



St Ann's Church of England

Primary School



Always our best for God, each other and ourselves. Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly!

Value of the Half Term

Compassion

Newsletter Issue 3

Friday 20th September

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:3

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| All | Photograph Day – 26 th September |
| All | Macmillan Coffee morning – 27 th September |
| Year 3 | Kingswood meeting for parents – 3.30pm in 3G classroom – 2 nd October |
| Year 4 | Bushcraft meeting for parents – 3.30pm in 3G classroom – 3 rd October |



PARENT FORUM

We are delighted to announce our new Parent Representatives for 2019-2020. Don't forget you can have matters discussed at Parent Forum, by simply speaking with your child's class Parent Rep prior to a meeting. Minutes of each forum will be uploaded onto the school website. Huge thanks to all those parents who nominated themselves. We are looking forward to working with our new Parent Forum.

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| RA | Vacancy | RT | Mrs Birchall parent of George |
| 1R | Ms Dalyse parent of Elsa | 1H | Mrs Elliott parent of Jack |
| 2H | Mrs Oakes parent of Ava | 2B | Mrs Henderson parent of Blake |
| 3G | Mrs Woods parent of Harry | 3R | Vacancy |
| 4F | Mrs Williams parent of Ewan | 4P | Mrs Sparkes parent of Jessica |
| 5O | Vacancy | 5E | Mr Hannon parent of Rebecca |
| 6P | Vacancy | 6W | Mrs Henderson parent of MacKenzie |

SUPER LEADERS

Week beginning 30th September, children in Year 1-6 will bring home their new Super Leader booklets for 2019. If parents/ carers could please ensure their child studies this, chooses three teams they would like to be in, and sends the booklet back into their class teacher by Friday 11th October, so that they can be sorted into teams ready for our first meeting on 23rd October. The School Council have already met and decided upon the school Birthday Card for this academic year.



HARVEST SERVICE

On Friday 4th October at 2.30pm, Year 4 will be leading a Harvest Service at St Ann's Church. This year we are supporting the charity 'ACE - Africa's Children in Education', alongside a local food bank. We welcome donations of tinned foods or a monetary donation to be brought into school on 4th October in order to support these charities. Everybody welcome.

Please note Y5/6 swimmers will attend their swimming lesson, rather than the service.



FAMILY WORSHIP

Today, 6W had their Family Assembly. We informed visitors about what we had been studying so far in Year 6 and about all of the exciting things to come! Children's Oracy skills were amazing, everybody spoke during the assembly and 6W even taught the visiting parents the actions and lyrics to 'My Lighthouse'. Mrs Willan is very proud of her superstars!

Our next Family Worship in school will be led by **6P** on **Friday 11th October** at **9.00am**

PHOTOGRAPH DAY

Don't forget to come school suited and booted and ready for photograph day on:



Thursday 26th September.



PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS

This week Mrs Rynn and Mrs McDowell met with each teacher to discuss each individual's child starting point for this academic year

PARKING

We have had a number of complaints from both parents and people living close to school regarding parking. We have been advised of an incident this week where a child was put in danger, please could parents ensure that they are parking both legally and considerately when dropping off or picking up their children. Thank you.

CULTURAL VISITS

This week, the children in Year 4 visited the Bury and Art and Transport Museum as part of their current Lunar topic on World War Two. The day involved investigating a range of items from the era including rationing books, clothing, air-raid shelters and military equipment. The children gained a fascinating insight into what life was like for the thousands of evacuees at the time. The trip ended with a ride on a steam train from Bury to Rawtenstall, following a short stop off for a billeting exercise! The children had a fantastic time and are looking forward to learning more about World War 2 this term.



The next Cultural Visit is a visit to school from Florence Nightingale for Year 1 on Thursday 10th October.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On **Friday 27th September at 9.30am** Year 6 will develop their courageous advocacy skills by hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning. To do that we need your help!

All donations of cakes – home-made or bought will be gratefully received as long as they **do not contain nuts**. Please also try to bring correct change as we do struggle! And if you have time to spare, come along with friends and family and support Year 6 as they take part in the world's biggest coffee morning.



