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





Extra - Newsletter Term 4 Friday 15th March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Just a quick extra newsletter this week to share a couple events happening in the next couple of weeks. Next week, we have our sponsored walk event and on the last day of term, we have our Easter competitions. See the information below.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Today is Red Nose Day and this year we invited everyone to wear something red to support this charity.

Rather than sending in cash, we have asked parents and carers to make a donation to Comic Relief.Please do this via this link: <u>https://donation.comicrelief.com/</u>

Any cash we received today will be donated to the Kenya Hope Charity's sponsored walk next week on 20th March – please see details below.





We are always collecting for the Foodbank. You are always welcome to send an item to donate to the TPLT designated 2024 charity Weston-super-Mare Foodbank– just place items in the collection point situated in both of our school foyers and we will make sure all donations are sent to the Foodbank.

EASTER BONNET & CUPCAKE COMPETITION



Following our usual tradition, we would like to invite children to take part in our Easter Competition. (**Please note this is optional**.)

Reception & KS1 children are invited to create and wear their Easter Bonnets to school. Children will have an opportunity to show off their creations to the rest of the school during the day. Our KS2 children can bake Easter themed cupcakes or biscuits (no large cakes please). We will aim to hold a cake sale at the end of the day on Thursday 28th March - all proceeds will go to our chosen charities.

Please be mindful of allergens (no nuts) and a full list of ingredients must be included with your bakes. Small prizes will be awarded to our favourite creations.

KENYA HOPE CHARITY SPONS OR ED WALK - 20th March



Please do not forget that we are repeating last year's very successful whole school charity event, Walk for Life next Wednesday 20th 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 20th March**.

Please do sponsor your children even a little bit – every little helps.

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.

PUNCTUALITY

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. Children who arrive after the register has closed will be marked as unauthorised. These unauthorised absences could lead to further action including attendance contracts and penalty notices. Children should not be regularly arriving after the close of the 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.

We have a number of children who are regularly picked up very late at the end of the day. Please ensure that your children are picked up on time.

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: <u>https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/</u>

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

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

KNIFE ANGEL COMPETITION



You may have already heard the <u>'Knife Angel' will visit North Somerset</u> in May as part of a nationwide tour to highlight the issue of violent crime. The iconic 27-feet-tall statue has been created from over 100,000 knives and blades confiscated by the UK's 43 police forces and designed as a national monument against violence and aggression.

The Knife Angel will be on display at the Italian Gardens in Weston-super-Mare's town centre throughout May 2024; the Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP)

are working with a range of organisations and community groups to curate a month-long programme throughout the Knife Angel's time in North Somerset including educational workshops, art installations and community awareness days.

One of the competitions being run by North Somerset is a poster competition which asks children in **Year groups 3 - 6** to design a 'Superhero for Peace'. We hope the design will help us to think about peace, friendships, kindness, and forgiveness as ways to work against people being unkind to each other.



Please ask in the school office if you would like an entry form. The competition closing date is Friday 19th April.

