



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



Term 6
Friday 18th June 2021

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been one of saddest and challenging for the whole of the St Anne's community. I have been absolutely humbled by the incredible way our staff and children have responded to the events of the week. Everyone has pulled together and supported each other in such a beautiful way.

Despite a huge sense of loss, the children have still had the opportunity to experience a brilliant week of learning, extracurricular activities and special events. Today is science day across our sites and children have been involved in science activities all day and taken part in workshops led by the National grid. Each class organised STEM activities linked to the UN's global sustainability goals. Educating our children about sustainability is incredibly important and today has been a fantastic example of how learning about these goals to create a better world can be really fun. Ask your children about today's science activities. What did they learn about finding alternative affordable and clean sources of energy, clean water and sanitation or eliminating hunger from the world?

Today is the launch of our active travel project where we launch our active travel track at West Wick and our community active boxes. (More details to follow on hiring our bikes and active boxes) Bikes can be tagged by our local PCSOs and children can take part in travel workshops. The year 5 children took part in basketball workshops organised by the staff from PCSA too!

I think you will agree that this has been yet another tremendous week of learning opportunities for our children. Thank you to all our staff who work tirelessly to ensure these events can happen for our children. Everyone deserves a rest this weekend!

Take care. Look after each other. 'Life is difficult but you are loved'.

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SAD NEWS

Staff and children have had a very sad week processing the news about Lu Smith. Thank you for your support in sharing the news with your children and for your many lovely messages and condolences. Lu is very loved and will be sadly missed by everyone who was fortunate enough to know her. Children have made cards and written messages and prayers which will be used to create memory areas on our sites. If your children would like to do a drawing, poem, memory etc to add to this at home, please bring these into school on Monday 21st June. We would like to be able to share these precious items with Lu's family at a later date. We would like to say a big thank you to both our local churches who came into school to support our staff and children during this difficult week.

Please contact the school for any advice and support for your child in dealing with bereavement. The charity Winston's wish provides lots of support and advice. Please find the link to the website below.

<https://www.winstonswish.org/telling-a-child-someone-has-died/>

COVID RESTRICTIONS

As we expected the Covid restrictions have not been lifted and we will continue to keep our Covid measures in place. The number of Covid cases is rising again and a number of local schools have had to close bubbles. In order to help prevent the spread of Covid at St Anne's, please continue to follow social distancing guidance at all times. Please use the one way systems around the sites. At Hewish, please do not use the ramp to leave the site, please use the back of the classrooms. Where social distancing cannot be maintained, please wear a face covering.

If you or your child comes into close contact with a positive case, you must self-isolate for 10 days. Please do not send your child to school if they display any of the Covid symptoms and take a Covid test ASAP. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school safe.

YEAR 6 ENRICHMENT WEEK

Our year 6 children have had an incredibly busy week of enrichment activities this week organised by Mrs Webb and the year 6 team. The children have paddle boarded and kayaked, been gladiators, had fun on assault courses, travelled to PSCA for PE skills run by PRC and have been wood workers, chefs and had fun in an escape room! They have finished it all off with a movie in their Pjs. They must be exhausted! I know their teachers are. We hope the children have enjoyed their week and have had the opportunity to step out of their comfort zones and tried some new activities.



YEAR 6 TRANSITION

Unfortunately, the year 6 transition days for schools in the Priory Learning Trust will look a little different this year due to Covid restrictions. Instead of spending time in the secondary schools, all Y6 children and their families will receive a letter on Monday 21st June inviting them to come into WCSA/PSCA on one of the evenings of 29th/30th June and 1st July between 4-6 to meet their tutor and meet others in their tutor group. This meeting will be held outside and socially distanced with one parent/carer invited to attend alongside their child. Y6 students are also invited to attend summer schools and the 1st September will be dedicated for Y7s only. Please look out for a letter from your child's secondary next week.

We are currently working out how the logistics of how to put on our year 6 productions with Covid safety measures in place. Please keep the dates free and more details will follow next week. More details will also follow about the year 6 leavers' celebration worship.

SPORTS DAY

Due to the extension of Covid restrictions, we will **not** be able to run our sports days in the way we were really hoping we could. We have made the decision to hold bubble sports day events in school for the children to showcase their PE skills. We will be **unable** to invite parents on to the site for the day. We are very sad that we cannot have the family picnic and whole school community event this year but we must continue to follow the guidance. Children can come to school in the PE kits for the bubble sports event on Tuesday 6th July @ WW and Thursday 8th July @ Hewish. We will make sure the children have an enjoyable day and we will share photos with you on our social media sites. Hopefully, we will be able to put together short film to share with you all.



BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

We are busy recruiting staff to run our new school run breakfast club at West Wick for September and will be sending out links with the booking form shortly.

We will be working very closely with Little farm childcare on this venture as they will be providing the transport between the sites in the morning. If you currently use Little Farm breakfast club, we hope you continue to do so. If you need after school childcare, Little farm pick up from both sites. You can also use the Little Farm shuttle between the sites before and after school. Please contact Kym at Little farm Childcare on 07543769315.

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

I know this is always on the newsletter but it is because it is **VERY** important. Please can we remind everyone that we are a **nut-free school** and that snacks and lunch boxes must **not** contain anything nutty, including chocolate hazelnut spreads like Nutella and peanut butter. This is to ensure the safety of our children who can have severe allergic reactions to nuts. Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated.



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 22nd June @WW Welcome to EYFS meeting zoom link sent

Thursday 24th June @Hewish Welcome to EYFS meeting zoom link sent

Tuesday 6th July – Bubble sports day @ WW

Thursday 8th July – Bubble sports day @ Hewish

Year 6 Leavers' Class of 2021 @West Wick

Production of 'Go for Gold' **Thursday 8th July** TBC

Year 6 Leavers' Class of 2021 @Hewish

Production of 'Go for Gold' **Monday 12th July** TBC

Year 6 leavers celebration worship TBC

RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST ANNE'S

Do you know anyone that would like to join our wonderful school? We are looking for lunchtime staff for both of our sites and a Breakfast club assistant. These roles are a great way of working in a school and fits in beautifully with school drop offs and picks ups. We are a very friendly staff and would welcome you fully into our St Anne's family. We have full time and part time roles available. Please email recruitment@theplt.org.uk or ring the school for more details of jobs available at St Anne's.