



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Justice

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Friday 1 March 2024

Cursed is anyone who withholds justice.

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WORLD BOOK DAY: THURSDAY 7 MARCH

World Book Day 2024 will take place on Thursday 7th March. As a school, we are passionate about reading and are looking forward to celebrating all of our favourite authors and texts across the school. Children can look forward to a range of activities where they will share stories with their peers, take part in a 'story raid', listen to a Saints rugby player explain what their favourite book is and explore new additions to our class libraries. As with previous World Book Days, we will not be asking children to dress up or provide an outfit for World Book Day. We recognise that there are increased financial burdens on our families and that the money spent on a costume could be spent on a range amazing books for your children. Look out for pictures celebrating the day on Twitter.

KIDS GET THEIR SUPER POWERS BY
**ATTENDING SCHOOL
EVERY DAY** ⚡

BE AN ATTENDANCE
SUPERHERO!

Whole school attendance year to date <i>Whole School target 96%</i>	96.05%
Whole school attendance week ending 23 rd February 2024	98.16%
Class with best weekly attendance	1M & 4S – 100%

Attendance Expectations

Children are expected to be in school **every day** unless they are unwell. All other reasons will be unauthorised. If your child is going to be absent, contact school and let us know before 9.20am. Children not in school may receive a phone call home or home visit. In line with our Attendance Policy, we are committed to supporting families in improving their child's attendance, before taking legal action.

**Number of pupils
with 100% attendance
this week**

375

Punctuality

School starts at **8.50am**.
Lessons start at **8.50am**.

School gates open at 8.40am.

Children arriving after 8.50am will need to use the main entrance. Children who enter school via the main entrance will be registered as late. Regularly missing the beginning of lessons has a negative impact on a child's progress and wellbeing.



**Miss
School
Miss
Out**

If you're not going to school
you will miss out on...





Learning
new skills



Your
friends



Support
and help



School
activities



Having
fun

Being in school and on time is good for you.
90% attendance may look impressive but it means missing 19 days of education in a year.
Don't be one of the few to miss school and miss out!
If you need help with school attendance,
please talk to your school for advice




A SPOTLIGHT ON: HOW PARENTS/ CARERS CAN SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

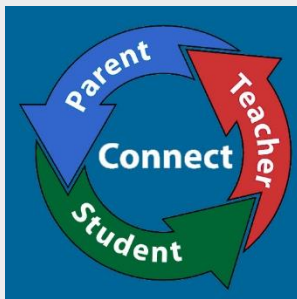


At St Ann's we work hard to engage with our families because we know there is a direct link between parental involvement in a child's education and how happy and successful a child is.

Ways everyone can be involved:

- Asking your child about their day at school and reminding them of your expectations for them before they leave the house
- Showing your child you support school policies and procedures so they know we are a team and there is one clear message
- Making reading at home EVERY day the expectation
- Ensuring they complete their homework including accessing TT Rockstars & Numbots
- Attending mentoring conversations and other school events e.g. family worships, church services, sports days
- Sharing a bedtime story each evening

Here are some other ways, you may not have thought of 😊



SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOVERNORS

The School committee takes responsibility for monitoring and ensuring a high quality pupil experience, which meets the needs of the local community. Parent governors are elected by the parents and carers of pupils at the academy/school. Any parent or registered carer of a pupil is eligible to put themselves forward for the role.

PARENT FORUM

The purpose of the Parent Forum is to provide another channel of communication between home and school. The group meet to celebrate the work of our school and to offer a parental perspective on agenda items. The forum meets once a term and they are supported by the school's senior leadership team. Individual matters are not addressed at Parent Forum as this is a public forum that only meets once a term. Parents nominate themselves to be their child's Class Rep.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The goal of the Friends Association is to raise funds to help enhance and further the children's learning experiences and opportunities. Funds benefit all the children and come from the fundraising initiatives and events that will be held during the school year. Over the years, the Friends Association have funded IT equipment, whole school events, the trim trail and Y6 Hoodies. Everyone has something to give whether that is attending a meeting, setting up an event or designing a poster.

VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL

If you have any time to spare, you might consider volunteering at our school. This might include hearing readers, going on a trip or supporting our staff team with admin. Contact the school office to find out more about our recruitment and induction process.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Now is the time to donate any unwanted Christmas presents to school for our tombola which will take place at our Easter Bingo. Simply send your NEW unwanted Christmas presents into school with your child or hand in at the school office. Thank you in advance for all the donations we receive.

