

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope that everybody had a relaxing and enjoyable break and it has been great to see everyone back raring to go this week.

Curriculum information sheets are going out tonight from every class. Please take time to read these with your children and talk about their learning. One of the areas that we are continuing to focus upon this year is the importance of oracy and increasing our children's vocabulary. We need to introduce our young learners to lots of new words and then encourage them to use them. Your support with this is invaluable and one of the key ways is to listen to your children read and to read to them. During this time talk about any new words and what they might mean - make it a game!

My word for 2019 is hope. Please read my blog to see why and ask yourself and your children what your word would be. Come and tell me too - I love talking words!
<https://wafflesofansbl.com/2019/01/01/oneword2019>

Have a great year!
 Lisa Dadds

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance of staff last year - Teachers 98.89%, Support Staff 96.37% and Nursery Crew 97.68%. This is above the magic 96%.

Can we get our children's attendance there too?

Your child is feeling unwell, what do you do?

Before taking the important decision for your child to be absent from school, you are advised to consider the following 4 questions:

1. Will this illness prevent my child learning at school today?
2. When was the last time your child was absent from school?
3. Could there be another reason why they don't want to be in school?
4. As a parent/carer, would I take a day off work for the same condition?

Please note that common conditions such as headaches, colds and sore throats can be treated with over the counter pain relief and your child should be able to attend school. If these issues continue, we advise that you consult with your GP.

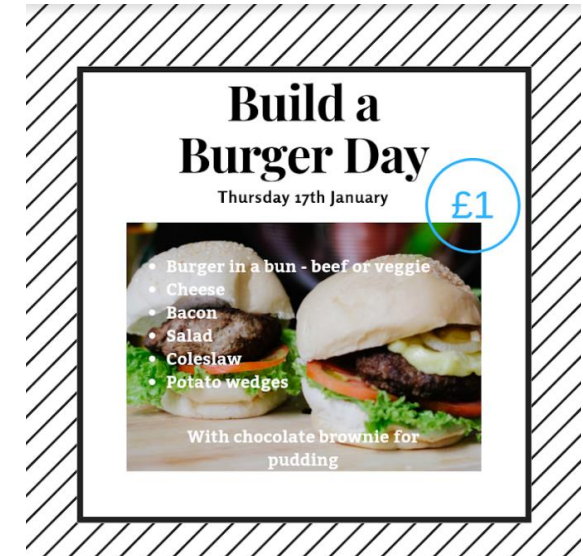
If your child appears or feels 'better' later in the morning, they can still come into school in time for the afternoon registration.

If a student has vomited and the parent/carer is aware of the reason and know that this is not related to a sickness bug, students can attend school. There is no 48 hour rule for students to be absent from school. However, common sense should be applied.

Please click on this link to view our current Attendance Policy

<https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/about-us/key-information/>

CENSUS DAY SCHOOL DINNER FOR £1



Build a Burger Day
 Thursday 17th January £1

- Burger in a bun - beef or veggie
- Cheese
- Bacon
- Salad
- Coleslaw
- Potato wedges

With chocolate brownie for pudding

Thursday 17th January is census day and we would love to encourage as many children as possible to have a school dinner on this day as these figures are used to determine funding. As a special incentive, meals will cost only £1 for the day. You will be able to pay on ParentPay, or for this occasion we will accept cash in a labelled envelope given to the office. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free dinner and will not need to pay.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

Weston Hospicecare would like to thank everyone for the wonderful donation of £350.37 raised from the collections at the Christmas carol services and nativities.

DONATIONS

Our Early Years Team are looking for artificial Christmas trees and any nativity costumes that are no longer needed. If you are able to donate any of these items, please talk to Mrs Martin and/or Mrs Binns - they would love to hear from you.

