

13th September 2013



Newsletter

Growing Together to Flourish in God's World

Welcome back!

Welcome back to school after the summer holiday. We hope you all enjoyed the break and managed to get some sunshine! All the children have settled back really well.



WELCOME NEW STAFF!



As you know we have been joined by new staff this September. Mr Gooding and Miss Dunn have joined the teaching team and Miss Begum has now settled into school as our Learning Mentor. Mrs Allen is still recovering from a badly broken leg and Miss Stevens has taken over her class. Mrs Heginbotham has now become part time (Monday to Wednesday) and will be our Every Child a Reader teacher (ECaR). This is directed at children who need extra support grasping early reading skills. All staff are looking forward to another productive year.

Each week classteachers will be sending home newsletters with information about work done in class and homework timetables. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher please catch them before school or at the end of the school day. You can also make mutually convenient appointments by contacting the school office to arrange.

Revised Holiday Pattern

We have been informed that there will be a combined local and European election on **Thursday 22nd May 2014**. There will not be a local election on 8th May so we will not be closing then. As we are a polling station we will have to close for the later date in May and we have had to alter our holiday pattern. Please find our revised holiday list below:

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-2014

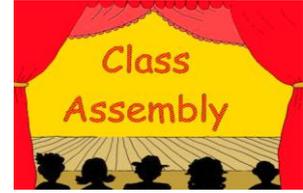
Autumn Term Begins:	Wednesday 4th September 2013
Half Term:	Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November (inclusive)
Autumn Term Ends:	Friday 20th December 2013
Spring Term Begins:	Monday 6th January 2014
Half Term:	Monday 17th - Friday 21st February (inclusive)
Spring Term Ends:	Friday 4th April 2014
Summer Term Begins:	Tuesday 22nd April 2014
May Day Bank Holiday:	Monday 5th May 2014
Election Day:	Thursday 22nd May 2014
Half Term:	Monday 26th May – Friday 30 th May - (inclusive)
Summer Term Ends:	Friday 18th July 2014



Class Assemblies in the Autumn Term

Wednesday 18 th September	Mrs Martin (Purple Class)
Wednesday 25 th September	Miss Dunn (Pink Class)
Wednesday 2 nd October	Miss Walker (Lime Class)
Wednesday 9 th October	Mrs Hayman (Blue Class)
Wednesday 23 rd October	Mrs Snape (Green Class)
Wednesday 13 th November	Mr Bennett (Turquoise Class)
Wednesday 20 th November	Mrs Allen (Yellow Class)
Wednesday 27 th November	Mr Gooding (Orange Class)

Again you are warmly invited to your child's class assembly. Please note that they are held on Wednesdays at 9.10am. We hope to see you there!



OUR GOLDEN PROMISES

This year we are continuing with our system to ensure our children always work hard and behave well. Our five promises continue to be the basis of our system and these are:



1. I promise to be honest at all times.
2. I promise to always do my best.
3. I promise to show respect to myself and others.
4. I promise to keep myself and others safe.
5. I promise to look after my property and that of others.

The children continue to wear their badges with pride and we expect them to have them as part of their uniform. If badges have been misplaced over the summer they can be purchased for £1 in the school office. All Reception children will receive one free of charge as they start our school.

Application to Secondary School



Parents of Y6 children can now apply for a secondary school place online. Information and applications can be found at www.oldham.gov.uk. The closing date for applications is **5.00pm on 31 October 2013**. If you need any further advice or help you can contact the Admissions Team on 0161 770 4213/4214/4201.

Key Stage Assessments

It may only be the start of the year but we need to remind parents that important assessments take place in May and June this year. Y6 will take the statutory KS2 SATs the week beginning **12th May 2014** and all children must be in attendance for that week. Y2 also undertake KS1 SATs throughout May and June and Y1 have a reading test the week beginning 16th June. Again these are a statutory requirement which children cannot miss. Please remember that we cannot authorize any holidays that are requested term time any more due to a change in the law.

Music Tuition



Again all Y3 children will be participating in the Wider Opportunities programme this year which entails learning to play the violin. This will be on Thursdays. Their instruments are kept in school and do not go home. It's a valuable learning opportunity for them all and we are pleased to continue with this.

Office Info!

Can we remind parents that dinner money remains at £10 per week. Please could you ensure this comes into school at the beginning of each week. It is also possible to pay half a term or a term in advance if that is convenient for you. Please contact the school office for more information.

More dates for your diary...



Tuesday 10th September @ 6.30pm

Tuesday 15th October

Wednesday 16th October

Friday 25th October

Monday 4th November

Friday 15th November

Tuesday 17th December

Friday 20th December

Friday 20th December

PTA Meeting

Parents' Evening

Photographer in school (individual)

Finish for Half Term

Return to school

Children in Need

Infant Nativities

End of Term Service

Finish for the Christmas holidays

KS2 Success!

As you know, each year Y6 take national tests in Reading, Writing, Grammar and Maths. In 2013 we have seen an increase the number of children achieving L4 and L5 compared to last year. In Reading 90% achieved L4+, in Writing 87% and Maths 95%, all above the national average. In Maths we saw a 19% increase in L4+ from last year. The Y6 children were the first to take the new national Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar test. Although the children worked hard for this the results came back with a very disappointing 59% L4+. Many children missed out on vital marks on the spelling test. Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) is one of our school development priorities this year to ensure this significantly improves. As always, we welcome parental support with homework tasks and we will put spelling lists for every class on our website as it is developed over the coming weeks. Class Teachers will also inform you of homework through their weekly newsletters.

We also saw improvement with the number of children achieving L5+. In Reading 50% of children achieved L5+, 36% in Writing, 38% in SPaG and 44% in Maths. Most pleasing is the progress children have made during their time at St Anne's. Progress is measured from the end of Y2 to the end of Y6 and reflects that children all have different starting points. Children must still make good progress in reading, writing and maths from that point. On average the children in Y6 made more than expected progress overall and this is again above the national average.



We wish all our past pupils well as they move on to the next phase in their education and thank all parents and carers for their continued support and commitment to our school family.

Parents' Information Meeting

Again this year class teachers will be holding a short information session for parents and carers. The purpose of this meeting is to give you the opportunity to meet the class teacher, receive news about the curriculum and update your contact details. It is not to discuss individual children as we have set a date for Parents' Evening on **Tuesday 15th October** for you to make an appointment for that purpose.



The information session will be held on **Monday 23rd September** at 3.30pm. Don't worry if you can't attend or if you have children in different year groups as all information will be sent home. We hope you will find this useful.