FAMILY WORSHIP



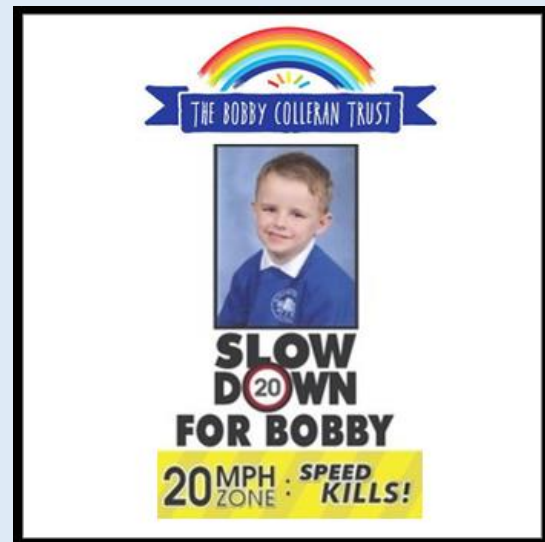
On **Friday 8 March at 9am, 2H** will lead their Family Worship in the hall all

about International Women's Day. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.

WEAR BLUE FOR BOBBY: 13 MARCH

Bobby Colleran was tragically killed outside his primary school, Blackmoor Infants, which is one of the schools within our Trust.

It would have been his birthday on **13 March**, so this year, to remember Bobby, and to raise awareness around road safety, especially outside schools, we shall be wearing blue for Bobby.



SWIMMING



5D will commence swimming lessons from **Tuesday 5 March**. Please refer to separate letter for further details.

EYS PARENT INSIGHT

Please see below the dates for the re-scheduled EYs Parent Insight sessions. We hope you can make it!

EYR	20 th March @ 1.30pm
EYP	20 th March @ 2.15pm

PARENT FORUM

We have Parent Forum Rep vacancies in the following classes and keen to fill them.
EYR, 5B & 6A.

If you are interested in being a Parent Rep, please contact school on stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

OPEN SCHOOL BOOK LOOK

On **Thursday 7 March 3.30-4.30pm** parents/carers are invited into school to look at their child's books.

Enter your child's classroom via the classroom door. Moving between classes should be done via the outside of school.

A Month in Sport at St Ann's (Jan-Feb)

Year 6 Football (Tuesday 23rd January)

St Ann's 2-0 Thattp Heath

Federation St Mary's 0-0 St Ann's

St Ann's 0-1 Rainford

St Ann's 0-2 St Bart's

Newton 0-3 St Ann's



Year 5 Football (Thursday 1st February)

St Ann's 0-0 Rainford

Broad Oak 0-2 St Ann's

Sherdley 1-1 St Ann's

Leigh Vale 0-2 St Ann's

St Ann's 1-0 St Bart's



Year 3/4 Girls Football (Friday 2nd February)

St Ann's 3-0 St Theresa's

Bleak Hill 2-0 St Ann's

St Ann's 1-0 St Bart's

St Ann's 2-1 Rivington

St Ann's 1-0 Sutton Oak

St Thomas of Canterbury 0-1 St Ann's

Key Stage 2 Learning & Discovery Festival (Wednesday 7th February)



Competitive PE Lessons



COMING UP... Y5 VISIT TO LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC



Monday 4 March
See separate letter for details.

Y5 TREE PLANTING

Weather permitting on **Friday 8 March** Y4 & Y5 will plant a sapling on the school field as part of our development of the school grounds in co-operation with Mersey Forest.

Children should come to school wearing their PE kits and warm waterproof coat and bring into school a pair of suitable outdoor footwear e.g. wellies/ walking boots.



ASSESSMENT WEEK

W/c **11 March** is Assessment Week. It is important that children get plenty of rest the weekend before, and each evening are in bed at an age-appropriate time and are off devices at least an hour before bedtime. The outcome of assessment week will be shared with parents/ carers at Mentoring Conversations later in the half term.

KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL MEETING FOR PARENTS/ CARERS



If your child is in Y4 and participating in the Kingswood Residential, there will be a meeting half at **3.30pm on Thursday 14 March** in 4S Classroom.

