



St Anne's Church Academy @Hewish & @West Wick



**Newsletter
Term 2
Friday 15th December 2023**



Dear parents and carers,

Although this is the last newsletter of 2023, please do not forget that we are still at school until Wednesday 20th December. It is expected that all children (and staff!) are in school next week. We will all be grateful that we do not start term 3 until Thursday 4th January, instead of the 2nd like other schools.

Everyone at St Anne's wishes you a very Merry Christmas. Thank you for all your support and kindness this year. We really appreciate it. Have lovely break and we will see you all in the new year.

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CAROLS SING - A - LONG

Next week, we will be inviting KS2 children and parents and carers to join us for a Christmas carol singalong. It will be very informal and an opportunity for us all to spread some Christmas joy.

**West Wick on Monday 18th December @ 5:30pm
Hewish on Tuesday 19th December @ 5:30pm**



We will be singing outside, so please wear warm festive clothing and bring torches etc. We started this tradition a few years ago during the Covid pandemic and we enjoyed it so much, we kept the format the same. Everyone singing together! There will be mince pies and hot chocolate on sale to raise money to help us support the Kenya Hope charity by sponsoring a child's education. Please come along and bring your best singing voices.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair – it was great fun, very festive and a tremendous success. Everyone loved the brass band this year. We raised about £2500 which is a huge amount so thank you everyone.

Thanks to everyone involved in the organising of the event. It was lovely to see that the PTFA has some new recruits to help out. A huge thank you as always to Mrs Fox who is our PTFA chair – she did an incredible job. Thank you to all the staff that gave up their time to support the event and a special thank you to everyone who stayed to help clear up.



FOODBANK



If you are experiencing any hardship as the winter approaches Weston-super-Mare Foodbank are able to offer support. In order to access this help you need to be given vouchers.

As a school, we are able to issue these vouchers so please speak to us or follow this link for more information: <https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/>

If you would like to make a donation to Foodbank we have collection points in both of our foyers. This link will have a list of current most wanted items: <https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

As we end the year and look forward to a new year, it is a good time to remind everyone of our attendance policies and expectations.

Please see the new attendance page on our website which has all the attendance information and policies.

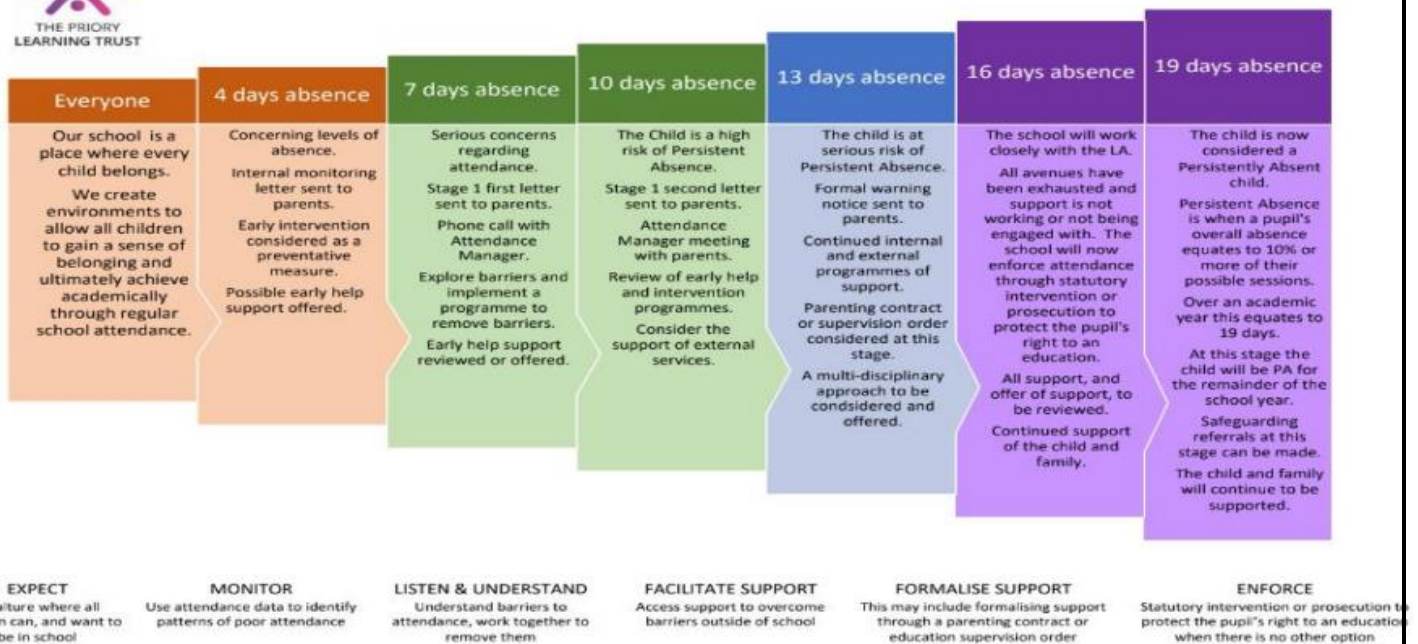
<https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/parents/attendance/>

TPLT's attendance strategy was shared with all parents and carers in September. This letter and key DfE guidance is available on the school website on the link above.

Local authorities, multi acadmey trusts and schools have a duty to ensure strong attendance for all pupils and must monitor attendance very closely. We now monitor attendance as days missed rather than as a percentage which we hope gives everyone clarity over the amount of time children are missing school.

Please see the chart below for a reminder of the attendance process. You will notice that you will receive an initial letter after 4 days of absence and may be invited to have a phone call with the attendance officers after 7 days of absence. Schools log and monitor all attendance.

The aim of this strategy is to support parents and carers to remove barriers to low attendance and will be a supportive and collaborative process. If you receive a letter or are invited to a meeting, please see this as a way the school is wanting to work with you to improve attendance.



Punctuality can also be a key factor in attendance.

The timings for the school day are as follows –

@ WW – gates open at 8:15am and close at 8:30am.

@ Hewish – gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am

Please be mindful that any child who arrives after the gate is closed, must enter through the school office and will be marked as late. Arrival after the register has closed (will result in an unauthorised attendance mark. This could lead to an attendance meeting or penalty fine. Please support your children to be punctual for school. Learning starts straight away and we do not want children to miss out on any learning. Many thanks for your support.

UNIFORM REMINDER

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 –

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

A polite reminder that jewellery should not be worn. **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 for January, 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)

Please share any concerns with any of the safeguarding team.

Our safeguarding governor is Kate Sargent 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 18th December- Hewish KS1 Nativity @ St Andrews church @ 1:30pm

WW – KS2 carol service @ 5:30pm

Tuesday 19th December – Hewish – KS2 carol service @ 5:30pm

Wednesday 20th December – Last day of Term 2

Thursday 4th January – Welcome back to Term3