from them.
Arrangements for Mentoring conversations	Parents would like Mentoring Conversations to be face to face.	Schools surveyed parents about their preferences for Mentoring Conversations. Mixed views, although the majority of parents who completed the survey preferred face to face. Therefore Mentoring Conversations will remain online for the foreseeable future.

Parental view on new school aims	Satisfied all stakeholders had been consulted. Asked how school will measure the impact of the aims.	School will evidence the impact through learning walks, surveys and pupil discussion.
Friends Association	Friends Association to be advertised via the newsletter Friends to be divided into two groups – a group who meet during the day and a group who meet during the evening. Profile the ways in which parents can be involved in the life of the school Suggested fund-raising ideas Suggested Friends could fund <u>raise</u> for visits to reduce costs to parents	Friends Association advertised in newsletter Ways parents can be involved in the school profiled in the newsletter. At first Friends meeting, fund raising ideas and what to fund raise for to be discussed.
How school can support vulnerable families	Set up a Hardship Fund. Ask Rainhill Rotary and Parish Council for support Advertise that parents can make anonymous donations to school and make over payments on school trips	Hardship Fund set up School let parents know that they can make overpayments on school visits should they wish to.
How school can further support pupils' mental health and wellbeing	Promote the importance of children taking part in extra-curricular provision Educate children on how they can proactively look after their own mental health Teach children coping strategies which will support their mental health e.g. mindfulness activities Continue to offer yoga	Whole school mental health and wellbeing strategy developed, ready to be rolled out in Autumn 2023 (this involves mindfulness). Children continued to be educated in how to proactively look after their own mental health in PSHE lessons. Yoga continued to be offered.
Release time of extra-curricular provision	Change the day and time extra-curricular provision is released to better accommodate working parents.	Day and time extra-curricular provision is released changed to better accommodate working parents.
Organisation of homework	Parents would prefer all homework for that half term to be released as a booklet in one go.	Homework for the half term released as a booklet on <u>MSTeam</u> at the beginning of the half term.
Transition	Parents happy with arrangements and activities. Felt it was a good idea for children to have a PE lesson during the two days as this is a <u>subject children</u> tend to enjoy.	No changes due to parental satisfaction.
Meet the Teacher	Hold the workshops as early as possible. Include information about trips and key diary dates.	Meetings scheduled to take place before the end of the second week of the Autumn term. Presentation included information about trips and key diary dates.
Annual school calendar	Hold a <u>Rockstars</u> Day to promote TT <u>Rockstars</u> School to book in Friends events as early as possible	TT <u>Rockstars</u> day planned for 2023-24. School have meeting with Friends Association in September to book in events to be held.

**WIDNES & ST HELENS
CHILDREN'S
VOLUNTARY GROUP**

4 Rossington Gardens
Waterside Village
Merseyside
St. Helens
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Email boltrior@yahoo.co.uk

Dear St.Annes school community,

You held a charity fundraising day and raised a massive £1263.70! This is an incredible amount and our group is so grateful. This will go towards sending our children on an activity weekend with Whiston hospital team to promote independence with their Type 1 Diabetes.

Thank you to your wonderful school. children, staff and parents.

Kind regards,

Kellie Riordan (Chair) 07762210383



PETS AS THERAPY

Our pets and people enriching lives,
one visit at a time.



Therapeutic visits by PAT Teams can:

- Bring comfort and companionship to people living in local communities who may feel isolated, confused and lonely.
- Help young people to improve their literacy skills and encourage confidence and concentration in the classroom.
- Aid a patient's recovery and rehabilitation and help improve mental health and wellbeing.

For more information or help:

 petsastherapy.org
 reception@petsastherapy.org
 01865 671440

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