EASTER BINGO



On **Thursday 21 March** we are holding our family Easter Bingo sessions to raise money for school fund! This was a hugely successful event last year and we are looking forward

to running it again this year. The event is ticketed due to space restrictions in our hall. Tickets can be purchased from Arbor. The 3 sessions will be held at 3.30pm, 4.45pm, 6.00pm. Each session will last no longer than 1 hour. Bring plenty of spare change along as there will be refreshments, a raffle and tombola and you may wish to purchase extra bingo cards. Please refer to separate letter for finer details.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORT BANK

The next passport bank will be the final one before this year's Children's University Graduation ceremony. The passport bank will take place on **Thursday 21 March**. The hours in passports handed in after this date will unfortunately not count towards this year's awards as they will have missed the cut off date.





SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSION

Friday 8th March - 2.45pm-3.30pm



PARKING REMINDER

Please can we remind parents who are attending school for any purpose, that St Ann's Millennium Centre car park is a private car park. If you are using the car park please ensure you are parked within a marked bay, not in a staff parking bay or causing any obstruction for other vehicles.

There have been a number of incidents recently of cars being parked across two bays. This has meant that there is a reduced number of spaces available for users of the Centre and Church leading to complaints.

We would greatly appreciate parents support in this matter.

CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE AT ST ANN'S CHURCH



On **Saturday 2 March** a children's books sale will be taking place in St Ann's church. If you have any books that you wish to donate, these can be left at the Millennium Centre. Equally, you might like to go along to make some purchases. In the absence of having a local library, we think this is a marvelous idea!

ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT SHOW

If your child is due to take part in the Talent Show please ensure that you have purchased your tickets by 11th March 2024. Many thanks.



COMPETITION



Time



In celebration of British Science Week, we will be holding a school wide competition based on this year's theme of 'time'.

There will be prizes for winning entries in every year group so let's get creative!

In order to enter, you will have to make a device that can measure 'time'. Some suggestions include:

- a sand timer
- a water timer
- a sundial
- a marble run...

or anything else you can think of!



When you have made your device, share a photo or video of your entry with us on 'X/Twitter' (@StAnnsRainhill)

Entries are welcome from today onwards with the closing date being Friday 15th March.

Winners will be announced via the newsletter the following week.



Good luck!



@StAnnsRainhill



Meet the Team



Baby Showers



A chance to meet the
services delivered in
St Helens Family Hubs
and Children's Centres!



Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 13th March 2024

9.30AM - 11.30AM

Sutton Family Hub

Wednesday 27th April 2024

1.00PM - 3.00PM

Central Link Family Hub

Services available:

Midwifery
Health Visiting

Family Hubs

Parents in Mind
Home-Start

Advice on free
childcare

And many more..



BSL Interpreters are
available on request.

To get in touch with us please contact:

Email:

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Telephone: 01744 673420

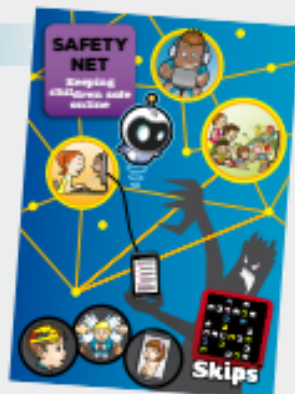
Text: 07761045427



Family Hub

ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Parent's Guide to Fake News



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



Don't believe everything you see online!

Young people can very easily be dragged into things without parental guidance and support.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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This term we will be focussing in school on the value JUSTICE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT JUSTICE TOGETHER...

Justice means more than making things 'fair'.

In order for people to live together well in a **just** community, it is important to have rules or laws that everybody sticks to. Imagine if there were no rules for people driving cars on the road!

As a family you may want to talk about:

- why it is important to have rules and laws
- rules or laws that you don't think are **just** (or fair)
- family rules that you think are important

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to **justice** everywhere."

Martin Luther King Jr



READ TOGETHER...



The Story of Jonah

Some folk always seem to be arguing or moaning and groaning. Sometimes they moan about the weather, sometimes they moan about their family, and sometimes they just moan. In fact, they are so busy moaning about EVERYTHING that they forget to be thankful for ANYTHING.

