



Newsletter
Term 2
Friday 9th December 2022



Dear parents and carers,

What a festive week we have had. The nativity plays have begun across the sites and it really does feel like Christmas now. Thank you for all your kind comments about the plays so far. Staff and children work very hard to put on these performances and it makes it all worthwhile to know that they and you thoroughly enjoy them. There are even more festivities planned for next week including nativity plays, carol concerts and our Christmas dinner day. (Plus don't forget the Elf run on Sunday!) We can't wait (Please see below for details) We look forward to sharing these with you all.

There are so many winter illnesses and coughs and colds going around at the moment and lots of staff and children are off feeling poorly. Please do keep us informed if your child is poorly and please follow the attendance policy by ringing the school before 9am each day of absence to keep us up to date. Hopefully, we can all make it to the end of term and be well and ready for the Christmas break.

Have a lovely weekend. For those watching football – Come on England! For those running the Elf race – good luck and thank you for supporting such an important local charity.

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Remember to follow our facebook sites and our Twitter accounts to see lots of school activities.
@StAnnes_EHS

A HUGE THANK YOU

Thank you to our amazing PTFA crew who worked so hard to organise and run last week's very successful Christmas fair. I think it was one of the busiest ever!

Our PTFA is very small and is mostly made up of school staff who volunteer as part of the PTFA to support the school and raise funds. It was lovely to see some new faces helping out and joining in with the running of the event last week. We are always looking for more volunteers.

The biggest thank you must go to Abby Fox ,who is our PTFA chair. Not only does she work full time supporting children's learning and at lunchtimes, she is incredibly passionate about supporting our school. She organises all the events including the discos, fairs and quizzes and without her efforts there wouldn't be any events to enjoy at all. She is amazing!

Thank you to all our wonderful staff who helped run all the stalls and games. And lastly thank you to all our families and friends who came to support the event. We hope you had a good time. Almost £3000 was raised on the night. What a fantastic total.

This year, PTFA funds are supporting school trips and visits to reduce the cost for all families. We are also working with the PTFA to fund the installation of shade areas at our sites – watch this space for more information.



GOODBYE and HELLOS

We will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Kerry Burnett, who works at our West Wick site, today. Mrs Burnett is starting a new role at a school in Somerset next week. Thank you Mrs Burnett for all your hard work over the past couple of years with us. We will all miss her and we wish her lots of luck in her new role. We welcome Ms Rebecca Gnida who has joined us this week as a member of support staff West Wick. Due to the changes in support staff, there will be a little shuffle around at West Wick from January. Ms Gnida will be supporting in year 3, Mrs Wickens is moving to support in year 4 and Mrs Fox to year 5.

ELF RUN



Come and join in the festive fun at our first Elf run at West Wick on Sunday 11th November from 9:30am.

Refreshments will be available. You can use this link for sponsorship payment <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stanne-s-church-academy>

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR SCHOOL STAFF

We had a visit from Lucy from the Weston Super Mare Foodbank, who joined us for worship this week at our West Wick site. She explained how the Foodbank works and how it supports so many families in our local area. The number of families using the Foodbank is increasing in our community. As a school, we are very mindful of the rising cost of living and we want to help in any way we can. All staff wanted to say that there is no need to buy presents for school staff. We love our job and we know that you appreciate all we do. Instead of buying presents, we would love children and their parents and carers to please make a donation to the food bank.



BE KIND

Sadly, I am having to ask again that all parents and carers are respectful and kind to all members of school staff. Thankfully, we are blessed that the majority of parents and carers are. Rudeness and aggression is never acceptable. Everyone is working incredibly hard and doing their absolute best. We are very lucky to have a fantastic team at St Anne's. Please trust us to do our job. All staff are very approachable and we listen to all concerns but please always be kind especially on social media. Aggression of any kind whether verbal or written will not be tolerated.



CAR PARKS

Please can we ensure that we all drive very slowly in the carparks 5mph is the maximum speed limit. Children are crossing the carparks and we must ensure their safety. Our West Wick car park is for staff and nursery parents only. If you park in the carpark, you may be politely asked to move by a member of school staff. Please respect this and be kind to all members of staff. Please do not wait in the car park leaving your engine running whilst waiting. At Hewish, please do not arrive in the carpark too early. Please use up any spaces before blocking cars in. If staff cars are blocked, you may be asked to move. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL

Emails to all school staff can be sent via the school mailbox. The email address for all communication is Mailbox@saca.theplt.org.uk

This mailbox is checked regularly during working hours and messages for individual staff will be forwarded as appropriate. School staff will respond to messages as soon as they can.

SAFEGUARDING

The Designated Safeguarding lead at our school is our principal, **Emma Hardy Smith**. Deputy Safeguarding leads are Diane Martin (SENCo), Cat Hockey and Rachel Few (Learning mentors)
If you have any concerns, please share them with any of the safeguarding team.

Our safeguarding governor is Kate Sargent Kate.sargent@saca.theplt.org.uk
Our school website has lots of safeguarding information and many links to other helpful sites.
The North Somerset safeguarding partnership has lots of useful information for parents and carers available.
Please click on the link below for additional support.
<https://www.nsscp.co.uk/resources-parents-carers>

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, 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 **all nuts and peanuts**. Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated.



DIARY DATES

Thursday 15th December – Christmas dinner day @St Anne's
Friday 16th December – Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 3rd January – First day of term

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Hewish

Monday 12th December – BB Nativity Hall – 2;30pm
Tuesday 13th December – KS2 Carols 5.30pm-6.30pm outside in the school playground @Hewish – we would like all children to join us for a very festive evening



West Wick

Wednesday 14th December – KS1 Nativity Locking Castle Church 2pm
Wednesday 14th December – KS2 Carols 5:30pm – 6:30pm outside in the turning circle @WW - we would like all children to join us for a very festive evening

Whole school

Thursday 15th December – Christmas Dinner Day @St Anne's – Children can wear festive coloured clothes or Christmas jumpers.

CHRISTMAS MENU

We are not asking parents to pre-book a Christmas meal this year but if your child would like school dinner on Thursday 15th December, they just need to book it on that morning as usual. There will be no third option on this day. Please login to ParentPay to pay for meals taken as applicable.

Roast Turkey
Sausage, stuffing, roast potatoes
peas & carrots, gravy
or
Roasted Vegetable Tart

Ice Cream



SUPPORT SIGNPOSTS

We understand that the cost of living crisis is affecting so many people, and so we have pulled together some links across North Somerset and Somerset, with the aim of signposting available support.

If you become aware of any other support that becomes available please email your school with the details so that we can share with others.

Please scan this QR code to see the links...

Or follow this link <https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/parents/support-signposts/>

