

## Newsletter Term 2 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all saw the amazing rainbow over both school sites this morning! It was absolutely beautiful.

I am sure that many of you will be attending a soggy firework display this weekend as we celebrate Bonfire night on Sunday. I always remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, as eighteen years ago my daughter Maisie was born. As I looked out of the hospital window, fireworks lit up the sky. It was a very happy occasion. I cannot believe that was eighteen years ago. It makes me realise just how quickly time flies. We must enjoy and make the most of each and every day. Last term our value was Thankfulness and we asked our children to 'count their blessings' and think of things we are thankful for. All of them included in their lists family and friends.



Enjoy time with family and friends this weekend.

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### SIAMS INSPECTION – MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

As a Church School we are inspected by the Church of England Education Office. This inspection is called a SIAMS inspection (Statutory inspection of Anglican and methodist schools). Our inspection is next Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. A SIAMS inspection is an opportunity to highlight the impact that the school's Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community.

As you know, our school vision is:

*'Learn to love ... Love to learn'*

This theologically rooted Christian vision is based on Corinthians 13. This chapter of Corinthians addresses **themes of integrity and of the heart**. Paul, the apostle says that we need to **use love** as the driving characteristic of what motivates our actions. The chapter encourages us all to live a life focused on 'others'.

We are very much looking forward to showcasing our school on Monday and will share the results of the inspection with you all as soon as we can.

## Learn to Love...Love to Learn

### Learn to love with wisdom...

- All are encouraged to flourish through our learning without limits pedagogy
- Our creative curriculum fosters awe, wonder and spontaneity
- A focus upon academic excellence results in high standards for all
- Our pupil premium grant is used effectively to ensure that social and cultural capital is enhanced

*'You will teach me wisdom'*  
Proverbs 1:2-6

### Learn to love with hope and aspiration...

- Our focus on oracy ensures that all children are taught the skills of eloquence and confidence
- Our school parliament is led by children for children to develop courageous advocacy and engage in social action
- Our belief in the 'ethic of everybody' ensures that all members of our school family believe that they can succeed
- Our curriculum is based upon big questions about the world that are worth asking

*'Hope anchors the soul'*  
Hebrews 11:1



### Learn to love as part of a faithful community...

- Our behaviour policy is founded upon recognition and relentless kindness
- The well-being of all is paramount to our Christian vision where everyone is treated with dignity and respect
- Worship is an integral part of our daily life with Family worship being led by our children for our community
- Our strong Church links foster a sense of being in a world-community

*'Encourage each other and build each other up'*  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

### Learn to love with dignity and respect...

- Our 3 school rules are respect yourself, respect others and respect the environment
- Everyone is encouraged to feel part of the St. Anne's family through our moral imperative of inclusion where everybody will flourish
- Our commitment to Christian values guarantees that diversity is cherished and everyone is seen as a precious and unique individual

*'Be devoted to one another in love and honour one another above yourselves'*  
Romans 12:10

Now these three remain: *faith, hope and love*  
and the greatest of these is *love*

## VISIT FROM JOHN PENROSE – CLIMATE JUSTICE COMPETITION



exhibition in the Houses of parliament in December. Well done to all the children involved and a big thank you to Mrs Poole who organised the whole project.

We were very fortunate to welcome John Penrose, who is the conservative MP for Weston-super-Mare into school today to speak to our year 3 and year 5 children who have been involved in a Christian Aid 'Get creative about Climate justice' project alongside their class enquiry work. The children will have the chance to share their thoughts about climate change with him and he will be asked to judge the children's artwork. The children's art work will then be sent off and may form part of a national

## REMEMBRANCE



We will be marking Remembrance day in a number of ways this year. Each class has been given a Remembrance project to explore which includes learning about how the local area and local people were impacted by the Wars. Both sites will be visited by members of the British Legion on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November who will be talking to the children. Our year 6 children will also be leading a special Remembrance worship for the whole school and every class will be producing a piece of Remembrance art where they will be practising painting skills. We will display the art work later in the term.



## PTFA NEWSLETTER



Our PTFA are very busy planning our Christmas events, please see the attached Christmas newsletter from the PTFA with information about upcoming events for this term.

