



Newsletter  
Term 5  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Dear parents and carers,

This week, we have welcomed our new 2023 Reception parents and carers as they joined us for our new parents' evenings. We were so proud to show off our lovely school and staff and to welcome the newest members of the St Anne's family.

Serving our community is very important to us and we are always keen to bring the whole community together. In the coming weeks we have our big community event to enjoy - our Summer Fair on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We hope that as many of our families and the wider community can join us to enjoy the stalls and activities. Our school choir will also be performing which will be their first official performance - please come along to support them. If you would like to help out at the fair, please contact a member of school staff and see the information below.



Our ethos group 'Helping hearts and hands' have organised a 'New to you' sale on both sites to raise funds to sponsor a child in our link school in Kenya. Please see the information below and support this event by donating items like clothing, household items, toys, books etc for the sale.

We would like to invite parents and carers to meet their child's new teachers before September so we have scheduled some sessions for each year group. Please see the dates below and add your child's year group to your calendar. These short sessions will give you an opportunity to learn about the routines and expectations of the next class and to ask any questions before the start of the new school year.

Have a lovely weekend.

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### NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY

On Wednesday it was National thank a teacher day. I want to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to all of our teachers and teaching assistants at St Anne's who are so incredibly enthusiastic and hardworking. They always go the extra mile and we are very lucky to have such a great team. Thank you all!



### WEDUC APP FOR PARENTS



Just a reminder that most of our communications to parents is through this app and you will need to download it in order for us to keep in touch.



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.

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

### NEW TO YOU SALE

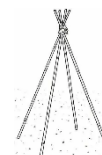
Our Helping Hearts ethos group would like to organise a 'New to you sale' in the school hall at West Wick on **Wednesday 28th June from 2.30pm** and another 'New to you sale' in the school hall at **Hewish on Friday 30th June from 2.30pm**.



We are continuing to raise funds to sponsor a child's education in our link school in Malanga in Kenya for a second year. If you have any items of clothing, household items, toys, books etc. that you would like to donate for the 'New to you sale' we would be very grateful. Please could you bring in your items to St Anne's @ West Wick by Monday 26th June and to Hewish by Wednesday 28th June so that they can be sorted, labelled and presented for purchase. Please come and support this very worthwhile cause. You may find a bargain!

### DONATION REQUEST

Our Hewish campus need some bamboo canes that are 6ft or more in length to be used by our budding gardeners. If you have any spare that you no longer need you can drop them in to either of our sites.



### NEU TEACHER STRIKE DAYS

As you will be aware, the NEU has announced two more teacher strike days on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** and **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. Due to the number of teachers expected to strike, there will be some disruption to some classes and some classes may have to close. NEU members do not have to share their intention to strike with school leaders, however, we are currently collating information about staffing and will let you know which classes will remain open as soon as possible. We can only apologise for the inconvenience this will cause. For classes that remain open, children are expected to attend school.

### SUN PROTECTION

Please make sure your child has a **named** sunhat to wear outside during the summer months. Please ensure children have **water** bottles in school. We advise that you apply high factor once a day sun cream before school but children can bring sun cream if needed. Children must be able to safely apply their own sun cream and must not share sun cream with other children.



### PARENTPAY

Please can we remind you that school meals should not be ordered for KS2 children unless you have credit on your ParentPay account. We have some outstanding balances that need to be settled and new funds should be added for the week ahead. Please login to your ParentPay account to check if you are one of the offending customers! As always please do let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties with this and we will be happy to help. If you have not yet activated your account and need a reminder of your activation codes please let us know.

### SCOOTERS AND BIKES @WW

If your child rides a scooter or bike to school please can we ask that once they are on school property, they must be mindful of other pedestrians. Please encourage children to slow down or preferably stop riding and push their bikes and scooters. We also need to make sure that parents and carers are on hand if they take a tumble – please keep an eye on speedy riders!



### HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME REMINDER

As the summer approaches, we completely understand why families want to take holidays during term time, but please be mindful that any holiday requests in term time will not be authorised and will result in the school recommending that a penalty notice be issued by the local authority. Attendance is statutory. Whatever the reasons for taking your children out of school during term time, please make sure you always complete an absence request form and let the school know as we have a statutory obligation to record where children are if they are not in school. If we do not receive a phone call or message, you will receive a welfare call or visit.