Jonah was just like that! He moaned all the time. So when God asked him to go to Ninevah and tell the people there that he was angry about their stealing, lying, fighting and their wicked ways, of course Jonah moaned and groaned. "Not Ninevah, please! Anywhere but Ninevah! We have never got on with that nasty bunch. Please Lord, send someone else." And just in case God asked him again Jonah, quick as his legs could carry him, ran to the dock and asked the captain of the nearest boat to take him to the furthest place from Ninevah. The nearest boat was the Jolly Dragon and her captain was called Wise Captain Silas. The Jolly Dragon set sail on a calm sea under a clear blue sky but within a day found herself caught up in a fierce and frightening storm. Captain Silas knew immediately that something was not right. He went to find his passenger, who, surprise, surprise, was below deck moaning to one of the sailors. "It's my fault," groaned Jonah. "Throw me into the sea and the storm will blow over." Wise Captain Silas knew Jonah was right and so to save his ship and all the crew, gave orders to toss Jonah overboard that minute. A huge fish saw Jonah sinking slowly to the bottom of the sea, and he opened his great mouth wide, and swallowed him whole!

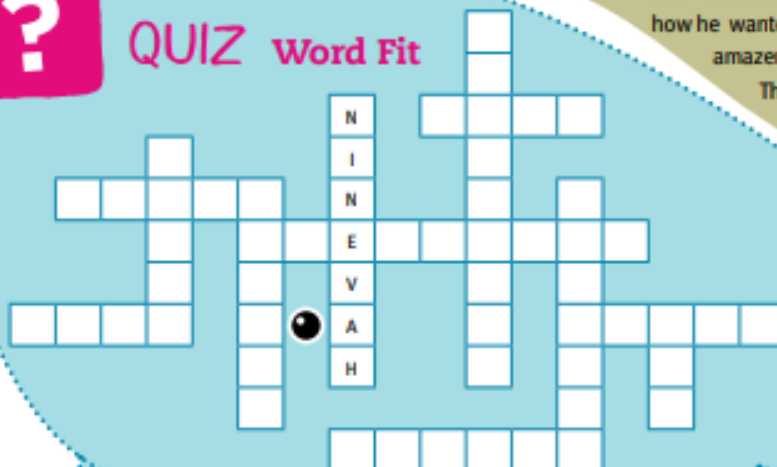
Jonah had only just enough time to recover from the shock when he found himself shooting through the air and onto a beach very near to Ninevah. The great fish had spat him out and swum away.

Even Jonah knew now that there was no way out. He picked himself up, shook off the seaweed and walked slowly into the centre of the city. There he did what God had told him at the start and explained to the people of Ninevah that God was sad about their **unjust** behaviour and how he wanted them to change their ways. To Jonah's amazement, that's exactly what they did. They fasted, they prayed for God's forgiveness and even thanked him for sending Jonah.

Bible story based on Jonah/Jonah



QUIZ Word Fit



ANGRY
CALM
FISH
GOD
GROANED
JONAH
MOANER
OVERBOARD
PRAYED
STORM
SWALLOWED



HALL OF FAME

Lady Justice

Lady **Justice** is one of the most famous landmarks in London. It is a bronze statue that stands on the domed roof of the Old Bailey. This building houses the central criminal courts where people who are accused of breaking the law are tried by a judge and jury to find out if they are 'guilty' and should be punished or 'not guilty' and can go free.

Lady **Justice** was designed to be a symbol of **justice**: in her left hand she carries the scales of truth and fairness and in her right hand a double edged sword representing the power of reason and **justice**.



FAMILY FOCUS

Making a new law

New laws are passed every year by the government.

Ask each member of the family to think of a law which they think the government should pass.

Talk about your ideas and how your new law would make a difference.



FASCINATING FACTS

The World Village

If the world was a village, with 100 people living in it:

- 61 people would come from Asia, 13 from Africa, 13 from the Americas, 12 from Europe and 1 from Australasia
- 27 of the people would be under 15 and just 7 of them over 64
- half of the people would speak one of just 8 languages – and the most common language would be Chinese
- 63 village people would not have running water in their homes
- 18 people would not be able to read or write
- 53 villagers would have less than £1.30 a day to live on
- there would be 18 cars in the village

Talk with your family about ...

- what you find surprising about these statistics
- what we take for granted in our lives that many people live without
- what you think is **unjust**
- what you think could be done to make the world a more **just** place for everyone

* Taken from current statistics by VG Business. Inspired by © If the World Were a Village by David J. Smith, 1990.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Design a weighing machine

Before electronic weighing machines were invented, scales often had two pans that were balanced when each held an equal weight.

Design and make a simple balance from junk materials that can weigh small objects.





SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #20

There are many forms of conflict in relationships, and some are really healthy. As adults, we are role models for our children so if we are able to remain calm and respectful whilst addressing any disagreements we have, it provides our children with important life skills for future interactions with others. But conflict in a relationship can become an issue when it is frequent or poorly managed, and impacts the harmony of family life.