## PUZZLE REQUESTS

As the weather is changing and we sometimes have 'wet breaktimes', our children have asked if we can have some more puzzles and board games for them to play. If you are having a pre Christmas clear out, and you find any complete puzzles and age appropriate board games at home that you would like to kindly donate to the school, we would be very grateful. Please leave any donations in the school offices.



## ANTIBULLYING WEEK

This year's antibullying week, which is organised by the Anti-bullying alliance, will be from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The week launches with Odd Socks day where everyone is invited to wear odd socks. Odd Socks day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. The children will be using resources from the Anti Bullying alliance throughout the week.



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, to end the week, we will be supporting Children in Need. This year's theme celebrates the power of positive relationships which compliments Anti bullying week beautifully. As in previous years, we will be asking children and staff to wear spots!

## MEAL ORDERS



Unfortunately our catering contractor Aspens encountered a glitch with the meal ordering system this week resulting in many current and future orders being deleted from some accounts. **Please could we ask everyone to login to Select and check that all orders are still visible and if they are not**

**please re-order.** If you prefer to order on a daily basis it is very important that this is done before 9.00am each day.

If you have not yet logged in to your child's account please get in touch with the office crew as soon as possible and they will be happy to assist you.

## NEW UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Price & Buckland are our new uniform supplier and you can order via this link:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stanneschurch> If you have any queries regarding our uniform policy please have a look at our uniform reminder below.

Please remember that we have a range of preloved uniform including coats and shoes available on both sites. Please ask the admin team or learning mentors if you need any uniform.

## UNIFORM REMINDER

Thank you for supporting the school uniform policy. The full uniform policy is available on the website.

<https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/parents/uniform/>

A polite reminder that jewellery should not be worn including wrist bands. **Only very small, discrete round studs should be worn.** Children will be kindly reminded not to wear any unsuitable or large earrings or hoops and may be asked to remove them. Hoops and earrings that protrude the earlobe can be a health and safety hazard particularly at playtime or during PE. Hair should be tied back, especially for PE.

On PE days, correct school PE kit can be worn in place of school uniform- this should be **plain black** leggings, shorts or joggers, plain white T-shirts and school sweatshirts only. Trainers should only be worn on PE days and should be **black or white**.

Please ensure all uniform is **named** and please check regularly that the name can still be read. Children take items of clothing off and they get left on the field and playground. If they are named and we can read it, they can be easily returned.

## NUT FREE SCHOOL

A polite reminder that St Anne's is a nut free school. 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.



## SAFEGUARDING

The Designated Safeguarding lead at our school is our principal, **Emma Hardy Smith**. Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Diane Martin (SENCo), Ian Phillips (Vice Principal) and Rachel Few (Learning mentor)

**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](mailto: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>

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – SIAMS inspection day

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – ODD SOCKS Day – start of Anti Bullying week.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Non-uniform day – tombola prize donation

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – PTFA Christmas fair

**Tuesday 12th December** - Busy Bees' Nativity Performance in the school hall @ WW 2pm.  
**Wednesday 13th December** – West Wick Key Stage 1 nativity @ Locking church 2pm  
**Thursday 14th December** – Christmas dinner  
**Friday 15th December** – Hewish Busy Bees' Nativity Performance in the school hall 2.30pm.  
**Monday 18th December**- Hewish KS1 Nativity @ St Andrews church @1:30pm  
**Wednesday 20th December** – Last day of Term 2  
**Thursday 4th January** – First day of Term 3

## INFORMATION

### Showcase your creative writing ability with Somerset Anne Frank Youth Awards!

Nominations Open  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Nominations Close  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Awards Ceremony  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Venue  
Wells Cathedral

Author  
Wafa' Tarnowska

We welcome all 9-18 year olds in Somerset to submit a piece of creative writing based on the chosen quote. Poetry, prose, diary entry or short story, all entries must be a maximum of 500 words and submitted online.

Award categories from Upper KS2-KS5. All shortlisted entrants will receive a copy of 'The Diary of a Young Girl - Anne Frank' and a certificate of recognition.

Prizes in each age category are as follows:  
 1<sup>st</sup> place: £75 in book tokens.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place £50 in book tokens.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place £25 in book tokens.

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**"We can't control  
our destiny, but  
we can control  
who we become."**

**- Anne Frank**