## DIARY DATES

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – WCSA family breakfast

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – non-uniform day – tombola donation

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - PTFA Summer fete 11.30am - 2.30pm

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 family worship

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – ‘Moving up to our new class’ morning for children.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 5 and 6 ‘Meet the new teacher’ session for parents 3:10 – 3:40 @ WW / 3:30- 4pm @ Hewish in the year 5 and 6 classrooms.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 3 and 4 ‘Meet the new teacher’ session for parents 3:10 – 3:40 @ WW / 3:30- 4pm @ Hewish in the year 3 and 4 classrooms.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 1 and 2 ‘Meet the new teacher’ session for parents 3:10 – 3:40 @ WW / 3:30- 4pm @ Hewish in the year 1 and 2 classrooms

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – End of term

## JILL DANDO NEWS CREW



Five children from West Wick and five children from Hewish teamed up to perform brilliantly at a Quad Kids event last week. These ten children represented St Anne's with pride competing in four different events including javelin throwing and laser sprint. The children showed great skills and came third out of seven teams scoring a whopping 1115 points! It was a fantastic for all involved – one child said, ‘I thought that Quad Kids was brilliant and that we represented the school very well’.

Written by the Jill Dando Crew.

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME (HAF)

Since 2018 the government funded holiday activities and food programme has provided support to children in receipt of free school meals through holiday periods. Little Farm are a HAF registered provision and are able to offer some free sessions. If your child receives benefits-related free school meals and would like to book please email [littlefarm@live.co.uk](mailto:littlefarm@live.co.uk)

If you think you could be eligible for free school meals you can follow this link to check and apply:

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>

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Monday 24th July Forest School at Play Wild		Wednesday 26th July Tie Dye	Thursday 27th July Gardening Day
Monday 31st July Forest School at Play Wild		Wednesday 2nd August Chew Valley Animal Park	
		Wednesday 9th August Creativity Day	Thursday 10th August Animal Encounters (interactive session with a range of animals)
Monday 14th August Forest School at Play Wild		Wednesday 16th August Beach Trip & Picnic in the Park	Thursday 17th August Afternoon Tea Creations
Monday 21st August Forest School at Play Wild		Wednesday 23rd August Forest School at Play Wild	Thursday 24th August Summer Fair Party & Water Fun

email: [littlefarm@live.co.uk](mailto:littlefarm@live.co.uk)

Please email to book your free spaces.

10am - 2pm. Snacks and lunch is provided. Pick up and drop off collections included from St. Anne's West Wick School





## Summer Fair

The PTFA are very excited about the forthcoming Summer Fair. The fair will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 11.30am to 2.30pm at West Wick. There will be stalls, games, bouncy castle assault course, a visit from the fire brigade, performances, raffle, crafts, food and drink and much more! All money raised over the past year is being put towards buying outdoor shading and learning areas for each school site (this will be done on a phased basis). This will make a fantastic additional to our school grounds so thank you for all your support with our events, it really does make a huge difference to our children.

**Volunteers** - As I am sure you can appreciate it takes a lot of hard work to run these large community events and we will not be able to do it unless we have volunteers to help set up, run stalls and clear up afterwards. If you are able to help out beforehand with organising the event or if you can help on the day please do volunteer. We cannot do it without help! Please get in touch with Abby Fox via [stannesptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stannesptfa@gmail.com) and offer your support.

Coming home to you shortly will be the white bags to fill with goodies and raffle tickets will also be enclosed in the white bag. The bags will be sold as lucky dip bags at the fair.

To support the fair Mrs Hardy-Smith has agreed that children may come to school in non-uniform on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July in exchange for a small prize for our tombola stalls. If your child would like to come to school in non-uniform please hand your tombola prize into the staff on the school gate or classroom door who will have a collection box. Examples of tombola prizes could be anything from a lolly pop, a packet of crisp, a tin of beans to chocolate, wine, books or a small gift. Thank you for your support.



### Raffle Prizes

We are holding a raffle for the Summer Fair and therefore if you own a local business or know someone who does and may be willing to donate a raffle prize this would be fantastic. Please can any prize donations be handed into either site reception or if in the form of a voucher these can be emailed to [stannesptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stannesptfa@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.



### Teddy Tombola

Do you have any teddies in your house that are no longer played with? We would be very grateful for any donations for our teddy tombola stall which is always very popular. Please bring in any donations to either site office by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.



### Card Machine

For your information, this year and at future PTFA events, a card reader will be available. This will be located in the bar area where you can pay directly for drinks and snacks using your bank card or Apple Pay but you may also buy tokens to use for games instead of using cash. Please note there is a £5 minimum spend.