



St Anne's Church Academy @Hewish & @West Wick



Term 3 Newsletter 24th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Unbelievably, this is the half way point of term 3! We have been battered by all types of weather, but your wonderful children keep us all smiling! Despite the bleak weather, terms 3 and 4 are the terms where children's learning really seems to blossom and that is clearly evident as I spend time in classes and I'm greeted by proud children wanting to share their amazing learning.

Staff are often asked by parents what they can do at home to support their children's learning and there are many things that will make a difference: listening to your children read regularly and reading a more challenging book to or with your child so they can hear and be immersed in language and vocabulary they may not be able to read themselves yet; using our school spelling and times table apps 'Spelling Shed' and 'TT Rockstars' so that children can repeatedly practise their class spellings and times tables knowledge. If you have problems with logins for these apps, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Please use the knowledge organisers that are sent home for each learning enquiry with key

facts and vocabulary to support your child in developing their knowledge.

Each class produces a class page for the school website where teachers share children's learning from the week, please spend time looking at the pages with your children and asking them about their learning. Have a great weekend – lets hope the weather is kind!

Emma Hardy-Smith
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LEARNING REVIEW MEETINGS

We are really pleased to see that so many parents have already booked their learning review meetings. If you have not yet signed up, please make sure you book a slot to discuss your child's learning with their teacher. Everyone has been sent an email with details of how to book online, but if you are unable to do this please call the office crew who can book a suitable appointment for you. If you are unavailable to attend either date please speak to your child's teacher about making an alternative arrangement.

GATES & MORNINGS

@WW the school day **starts** at 8:30 – gates are open from 8:15 and will close at 8:30.

@ Hewish the school day **starts** at 8:45 – gates are open from 8:30 and close at 8:45. The gates must close at the start of the school day. The school has no choice about this. Children must be in class ready for registration at 8.30am @WW and at 8.45am @H. Any children arriving after the gates are closed will need to enter via the school offices and will be entered as late on the registers. To alleviate congestion in the the Heiwsh office, there will no longer be a need to fill in late slips. The school is very understanding and will make allowance for inclement weather or major traffic incidents.

School start times are part of our informative Family Handbook which is full of useful information and is available to view on our website by following any of these links:

<https://book.stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/index.html#issue/1>

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

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

A polite reminder - two of our school values are 'Respect' and 'Kindness' and we value the relentless kindness we show to each other.

Our children are taught to always respect others and always be kind. As adults, we must try our best to always model this and set a good example. With this in mind, please speak to all our staff members with kindness: it is never acceptable to speak to a member of staff in a disrespectful manner. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss an issue, please pop in or make an appointment to speak to either Mrs Emma Hardy-Smith or our Senior leaders Mr Ian Phillips and Mrs Di Martin and we will listen and try to help.

CURRICULUM VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/Efk4MjAGbC0>

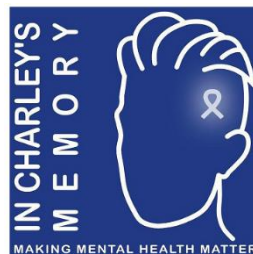
Please take a look at how our curriculum works at St Anne's and how beautifully our children can articulate their learning.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY – DRESS UP FOR DIGITS!

On Friday 7th February, St Anne's will be celebrating NSPCC's Number Day. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to focus on maths as well as raise money for an excellent cause. On the day, children will be challenged with activities such as a table-athon and other quick-thinking challenges to develop mental recall. Please can children come to school wearing an item of clothing bearing a number (or why not get more creative and come dressed as a dice) and bring a donation. See the NSPCC website for ideas and more details.

The money raised will be split between the NSPCC and our TPLT charity, In Charley's Memory.

TPLT NOMINATED CHARITY



<https://www.incharleymemory.co.uk>

In Charley's Memory is all about making mental health matter for young people and is a local charity based in Highbridge, Somerset. They work to support young people aged 11-25 in a variety of ways. Their main support is through one to one counselling. Mental Health is a very broad term used to cover a variety of issues but 1:4 of us will struggle with our mental health at some stage. Follow the link above to find out more.

DIARY DATES

Friday 7th February – Dress-up for Digits
Tuesday 11th February – Learning Review Meetings 3.30-5.45pm
Thursday 13th February – Learning Review Meetings 3.30-7.15pm
Monday 3rd February – Family Worship Y4@WW (Courage) 2.30pm
Monday 10th February – Family Worship Y4@H (Courage) 2.15pm
Friday 14th February – Last day of Term 3
Monday 24th February – first day of Term 4

ST ANNE'S TERM DATES 2019-20 FOR CHILDREN

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

TPLT TERM DATES 2020-2021

Term 1: Wednesday 2nd September to Thursday 15th October 2020
Term 2: Monday 2nd November 2020 to Friday 18th December 2020
Term 3: Monday 4th January 2021 to Friday 12th February 2021
Term 4: Monday 22nd February 2021 to Friday 1st April 2021
Term 5: Monday 19th April 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021
Term 6: Monday 7th June 2021 to Friday 16th July 2021

Please book holidays within these dates so that your children maximise their learning in school. It really does make a difference. Applications for time off will not be authorised unless in very exceptional circumstances. The whole school attendance currently sits below the DFE guideline of 96%. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.