

Newsletter
Term 3
Friday 6th January 2023



Dear parents and carers,

Happy new year and welcome back to school. We all hope you had a lovely festive period and managed to avoid the many viruses and bugs that were circulating at the end of term 2. We were all very pleased to return to the routine of school but especially to see our wonderful children.

Today marks my 3 year anniversary as Principal of St Anne's. What an adventure it has been! I know how blessed I am to be in this role and I could not be prouder of our whole school and community. I love my role. Every day is completely different. Some days are full of challenges and others full of smiles and laughter. I am continuing to learn every single day and I love being part of such a caring and supportive school community and Trust. As a school, we are continuing to thrive and grow. There have been a few changes over the past three years and we are always looking for ways to develop and grow further.

Despite my extreme bias, I believe we have the absolute best children, families and staff. Thank you to all of you for your continued support and encouragement and a huge thank you to our entire staff team who work tirelessly to ensure St Anne's is the wonderful school that it is. Who knows what this year will bring? Have a lovely weekend.



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WEDUC AND PARENTPAY

We still have a number of families who have not activated their ParentPay accounts. As a school we currently use ParentPay for booking school dinners, paying for trips. Afterschool clubs and breakfast clubs so it is very important that your account is activated. Information has been previously sent out with activation details but if you would like these details again, please ask a member of the office crew who are more than willing to help. Please note, we are no longer using the School Gateway platform for booking clubs. Please ensure that any ParentPay outstanding debts have been cleared as soon as possible. WEDUC is the school communication platform. All letters are accessible via the WEDUC app as well as all school communication including all class letters and messages. If you have not activated your WEDUC account, you could be missing vital information.

Please use the link for the WEDUC website portal. You do not need a code, you can log in by clicking forgot password. If WEDUC does not recognise your email address, please ask in the office to check if we have the correct email on our system as WEDUC is linked to contact information held by the school.

<https://app.weduc.co.uk/>

HOME SCHOOL VALUE - PERSERVERANCE

Our value for this term is Perseverance. Please see the Home-school values sheet attached. This week we have explored what Perseverance is. My favourite quote from our children was 'Perseverance is when you keep going even when things are hard and you don't give up!'

Perseverance is a very important value for us all to develop our resilience as we face challenges and changes in our lives. The children will be learning how they can develop their perseverance both at school and beyond during this term.

Year 4 will present their family worship on perseverance later in the term.



ATTENDANCE

Hopefully, most of the illnesses that were circulating before Christmas have begun to dissipate and we can all have a healthy start to 2023. Regular school attendance is very important and has a significant impact on children's well-being and their outcomes in school. Please ensure that your children attend school every day. Any absences must be reported to the school office on each day of absence. Welfare phone calls will be made for any child who is not in attendance at school.

Punctuality is equally important. Children who are regularly late miss vital morning learning and, in some cases, it can cause anxiety and stress for the children. Just a reminder that the gates close at 8:30am at West Wick and 8:45am at Hewish. Please talk to school staff if you are experiencing any difficulty in getting your child into school on time. We are more than happy to support you with this. Thank you for your support with this.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT

With the rising costs of living affecting so many people, we wanted to remind you that help is available for those families on a low income. You may be entitled to free school meals. Please see the link below.

https://nsod.n-somerset.gov.uk/kb5/northsomerset/directory/fsm_app_landing.page

If you are already in receipt of free school meals, you do not need to reapply. If your child receives universal Infant free meals because they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2, you are still entitled to apply for Free school meals via the link as this could enable other benefits for your child/ren in school.

NUT REMINDER

Please can we remind everyone that we are a **nut-free school**. Snacks and lunch boxes must **not** contain anything nutty including chocolate hazelnut spreads like Nutella or peanut butter. PLEASE support us. If it was your child who was severely allergic, you would want everyone to support them and keep them safe. Please consider the safety of others. Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast club provision is now in its second year and is continuing to grow. If you are thinking about breakfast club provision, we would love to welcome your children at our Breakfast club at West Wick. Children are offered a lovely breakfast of cereal, toast and fruit and always have a really great start to the day. Wednesdays are cooked breakfast days, where pancakes and waffles are a favourite.

Mrs Tyrell, Mrs Wickens and Miss Reeve, our breakfast club, make sure the children have a wonderful start to the school day. I am often there too joining the children for breakfast!

Sessions are held at our West Wick site and are open to **all** children. Sessions start from 7:30am. There is a shuttle bus provided by Kym at Little Farm which transports our Hewish children across at the start of the day. This is a very popular service – some days we need two buses!



Each session costs a very reasonable £3.50 or £4.25 if you want to include transport to Hewish. Sessions Please look out for more information about our Breakfast club offers and incentives.

Please see below link to book Breakfast Club for Term 3

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wtedYM1Vfb0S_sdOurFoQSLulYv22FvgO9QnavE924M/edit?usp=sharing_eil_se_dm&ts=639c7a41

DIARY DATES

Thursday 12th January – Swimming for year 3 @ Hewish starts

Monday 6th February – Year 4 Family worship @ Hewish and @West Wick

Wednesday 8th February – School nursing team – National height and weight and hearing R and Yr6 @H

Wednesday 8th February – Year 3 Ukuleles with NS music service– @Hewish and @WW

Thursday 9th February – Yr4 – 6 School swimming gala

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Friday 10th February – Last day of Term 3

Monday 20th February – First day of Term 4

Friday 31st March – Last day of Term 4