

**Newsletter  
Term 4  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy week across our sites again. There is lots happening in the next couple of weeks, hence the need for the extra newsletter. Please keep looking at information on all our communication platforms to keep up to date.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and see you all on Monday!

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### STAFF CHANGES

As you will be aware, Miss Hockey, our West Wick Learning mentor is expecting a baby and will be starting her maternity leave on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. We know she is going to be a wonderful mummy and we wish her and her partner lots of luck. Hopefully, she will pop back with the baby as soon as he is born.

Mrs Davidson and Mrs Atkinson will be stepping in to share the role and cover as Learning Mentors during Miss Hockey's maternity leave. Both of these experienced members of staff have been spending the last few weeks shadowing Miss Hockey to ensure a smooth transition. They are both very excited to be taking on this new role. You will see them on the gate at West Wick and they will be available to speak to after the Easter break. Their current roles will be covered by existing members of support staff.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Manning has been offered the role of SENCO at CastleBatch Primary school academy. She will be starting this new role after the Easter break. This is an amazing opportunity for Mrs Manning and we wish her enormous luck. Mrs Manning has worked at St Anne's for a number of years on both sites as a part time class teacher and PSHE lead. She will be sorely missed by the whole St Anne's community. Thank you to Mrs Manning for all you have done for our school.

### EASTER COMPETITIONS – 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH

We would like to invite our children to enter our Easter bonnet or egg decorating competition to celebrate Easter. Each competition is open to children in any year group. All children can choose to either enter one or both competitions if they wish to or they can choose not to enter at all. It just a bit of fun!

In the past, we have restricted the bonnet competition to KS1 and the egg decorating to KS2. We have listened to the feedback from our children who would like to be able to enter both competitions especially the egg decorating, hence the change this year.

We will display the eggs and hold a small parade of bonnets in school time for the children but will not invite parents and carers on this occasion.



Please bring finished named entries into school on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** if your child would like to take part. There will be Easter treats given out as prizes!



### RED NOSE DAY – COMIC RELIEF

We have had a very successful Red Nose day today. Children and staff wore **red** to support the event and we held a number of comic relief related activities throughout the day.



Donations can be made directly via our Red Nose Day fundraising page which can be accessed quickly and easily by following the link below or by scanning this QR code

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-st-annes-church-academy?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=rednoseday23-st-annes-church-academy&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=cb8e62ff23224a72b88ccddc3d383b00](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-st-annes-church-academy?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rednoseday23-st-annes-church-academy&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=cb8e62ff23224a72b88ccddc3d383b00)

As a trust we split all cash charity donations this year with our trust charity which is the Foodbank, but if you would prefer to donate an item of food instead that would also be much appreciated – collection points are situated in both of our foyers.



### WALK FOR WATER – KENYA HOPE CHARITY

We are supporting the Kenya Hope charity through our links with Locking Castle Church. We will be holding a sponsored walk during the day on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** to support children in our link school in Kenya. The walk will hopefully raise money so that children in this school can have a school dinner. As part of our walk, children can choose to walk either 2km or 3km around the school. We plan to hold the event throughout the afternoon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March on both school fields during school time. You should have received sponsor forms in your children's book bags. There is a link on the form to make donations directly. Many thanks for your support with this.



**Kenya Hope Charity**

*Responding to God's call to care for the poor*

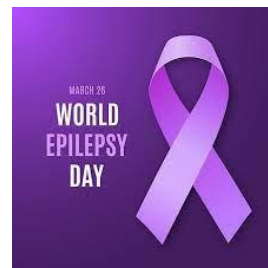
### EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY - PURPLE DAY MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH

As a school, we would like to support World Epilepsy day – Purple day- on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We have children in our school who have epilepsy and we want to raise awareness and understanding of this condition among our school community. If children and staff would like to support Epilepsy awareness day, please wear an item of purple clothing with your school uniform – it could be socks, a t-shirt, a jumper, a scarf, a tie, a headband, a badge etc

There are two websites where more information can be found and donations can be made to support Epilepsy awareness, please see the links below.

<https://www.thedaisygarland.org.uk/donate/donate/5/credit-card>

<https://epilepsysociety.org.uk/get-involved/purpleday#:~:text=The%2026th%20March%20is%20Purple,condition%20and%20raise%20vital%20funds.>



### CAMERAS ON SCHOOL TRANSPORT

We have been informed that all North Somerset school transport will now be fitted with cameras including dash cameras and Internal CCTV cameras to ensure the safety of everyone on board. The North Somerset mini bus that St Anne's uses for school transport and trips and events has now had these cameras installed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding cameras on the North Somerset minibus and school transport, please contact North Somerset Transport.

### BOOK FAIR

We are very excited to be able to host a book fair on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March for 3 days** – this will be the first one since everything stopped in 2020!

There will be a book fair at both campuses and books can also be ordered online. More information about how to visit the fair and buy books will be shared nearer the time but we wanted to share the date with you now.



### 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.

### DIARY DATES

**Wednesday 22nd March** – Year 5 Aerospace Bristol Trip

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 3 family worship @ WW and Hewish

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Walk for water sponsored walk for Kenya Hope Charity during school time

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Epilepsy awareness day / Wear something purple

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Book Fairs at both campuses

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Easter egg / Easter bonnet competition/ Last day of Term 4

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – Term 5 Starts

Dates for your diary –

**Sports day and family picnic @ WW Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Sports day and family picnic @ Hewish Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**PTFA Summer fete – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**



In all TPLT academies, children have the opportunity to learn the skills of reporting and presenting as part of the Jill Dando news centres. The children learn to host interviews and to write news reports and stories and to take photos for an audience. Many of the children's articles are published in the Trust own online newspaper 'The Good News post'. At St Anne's, it is our year 5 pupils who are learning to be Jill Dando reporters. They are incredibly enthusiastic. We thought it would be lovely to share some of their work with you. Check out the link to read the Good News Post link below. <https://goodnewspost.co.uk/>

### Four great gymnasts in a spectacular performance!

Two Y6 gymnasts and Y2 gymnasts from St Anne's Church Academy, Hewish competed in a competition for an award at a local competition.

Emilie, one of the Y6 gymnasts, came first place and said she felt as though her friend Evie should have also been first because they both did very well. Evie came 2nd and said she felt glad that it was over with! Emilie performed an aerial skill and said that the easiest part about it was, "Having confidence in myself." In addition, Emilie has been in a competition in the past and felt the difference was that she had more skill. Emilie said her favourite part was just having fun and enjoying herself whilst Evie said her favourite part was knowing she could do it. The two Y2 gymnasts, Lilly and Faye, said they were proud of themselves after completing the competition. Lilly has also had competitions in the past and felt she'd improved on the vault and bars.

Finally, all of the Year 2 gymnasts said that their favourite part was on the bars. These girls were truly amazing at winning their competitions.

by Emma, age 10

## **The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors swing into action!**

Ten children from St Anne's Church Academy were chosen to attend training at Yatton School with the Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassador trainers in February this year.



We learned how to support children who are experiencing unkind behaviour at school and how to stop this behaviour themselves.

We can earn badges for our school by carrying out different activities based on the themes of such well-being, respect, community and online safety and are excited to plan events for these.

We presented our learning during whole school worship and have lots planned for the near future. This includes a leaflet for each classroom, an anti-bullying day and a display in the school hall, with one task in mind: to eradicate unkind behaviour in our school.

By Amelie, Ella, Scarlett, Daisy and Joseph