

**Newsletter  
Term 4  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



Dear parents and carers,

What a fabulous reading for pleasure week we have had at St Anne's this week. Thank you to all our children and their families who joined our Bedtime story evening on Tuesday – we hope you all enjoyed it sharing some stories. Thank you to the staff across the sites who donned their pyjamas for the event!

Thank you to everyone who supported world book day yesterday by dressing up as book characters – As much as it is a really fun day – books and reading are the main focus as children and staff 'Drop everything and read' all day and share their recommendations for reading. There have been various reading opportunities throughout the week including whole school events and class activities. One of the highlights was the class swap when teachers read their favourite stories with other classes. A great community event.

Today we judged our story in a jar competition. We were very impressed with the very creative entries – well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to our winners.



Hopefully this week has inspired everyone to read a little bit more and a little more often. Please see the poster below for some of the reasons reading to and with your children can make such a difference.

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### COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day and this year we are inviting everyone to wear something red along with their school uniform to support this charity.

Rather than sending in cash, if you would like to make a donation to Comic Relief please do so via this link: <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

Any cash received will be donated to the Kenya Hope Charity's Sponsored walk the following week on 20<sup>th</sup> March – please see details below.



You are also very 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 and we will make sure all donations are sent to the Foodbank.



## KENYA HOPE CHARITY SPONSORED WALK – 20<sup>th</sup> March



We are repeating last year's very successful whole school charity event, Walk for Life on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We have been supporting the work of the Kenya Hope charity for a number of years now and we have established a strong link with the school in Malanga, Kenya. This year, we are looking to fund another field for the school to feed even more children at the school and the surrounding area. Children have already come home with their sponsor forms for the sponsored Walk for Life event which is being held at school on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Please do sponsor your children. Last year, St Anne's raised over £2000 which was an incredible total. If you do not have a sponsor form, please ask the school office or a donation can be brought in on the day and will be given directly to representatives of the charity who will be joining us for the event.

## LATENESS

Please ensure your children regularly arrive to school on time. School gates close at **8:30am at West Wick** and **8:45am at Hewish**. Any children who arrive after the gate has closed will be marked as late in the register. Child who arrive after the register has closed must be marked as unauthorised. Children should not be regularly arriving after the close of register (we do understand that on rare occasions this is unavoidable) If your child is going to arrive after 9am, please ring the office to inform the school of the reason for lateness. Punctuality is a very important life skill that we all model to our children. Learning starts as soon as the children arrive at our school and children who are regularly late are missing crucial learning opportunities.

All schools have a responsibility to monitor and improve the level of absence and punctuality. We have a number of children who are regularly late and/or arriving after the gate has closed and we will be working with these families to improve punctuality. Please do all you can to ensure children are regularly on time. If you are having difficulties in getting your children to school on time, please contact school to discuss how we can help.

Parents and carers have a responsibility to let the school know if their child is going to be late or absent. Any parent/ carer of child who is not at school for the register will receive a check in phone call or even a welfare visit at the house. Please help us by ensuring we receive messages as soon as possible.

## 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](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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day for Comic Relief  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Kenya Hope sponsored walk @ WW and Hewish  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3 family worship @ Hewish and WW  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Last day of Term 4  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – First day of Term 5  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Sports Day @WW  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Sports Day @H  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Last day of Term 5  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - First day of Term 6  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – Last day of Term 6

### INFORMATION – CAREERS FAIR

**IT'S A BIG CAREERS FAIR!**

**WORLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ACADEMY BS22 8XX**

**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 5-7PM**

SEN & HIGH ANXIETY STUDENT QUIET TIME 4.30-5PM

**ALL SOMERSET & NORTH SOMERSET RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME**

**THE PRIORY LEARNING TRUST**

**North Somerset Council**

**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!\***