

5th February 2013



Newsletter

Growing Together to Flourish in God's World

Parents' Evening

Don't forget that Parents' Evening will be held on **Wednesday 27th February**. If you cannot make this date please contact your child's classteacher to arrange another mutually convenient time. We will send out an appointment slip soon. We hope to see you all there.

Mrs Sands

After 26 years at St Anne's, as a volunteer and Teaching Assistant, Mrs Sands has decided to leave us to put her feet up. She will be leaving at half term and we wish her the very best for the future, and thank her for her dedication to St Anne's over the years.

Community Help

As we continue to have problems with vandalism to our school premises outside of school hours our local PCSOs have offered their advice. If you witness a group of youths at our main entrances then please report this by calling 101. They will then patrol the area. If, of course, damage is being caused to the buildings then please contact 999 to report the details. The damage caused to school is increasing and with your help we will be able to stop this. Thank you for your support.

Free School Meals

You may be entitled to Free School Meals. Currently school meals cost £10 per week and we offer a wide range of choices which provide a healthy meal for the children. You can claim Free School Meals if you and your child live in Oldham and you receive any of the following:

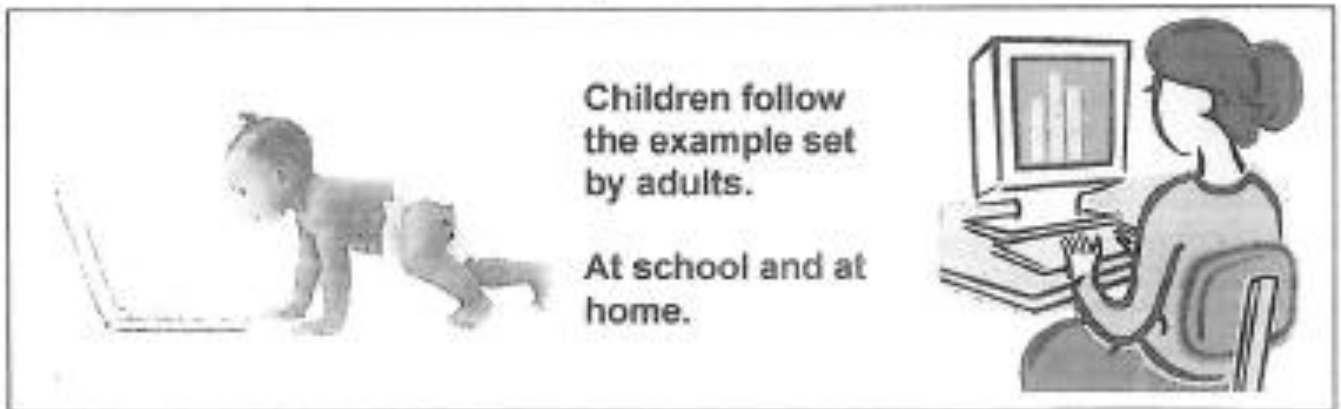
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed the current year's level
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finished, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week.

Additionally:

- You, as the parent or guardian, must Receive Child Benefit for the child you are responsible for.
- Children who receive IS or IBJSA in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.
- Children who receive "education suitable for children who have not attained compulsory school age" will still need to satisfy the additional requirement of "receiving education both before and after the lunch period", before being eligible to receive free school meals.

You can download an application form and get more information from the Oldham Council website:
http://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/88/school_meals_application_form

E-Safety at St Anne's



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At school and at
home.

The headteacher, staff and governors have agreed an approach to the use of Social Networking Sites that includes the items below. We are now inviting parents to join us in setting a good example for our children.

All parents are invited to join staff in setting a good example for our children by:

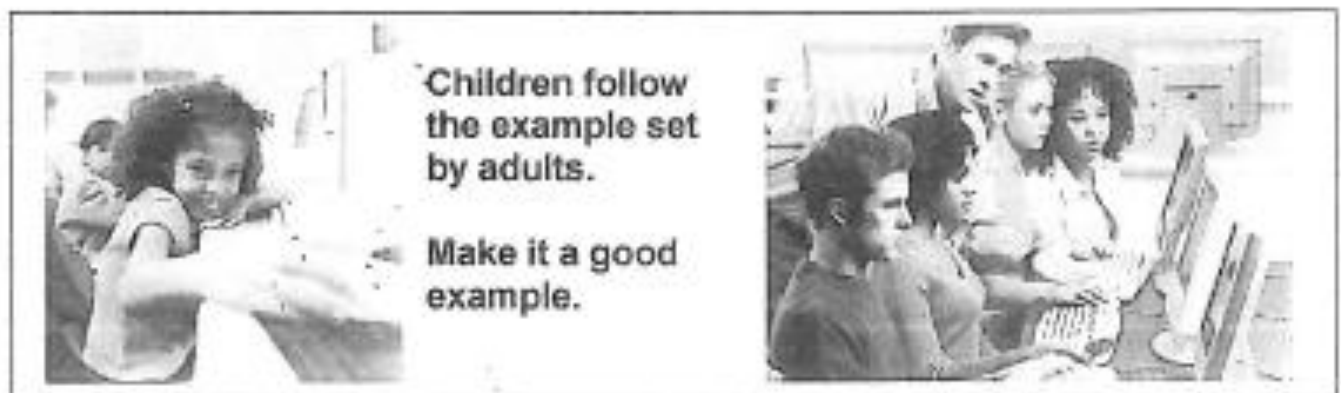
- Demonstrating courtesy and respect for colleagues, parents and pupils when comments are placed on social networking web sites.
- Ensure appropriate language is used in any comments placed on social networking sites
- Ensure that any comments and/or images could not be deemed as defamatory or in breach of any relevant legislation

All parents are invited to join staff in setting a good example for our children by not:

- Using social networking sites to make derogatory comments which could bring the school into disrepute, including making comments about pupils, parents, other staff members, the senior leadership team, governors, local authority or the wider community.

Our promise to parents is:

- We will meet with you and use the Governing Bodies policies and procedures to resolve concerns.
- We will work hard to resolve any concerns in the best interest of the whole community.
- We will act in the best interests of our whole community and honour our duty of care to all our pupils.
- We will never conduct school business over the internet.



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Safe Parking Reminder

Please can we remind parents who drive to school to park considerately and safely in the mornings and at the end of the school day? Please do not wait until we have a serious accident.