



**Newsletter
Term 4
Friday 23rd February 2024**

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school for term 4. What a wet week it has been. We needed boats instead of cars this week to travel to and from school, especially in our Hewish car park!

There is lots of information in the newsletter this week as this is a busy term with lots of events happening. Please take the time to give it a read.

Have a lovely weekend.

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ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

School attendance is a priority for the government and all schools. School attendance across the country has dropped since the pandemic. A Government campaign was launched ' Moments matter , attendance counts' in January 2024 – please click on this link for more information.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/improving-school-attendance>

School attendance for all children is expected to be 96%. Children who are registered at a school but regularly fail to turn up are officially referred to as being 'persistently' or 'severely' absent. The school day is split into two sessions – one session counts as a morning or afternoon spent in school. Pupils who have missed more than 10 percent of school sessions are considered persistently absent, (Attendance under 90%) while children who have missed more than 50 percent of school sessions are referred to as severely absent. All schools are expected to work with families and carers to improve the attendance of children with a particular focus on raising the attendance of children with attendance under 90%. We do appreciate that sometimes children are too unwell to attend school. This year again, there have been some very nasty bugs and illnesses around which have spread through classes, however, authorised absences due to illness are still recorded as part of a child's overall attendance.

In September, TPLT schools introduced a new attendance strategy focused on days off rather than percentages to help support a greater understanding of how much school children were missing. This was shared with all parents and carers at the beginning of term 1. This letter, attendance policy, strategy and other helpful information is available on the school website on the following link.

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

Children who miss 4 days, 7 days or 10 days or more will receive one of the standard TPLT attendance letters. Parents of children who have missed over 10 days or more may be invited to an attendance meeting to discuss barriers to attendance. Severe absence may also involve referral to the local authority attendance team and could even result in a penalty notice and/ or court proceedings. Each child's absence is reviewed on an individual basis inline with Government guidelines.

Please do not be upset if you receive an attendance letter. All schools have attendance procedures in place. Please work with us to support your child's regular attendance.

At the end of term 3, our whole school attendance was 93.96% which is below the government target of 96%. Absences are mainly due to holidays, illness and lateness. Please be mindful that if your child arrives after the register has closed, it is recorded as an unauthorised absence which could lead to a penalty notice. Hopefully, the weather will warm up soon and illnesses and bugs will lessen and the traffic issues caused by heavy rain will allow attendance and punctuality to improve across the whole school.

If you have any questions about your child's attendance, please contact the school. If you are having difficulties with your child attending regularly, please speak to your child's class teacher or Learning mentors for support.

CAR PARKS

Thank you for your patience this week during such wet weather, especially at our Hewish site where the carpark has a tendency to flood. Please continue to use the carparks considerably. Our West Wick carpark should only be used by staff and nursery parents. If you do need to use the carpark, please do not block any of our gates and please be mindful that there is a strict 5mph speed limit.

Please park very carefully at Hewish and please do not arrive for pick up earlier than necessary. If you arrive early, please fill the spaces available rather than block others. The carpark clears quickly if everyone is patient and considerate. If a member of staff asks you to move your car, please be respectful. Verbal abuse or rudeness towards staff should not have to be accepted.

READING FOR PLEASURE WEEK & WORLD BOOK DAY

World book day is on **Thursday 7th March** this year and we have planned a week of fantastic 'reading for pleasure' activities for the children to enjoy. Please see below for details of the activities taking place throughout the week.

EYFS and KS1 Bedtime Story Pyjama Evening – Tuesday 5th March

EYFS and KS1 children are invited to come back to school at **5pm** dressed in their pyjamas, ready to listen to some bedtime stories. On arrival, children will be allocated to one of three rooms where they will enjoy a selection of quality children's stories and some hot chocolate. Children are welcome to bring one soft teddy with them. Siblings of our EYFS and KS1 children may accompany families. The evening will finish by **5.45pm**. **Please note: children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the evening.**

World Book day - Dress Up Day – Thursday 7th March

We would love the children to dress up on **Thursday 7th March**. Please come to school dressed as a character from a book of your choice. We are mindful of the pressures and expense that can be involved in organising costumes and so we would like to encourage as many home made costumes as possible. If you have any pre-loved costumes that you would like donate to school, we would be very grateful to receive them to share with others.

St Anne's Story in a Jar competition – Deadline Thursday 7th March

Following the success of last year's 'book-inspired bake' competition, we would like to invite children to create a 'Story in a Jar'. Please send your entries into school from Monday 4th March onwards (deadline Thursday 7th March). Winners will be announced in Friday's Celebration Worship. Below are some 'Story in a Jar' ideas - hopefully these will help to get your creative juices flowing!



Throughout the week, children will be taking part in many other school-based reading activities to promote a love of reading including a 'teacher swap' story session, Children's Worship linked to World Book Day and reading fun in all our worships.

COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY



Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day and this year we are inviting everyone to wear something red. If you would like to make a donation to Comic Relief please do so via this link: <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

If you would prefer to send a cash donation to school we will be donating the proceeds directly to Kenya Hope Charity's Sponsored walk on 20th March – please see below.



Or you are welcome to send an item to donate to the TPLT designated 2024 charity Weston-super-Mare Foodbank instead – just place it in the collection point situated in both of our school foyers.

KENYA HOPE CHARITY SPONSORED WALK – 20th March



Our friend Brian Humphries came into school at the end of Term 3 to share more information about the Kenya Hope charity and the work the charity does in Kenya. The children were very impressed to see the lovely Maize field that they had funded which means that every child in the school has a daily school meal.



This year, we are looking to fund another field for the school to feed even more children. Children should have already come home with their sponsor forms for the sponsored Walk for Life event which is being held at school on **Wednesday 20th March**. Please do sponsor your children. Last year, St Anne's raised over £2000 which was an incredible total.

FOODBANK



If you are experiencing any hardship, 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/>

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

Tuesday 5th March - KS1 Bedtime Story Pyjama Evening 5pm-5.45pm - both sites
Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – dress as a character from a book
Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
Wednesday 20th March – Kenya Hope sponsored walk @ WW and Hewish
Monday 25th March – Year 3 family worship @ Hewish and WW
Thursday 28th March – Last day of Term 4
Monday 15th April – First day of Term 5
Tuesday 21st May – Sports Day @WW
Thursday 23rd May – Sports Day @H
Friday 24th May – Last day of Term 5
Monday 3rd June - First day of Term 6
Wednesday 24th July – Last day of Term 6

TERMLY VALUE - FORGIVENESS



INFORMATION

IT'S A BIG CAREERS FAIR!

WORLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ACADEMY BS22 8XX

TUESDAY 19th MARCH 5-7PM

SEN & HIGH ANXIETY STUDENT QUIET TIME 4.30-5PM

ALL SOMERSET & NORTH SOMERSET RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME



BUSINESSES FROM A RANGE OF INDUSTRIES

****EXPLORE DIFFERENT CAREERS****
****SPEAK TO INSPIRING EMPLOYERS****
PLAN YOUR NEXT STEPS* *GET SOME CV HELP
UPSKILL!* *RETRAIN!* *CAREER CHANGE!