



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 4

Friday 27th September

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

Corinthians 1:3

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 3	Kingswood meeting for parents – 3.30pm in 3G classroom – 2 nd October
Year 5	Visit to Imperial War Museum – 3 rd October
Year 4	Bushcraft meeting for parents – 3.30pm in 3G classroom – 3 rd October
All	Harvest Festival – 2.30pm 4 th October



UNICEF – BRONZE AWARD!

We are delighted to have passed the first stage of the Rights Respecting School Award. Our school is now a Bronze: Rights Committed school! This stage of the award recognises that; we have introduced each of the three strands into the school community, we are committed to the journey and that we have the right foundations in place for working towards the second stage of the award, Silver: Rights Aware.

If your child is particularly interested in leading on the next stage of the award then please encourage them to join 'The Voice of The Child' super leaders team.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Today, Year 6 hosted our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. Year 6 were excellent hosts, chatting to visitors, serving cakes, taking money and many other things. Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make this such a successful event; here's to another successful year of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. We raised an amazing £591.91, thank you so much.



GOVERNING BODY MEETING

This week our Governing Body met to discuss school matters, review last year's data and agree the school improvement priorities for this year.

RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL

This week the Headteacher of Rainhill High, along with two past pupils, came into St Ann's to talk about the very important next step for our Year 6 children – secondary school!

CULTURAL VISIT

Year 5 are looking forward to their first cultural visit of the new school year – a visit to the **Imperial War Museum on Thursday 3rd October**. Please refer to the separate letter for further details.



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

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.



FILM/PHOTOGRAPHY AND KS1 & KS2 STUDY CLUB

We had unprecedented demand for these clubs. Unfortunately we were unable to offer places to a large number of children. Those children who returned their slip before the cut off time and did not receive a place in the club this term will be offered first refusal of a place when the clubs are re-offered in the Spring term. This will be done as an option on ParentPay, full details will follow nearer the time.

ROAD SAFETY

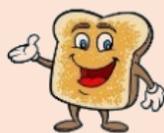
I am delighted to share that as a result of all our ongoing work with the council and police about the illegal and dangerous parking outside both the front and rear of the school, the council have commissioned a road-safety solution group called So-mo, who will be working with us to address this very important matter. Only three schools in the borough have been selected to take part.

In the meantime, should any parents/ carers wish to express their concerns about nuisance parking, they should contact the council road safety team on roadsafety@sthelens.gov.uk

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.



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.



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.

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

Whole school attendance Year to date	97.3%
Whole school attendance Week ending 20 th September 2019	97.1%
Class with best weekly attendance	100% RA



DINNER MENU



Week commencing 30th September will be WEEK 3 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

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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DAY	DATE	EVENT
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