Do you need help finding solutions to conflict at home?

- **Relation Kit website** Relationkit.co.uk is a free online resource that gives parents and carers some support with their relationships - including videos, mindfulness sessions and downloadable communication cards.
- **The Families in Harmony Programme - person centred support-St Helens**
Contact Querida Villiers at Sutton Children's Centre on **01744 673420** or email ParentingTeam@sthelens.gov.uk

NUMBOTS & TIMESTABLE ROCKSTARS

Daily use of Numbots and TTRockstars has been proved to boost number and times table recall speed significantly, impacting positively on children's Mathematical Development. Just as the expectation at St Ann's is to read for 5 out of every 7 days each week, the expectation to access either Numbots (EYs-Y2) or TTRockstars (Y2-Y6) is the same

The table below shows the number of children who have accessed the programmes in the last 7 days. You can show that your child has accessed either of the programmes by simply ticking the logo off in their home school diary. Let's do this!

1M	1T	2H	2O	3E	3H	4C	4S	5B	5D	6A	6M
6	4	7	3	8	5	29	23	2	6	9	4

Most Improved



Year 1: Rose W & Juliet M

Year 2: Sofia C & Leo F



Year 3: Albie A & Amelia K

Year 4: George B & Ava M

Year 5: Maisie B & Jack E

Year 6: Ava O & Thomas A

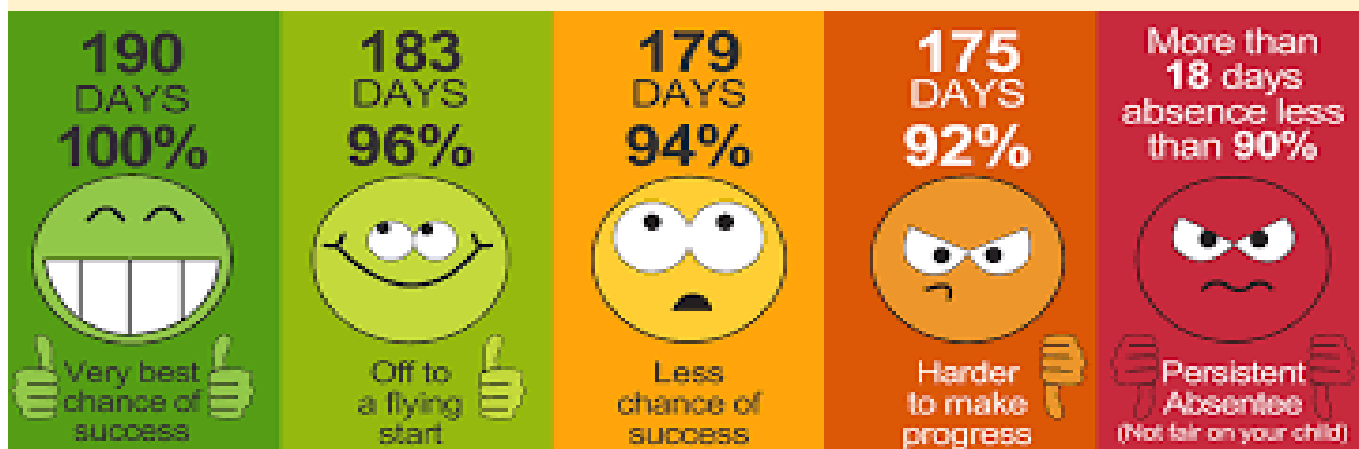


ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

At St Ann's we are relentless in our focus on attendance because we want the best for our pupils. The research speaks for itself, children with strong levels of attendance, fulfil their full potential and develop the skills and personal qualities required for a happy and fulfilled life.