ALLOTMENT

We have been pleased to see that some of our children have continued their love of gardening over the Summer and into the new school year! Last week one of our Year 4 pupils enjoyed digging up the onions that she has been growing - these were then used in our kitchen! She is also continuing to grow some pumpkins that we can't wait to dig up. We have also seen the results that one of our Year 6 pupils has had when growing a pumpkin that he took home as just a seed in April. Take a look at the pictures below - we look forward to working with lots more children in our allotment this year!



SCHOOLS MUSIC SERVICE UPDATE



MUSIC TUITION AT ST ANN'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hello!

Just a note to let everyone know that all instrumental tuition with the Schools Music Service will resume during week beginning 23rd September.

We are delighted that lots of families have already applied for this year's tuition. We will be sending an email to all registered families to confirm the days of the sessions before the end of the week so you will know which day to send your instrument in next week.

If your child had lessons during the previous academic year but you have not filled in our new online application form you can go to our website, www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk and click on the "sign up" tab to fill in your registration form for this year.

If you have not had tuition with us previously but would be interested in starting you can find out more information about our service on our website (on the address above) or contact us directly by email on [schoolsusicservice@gmail.co.uk](mailto:schoolsmusicservice@gmail.co.uk).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything further that we can do to help.

Many thanks

Kim Davies

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

International Day of Peace Rainhill Library

Saturday 21st September 2019 11am - 12pm

PEACE BEGINS WITH YOU

Join us in making a positive impact towards world peace and climate change

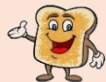
Rtn. Dr. Jayram Gowdagere, Peace Activist, of St Helens Rotary Club will be at Rainhill Library to share information regarding world peace and climate change, action for peace and the role which the Rotary club plays supporting the initiative.



St. Helens
Library Services



WEEKLY REMINDERS



TOAST



Toast at break time is available every half term. For your child to receive toast we **must** receive your payment on or before the start of each new half-term. The deadline for this current half-term has now passed. For the next half term the payment item will show on your ParentPay account during the week commencing 14th October and payments should be made by 4th November. If you have not made by payment by 4th November we will issue a reminder by text. If payment is still not received by the date stated in the reminder we will be unable to provide your child with toast for the ensuing half term.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Please ensure that your child is in line on the playground for 8.50am. If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the School Office before 9.20am on the first day of absence. Please keep school updated on your child's condition every 48 hours. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office.

FISHY FRIDAY

If your child normally brings a packed lunch to school and they would like to have a school meal on Fridays when Fish/Pizza and chips would be on the menu this option is available every half term. For your child to receive a Fishy Friday meal we **must** receive your order on or before the start of each new half-term. The next opportunity to sign up for Fishy Friday will be in October to be effective from after the half term holiday. Please note that this applies to children in Foundation Stage and Keystage 1 as well as those children in Keystage 2.



CLUBS

After school activities are available every half term. Details of the clubs available for the following half term are emailed to parents approximately 2 weeks before we break up (a text is sent to alert parents that the clubs are available). In order to secure a place for your child please sign up on your ParentPay account, this includes clubs that are free of charge. Please note that deadlines apply.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Just a polite reminder that we are a nut free school. We ask that you consider this when packing your child's lunchbox.
Thank you for continued support.



SCHOOLS MEALS

If your child changes their meal arrangements please ensure that you complete the necessary paperwork at the School Office. Unfortunately if we are not aware of a change you may be charged for any meals that are prepared. Please note that a weeks' notice is required for any changes.



GENERAL INFORMATION

TERM DATES

| Term | Open on | Close on |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Autumn Term 2019 | 5 th September 2019 | 23 rd October 2019 |
| | 4 th November 2019 | 20 th December 2019 |
| Spring Term 2020 | 6 th January 2020 | 14 th February 2020 |
| | 24 th February 2020 | 3 rd April 2020 |
| Summer Term 2020 | 20 th April 2020 | 22 nd May 2020 |
| | 3 rd June 2020 | 22 nd July 2020 |

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE FIGURES

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| Whole school attendance Year to date | 97.5% |
| Whole school attendance Week ending 13 th September 2019 | 98.2% |
| Class with best weekly attendance | 3R & 6W 100% |