Mrs Fell will be making hedgehogs from old books in her lunchtime art club and is looking for donations of unwanted paperback books.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

On Friday 1st February 2019, we are 'dressing up for digits' to support the NSPCC. Children are encouraged to come to school wearing an item of clothing with a number on it and to bring a donation to this very worthy cause. Lots of open ended and challenging maths activities will be taking place in all year groups with a focus on Fermi Questions.

UNIFORM

At the start of the new year, please can I remind everyone of the importance of smart school uniform. This includes polishable black shoes, white/black or grey socks and school PE kit (the hoodies are PE kit and must not be worn during the school day). It is also important that children have long hair tied back for school and only stud earrings may be worn-no other jewellery is permitted. As a school, we are very proud of how smart our children look and appreciate your support with this.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Parents are reminded that if their children are already in receipt of Free School Meals they **do not need to reapply** for continued entitlement. If you think your child might be entitled, please follow this link for a new application.

<http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/schoolmeals/freeschoolmeals/>

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please can we remind everyone that we are a nut-free school and that snacks and lunch boxes **must not contain anything nutty**. This is to ensure the safety of some of our children who can have severe allergic reactions to nuts. Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

RECEPTION 2019

The deadline for applying for a Reception 2019 school space is 11.59pm on Tuesday 15 January. For more details please follow this link:

<http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/admissions/reception-junior-and-secondary-transfer/secondary/>

Please follow the link below to our website to watch a lovely video about life at St Anne's.
<https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/admissions/>

If you, or anyone you know, would like to arrange a visit early in the new year, please call either office.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 17th January - £1 Census Day school dinner

Friday 1st February – NSPCC Number Day

Monday 4th February - Family Worship Y1@H 2.30pm (Service)

Monday 11th February – Family Worship Y1@WW 2.15pm (Service)

Monday 11th February – Family Worship Y5@H 2.30pm (Service)

Friday 15th February - last day of Term 3

Monday 25th February - first day of Term 4

Monday 25th March – Family Worship Y2@WW 2.15pm (Compassion)

Monday 1st April – Family Worship Y2@H 2.30pm (Compassion)

Monday 13th May – Family Worship Y3@WW 2.15pm (Humility)

Monday 20th May – Family Worship Y3@H 2.30pm (Humility)

Friday 28th June – @Hewish class & leavers photos

Tuesday 2nd July – @West Wick class photos

Monday 15th July – Family Worship Y4@WW 2.15pm (Creativity)

Monday 22nd July – Family Worship Y4@H 2.30pm (Creativity)

ST ANNE'S TERM DATES 2018-19

Term 3: Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019

- Term 4:** Monday 25th February 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019
- Term 5:** Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019
- Term 6:** Monday 3rd June 2019 to Tuesday 23rd July 2019

ST ANNE'S TERM DATES 2019-20 FOR CHILDREN

- Term 1:** Tuesday 3rd September 2019 to Thursday 17th October 2019
- Term 2:** Monday 4th November 2019 to Friday 20th December 2019
- Term 3:** Monday 6th January 2020 to Friday 14th February 2020
- Term 4:** Monday 24th February 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020
- Term 5:** Monday 20th April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020
- Term 6:** Monday 1st June 2020 to Friday 17th July 2020

CONTACT DETAILS

Please make sure that you notify us of any change of contact details throughout the school year. It is important that we have up to date telephone numbers in case of emergencies.

NURSERY SPACES

If you are looking for a nursery space for your child or know someone that is please do get in touch to arrange a tour of our 'outstanding' Little Learners Nursery based at St Anne's @West Wick.





Little Learners Nursery

Offering all year round full day care for children aged 2 years 6 months - 5 years with a variety of sessions available to suit your needs.

Please call, email us or pop into the school office to book in for a tour of our 'outstanding' Nursery facilities.



Funded Early Years Education places available (15 and 30 hour extended entitlement)

Email: littlelearners@stannesprimaryschool.co.uk
 Phone: 01934 520461
 Address: St Anne's Church Academy, 1 Scot Elm Drive, West Wick, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 7JU

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