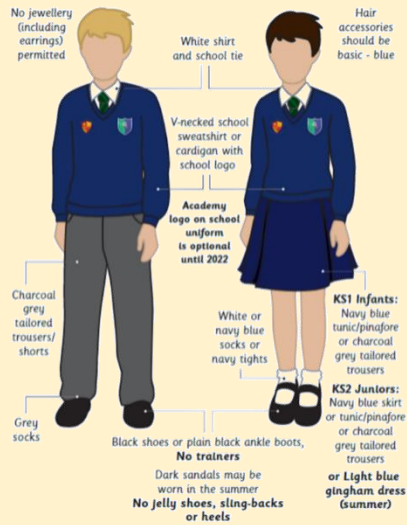
Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

All children with **96%+ attendance**, and who have not taken a holiday during term time, by **Thursday 28 March** will be entered into the next Attendance Raffle. **GOOD LUCK** 😊



GENERAL INFORMATION/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

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:

Spring 2 - £8.70 as soon as possible if not already paid
 Summer 1 - £8.40 by 20th March 2024
 Summer 2 - £11.10 by 15th May 2024

TERM DATES

Term	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term 2023	5th September 2023	26th October 2023
	6th November 2023	22nd December 2023
Spring Term 2024	9th January 2024	9th February 2024
	19th February 2024	28th March 2024
Summer Term 2024	15th April 2024	22nd May 2024
	3rd June 2024	23rd 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 35.00
Replacement Home School Diary £5.00

Courtesy

Care

Concentration



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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

DATES FOR DIARY SPRING 2024

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Monday	4 th March 2024	Y5 trip to the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall
Tuesday - Friday	5 th -8 th March 2024	5D Swimming
Thursday	7 th March 2024	Open House Book Look 3.30-4.30pm, all classes
Friday	8 th March 2024	Y4 & Y5 to work with Mersey Forest. Wear PE kits
Friday	8 th March 2024	2H Family Worship 9.00am, school hall
Monday	11 th March 2024	Assessment Week
Tuesday - Friday	12 th -15 th March 2024	5D Swimming
Thursday	14 th March 2024	Kingswood Residential Y4 Parent Meeting
Friday	15 th March 2024	2O Family Worship 9.00am, school hall
Thursday	21 st March 2024	Children's University Passport Bank
Thursday	21 st March 2024	Easter Bingo
Friday	22 nd March 2024	1M Family Worship 9.00am, school hall
Monday-Thursday	25 th -28 th March 2024	Mentoring Conversations, all classes, days TBC
Monday	25 th March 2024	St Ann's Has Got Talent Show @ Rainhill Village Hall, rehearsals and show (Times TBC)
Thursday	28 th March 2024	Y5 Easter Service @ Church, 2.15pm. Everyone welcome
Thursday	28 th March 2024	School Closes

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.

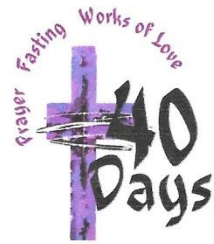
	Amount Due	Date Toast Account to be in credit by
Autumn 1	£9.50	13th July 2023
Autumn 2	£8.75	18th October 2023
Spring 1	£6.00	19th December 2023
Spring 2	£7.25	31st January 2024
Summer 1	£7.00	20th March 2024
Summer 2	£9.25	15th May 2024

Total for year £47.75

Services at St Ann's March 2024

We aim to cater for different styles and ages with a variety of services throughout the month.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ANY OF OUR SERVICES



Sun 3rd March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

10.30am Holy Communion with
Platform 2 contemporary worship in St Ann's Centre



Sun 10th March Mothering Sunday

10.30am Family Worship with Communion



Sunday 17th Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.30am Morning Worship (no Holy Communion)
Platform 2 contemporary worship in St Ann's Centre



Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion
with Platform2 in St Ann's Centre

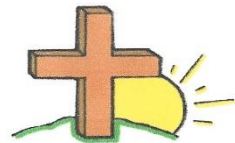


For services during Holy Week Please see our website

<https://stannsparishchurch.org.uk/>

Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday

10.30am Easter Celebration Worship



EVERY SUNDAY 8.30am BCP Holy Communion

- (a traditional communion service using the Book of Common

Midweek Holy Communion Thursdays 9.30am

Coffee is served in St Anns Millennium Centre following the service.



Stanley Bear Club meets every Monday in term
time 9-10:30am for 0-5s but not on bank holidays.

Breakfast and stories, songs and praise.

Craft Time with glue & glitter.



teardrops

Supporting
Your Community



Our Easter Bunny is currently in need of some Easter eggs to help less fortunate families in St.Helens.

Donations can be dropped of at the following donation points:

- **Teardrops Hub, 110 Crab Street, St.Helens, WA10 2DJ**
Monday – Friday (9:30am – 4pm) and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings (6:30pm till 8:30pm)
- **Tesco, St.Helens Linkway Store (Katie's Project Trolley)**
- **Mellor and Black Enchanted Tea Gardens, 22 Duke Street, WA10 2JP**

THANK YOU!