DINNER MENU



Week commencing 23rd September will be WEEK 2 on the Dinner Menu

Courtesy

Care

Concentration



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'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 YOUR DIARY: AUTUMN 1

| DAY | DATE | EVENT |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|
| Monday | 23 rd September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4F Swimming |
| Tuesday | 24 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Rehearsal (lunchtime) |
| Wednesday | 25 th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Habitat Day Ready Steady Grow |
| Thursday | 26 th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Photograph Day |
| Friday | 27 th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macmillan Coffee Morning Y6 4P and 1H Library Visit Y5/Y6 Swimming |
| Monday | 30 th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Super Leader Booklets to be sent home 4F Swimming |
| Tuesday | 1 st October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Rehearsal (lunchtime) |
| Wednesday | 2 nd October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Food Day Ready Steady Grow Kingswood Parent Meeting in Y3 – new event |
| Thursday | 3 rd October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 to IWM all day Bushcraft Parent Meeting in Y4 – new event |
| Friday | 4 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5/6 Swimming Y4 to lead Harvest Service |
| Monday | 7 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4F Swimming |
| Tuesday | 8 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Rehearsal (lunchtime) |
| Wednesday | 9 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ready Steady Grow |
| Thursday | 10 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florence Nightingale in Y1 |
| Friday | 11 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6P Family Worship 5O and 2B Library Visit Y5/6 Swimming |
| Monday | 14 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4F Swimming |
| Tuesday | 15 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Rehearsal (lunchtime) |
| Wednesday | 16 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Mental Health Day Ready Steady Grow (Library to visit) |
| Thursday | 17 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 Arts Award Presentation |
| Friday | 18 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Forum 5E and 2H Library Visit Y5/6 Swimming |
| Monday | 21 st October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Passport Bank 4F Swimming |
| Tuesday | 22 nd October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Rehearsal (lunchtime) |
| Wednesday | 23 rd October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedication of School Year Service School Closes |

TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER...

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help



THINK TOGETHER
Words of Wisdom

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop



READ TOGETHER...

The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:30-35



QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

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|--|-------|
| The traveller was attacked as he walked along the | ROAD |
| Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog | _____ |
| The Samaritan _____ the Innkeeper to look after the man | _____ |
| The Samaritan acted with courage. He was _____ | _____ |
| We sometimes talk about the _____ of friendship (rhymes with pond) | _____ |
| Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find) | _____ |
| The Samaritan in the story was | _____ |



FAMILY FOCUS

Random Acts of Kindness

Kindness is often appreciated most when it is offered at unexpected times.

Choose one week this term for your family to have "a random acts of kindness" week, and do something kind for someone each day. Try to do it without telling people it was you!



www.randomactsofkindness.org



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Helping hands

As well as being kind and showing **compassion** in what we say, it is often what we do that other people remember.

Draw and cut out the shape of each person's hand in your family. Decorate it with all the random acts of kindness that they have shown. Mount the hands of each member of your family on some paper so they look fantastic and ready to be displayed.



FASCINATING FACTS

What a difference **compassion** and kindness can make! Numerous charities help people who have been hurt, are ill or suffer through lack of resources. Below are just 3:

- **World Vision** encourages individuals and groups to "Sponsor a Child" in an area of the world where food, health and education cannot be taken for granted. For just 75 pence a day the life of a child, in for example Uganda or Bolivia, can be transformed by providing help to grow food, source clean water, improve health services and pay for education.

www.worldvision.org.uk

- **Help for Heroes** was set up after many British soldiers returned from war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. By giving to this charity the public show their **compassion** for the soldiers and their families and recognise the service they gave on behalf of us all.

www.helpforheroes.org.uk

- **Help the Hospices.** Sometimes when people become very ill they go to a hospice which will provide them with care and **compassion**. Often hospices are maintained by donations from people who admire and value their service or who have had a relative who has been helped by the hospice.

www.helpthehospices.org.uk



HALL OF FAME

A famous bear with a spotty scarf



Pudsey Bear became a national mascot in 1985. He was designed by Joanna Ball and she named him after the small town in Yorkshire where she lived and went to school for many years, Pudsey.

When we see Pudsey Bear we immediately think of Children in Need. This charity has grown enormously since it began and raises millions of pounds every year. Thanks to people all over the country, children in the UK and across the world have come to know real kindness and **compassion**, made possible by generous donations to the charity. www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

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