



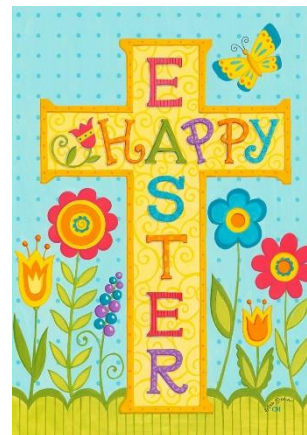
**Newsletter  
Term 4  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**



Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of what seems like a very long and busy term. This week has been dominated by all things Easter. Both sites celebrated with a whole class Easter worship where all children shared their learning about Holy week. This ranged from our youngest children waving palm leaves to represent Palm Sunday to our older children debating who was to blame for the death of Jesus and others interpreting religious art depicting the events of Easter. I was blown away by the children's knowledge and understanding. Plus we have been singing our hearts out. Ask your children to sing Cloaks and branches – it is very catchy!

We were overwhelmed by our Easter competitions this morning – what talented children we have! IT was so difficult to judge – luckily I delegated that job! Well done to everyone who took part.



Happy Easter everyone. Enjoy the break and we will see you all on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

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### IMPACT OF COVID

We are now three years on from the first Lockdown which started in March 2020. At the time, we really thought we would soon be back to school as normal - how wrong we were. Actually we are still focussing upon returning to normal or maybe adapting to our new normal. We have children, families and staff who have all been impacted in very different ways over the last 3 years and that impact is still strong today. None of us really know what struggles each other may be facing. Within our school, and in schools across the country, we are seeing some behaviours from children that are unusual and unexpected and we are seeking significant support to all learn how to manage, change and improve this. There is no magic wand that will make everything better. We are all united in the approach of supporting children to read, to write and to learn how to behave. Some children find all of these things more difficult than others and behave in different ways. We all need different approaches and different support. We have clear behaviour policies based upon clarity, consistency and relentless kindness that mean the individual needs of pupils.

We support all children to learn. Your support in understanding that all children are very different and have different needs is invaluable. We all need to work together to learn to live in an inclusive society where everyone can interact regardless and in fact because of their diversity. We know that this will be hard, we know that this will take time and there will be bumps along the way. We also know that it will be worth it. Our Christian school vision is centred around love – learning to love and loving to learn. We see this in action every day across our school .

Thank you to everyone who comes and talks to us, shares their worries and concerns and understands the importance of working in close partnerships between home and school- your continued kindness really does make a positive difference.

### KENYA HOPE CHARITY WALK

A huge thank you to our children and families for their very generous support of our sponsored walk last week. It was a very lovely event on both sites and so far we have raised over £1500 which is incredible. We received a lovely video thank you message from the headteacher of the school in Malanga which we shared with the children and on our School Facebook page.

Please see the article written by the Jill Dando reporters below.



## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Our Afterschool clubs letter has now been sent out – as usual external clubs are booked through providers' websites or booking links and school run clubs are available to book and pay for via ParentPay. For clubs with limited spaces available you will be unable to book once it is full. Bookings close on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Please ask the office crew if you need any help.

## GOODBYE

We say goodbye to Mrs Manning today, who leaves us to take on her new role as SENCO at CastleBatch Primary school academy. We wish her lots of luck in this new post. At St Anne's, we are very proud of the way we nurture and grow our staff and enable them to further their careers and become leaders.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the St Anne's catering staff who have secured another 5 star Food Hygiene Rating. Well done to Sharon and the team.



Congratulations to Miss Hockey who gave birth to baby Teddy on Tuesday. He is absolutely beautiful and mum and baby are doing very well.

A big well done to our dancers and performers who performed at the Playhouse theatre as part of the Inspire show on Sunday and our after school club dancers who performed at the Playhouse as part of the schools dance festival. I am always so incredibly proud watching them perform. The dance festival is one of my favourite nights! All the children had great fun and were absolutely superb and were a credit to the school. A big thank you to the Danni and the team from Inspire and to our staff Mrs Webb, Miss Williams, Mrs Treasure and Mrs Hewitt who have spent terms 3 and 4 preparing the dancers for the show. A big thank you to Lin Hodges for being so busy behind the scenes to enable the event to happen and for sorting costumes for our Hewish dancers.

## WEDUC APP FOR PARENTS



Weduc has redesigned the App for Reach More Parents with major enhancements to the layout, accessibility, and general ease of use.

**What do I need to do as a parent?** If your phone has automatic updates turned on, there is nothing you need to do, as the app will update automatically on 03/04/2023. If you do not have automatic updates turned on, you will need to re-download the app from the App Store if you have an iPhone or the Google Play Store if you have an Android.

**Can I still access the same features?** Yes. The features you already use such as Newsfeed, Absence Reporting and Messaging are still accessible.

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If you have any queries regarding this update please do not hesitate to ask the office crew.

## LEGO DONATIONS

Mrs Bellamy will be running a Lego Club afterschool @WW in terms 5 & 6 and would love any donations of Lego that you no longer need. Please give any donations to either of our school offices.



## CELEBRATING THE CORONATION - FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May

At St Anne's, we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III by holding our very own coronation in school. Our Busy Bees children will be the 'stars' of our coronation for the day. All children will celebrate our 'mini coronation' by creating and waving flags and by singing and signing the national anthem – God save the King !

All children and staff are invited to dress in red, white or blue or a royal outfit fit for a monarch.



### Art competition

We will also be holding an art competition to mark the King's coronation. Children are invited to design a new stamp for King Charles III. Please complete on A4 sized paper. Stamp designs can be brought in to school from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and will be on display throughout the week. Competition winners will be announced on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Story competition**

We would also like to hold a Story competition for our children. Children can write a story about our new king. No longer than 500 words. He could go on an adventure, meet someone very interesting on one of his royal visits – let your imagination flow. Please bring stories into school no later than Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May so that the stories can be read and judged. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative stories.

There are lots of ways to get involved in celebrating the King's coronation. One way is by getting your family involved in the Big help out project. For more information, please check the link below.

<https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>

### **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**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – First day of Term 5

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – St Anne's Coronation celebration – wear royal outfits or red, white and blue

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 1 family worship @ WW and Hewish

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – Health and active week across both sites

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

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

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – PTFA summer disco – details to follow

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – Last day of Term 5

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – First day of Term 6

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 camp

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



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/>

### **Walk for Kenya**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March the children at St Anne's Church Academy walked for Kenya Hope Charity to raise money for children at a school in Malanga.

The funds raised will support the purchase of a field which will be used for crops to enable the school to provide lunches for the children of their school.

The sponsored walk involved KS1 and Busy Bees walking 2km which was 8 laps of our school playground and KS2 walking 3km which was 12 laps of the school playground. One of our teachers said 'The children really enjoyed the walk and are excited about raising funds for such an important charity'

Members of the 2023 mission team from Kenya Hope attended the walk (Reverend Andy Pearce, Brian Humphreys and Lorraine Dinsmore).

All agreed this was a great event to raise awareness and funds while enjoying ourselves.



By Amadou, Ella, Scarlett and Finley.

