



Newsletter

Growing Together to Flourish in God's World

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A reminder from the Local Authority

From 1 September 2013, the new law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday in term time. It makes it clear that Headteachers may not grant any holidays or other absences during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. As a general guide any activity, holiday or event that can be arranged during the annual 13 week holiday time should not be authorised during the school term.

Parents can receive a Penalty Notice from the Local Authority for taking their child on holiday in term time without the consent of school. From 1 September these Penalty Notices cost £60 per child per parent if paid within 21 days and £120 per child per parent if paid between 22 and 28 days.

In the academic year 2011-12, 9.7% of all absences in England were due to parents taking their children out of school during term time. In Oldham the rate of absence due to holidays in term time 2011-12 was 6.4% in secondary schools and 16% in primary schools. This high level of absence has led the Government to make this important change in legislation.

As a Local Authority, we fully appreciate the financial difficulties that some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during school holidays. However, children absent in term time miss learning and need to catch up on missed work which poses a potential risk of under achievement. We are expecting that, as Headteachers and Principals required by law to comply with the amendments to the regulations, all schools in Oldham will introduce firm policies and checks to ensure that there is a significant reduction in the number of absences being authorised in term time.

A note from our Governors....

If parents wish to apply for leave from school for exceptional circumstances this must be in the form of a letter to the Governors stating the time required and the exceptional reason. We will no longer issue the form we previously used.

Goodbye Miss Begum

Miss Begum has sadly left St Anne's due to personal reasons. She will be sadly missed and we wish her well for the future.



We are currently in the process of recruiting for a new Learning Mentor.

We are also currently advertising for Playworkers for Care Club. If you know of anyone that would be interested in applying please advise them to visit Oldham Councils job website.

The iSing Pop concert was fantastic. The children sang their hearts out and shared their love of God. It shows, again, what talent we have here at St Anne's. Thank you to all who attended. We are sure you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Book Fair

The book fair sales came to £823.01 in the week that it was open.

Thank you to everyone that supported us by coming along.



Do you have any new gift sets, Bottles of wine or chocolates you would like to donate? If you do, please send them into school as soon as you can. All funds raised benefit our children here at St Anne's.



Blessing of the Christmas Tree

Don't forget we will be holding the magical Blessing of the Christmas Tree service in school on Thursday 28th November.



We ask for each child to bring in a bauble for the tree and these can be brought in as soon as you can. Please could you ensure that it is labeled with your child's name and preferably unbreakable? They will be blessed them before they go on and we are sure our tree will look wonderful again. They will all be returned in the New Year.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December 2013



St Anne's will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day in school.

We are asking for a £1 donation which will go to the Save the Children fund. Why not get more inspiration for the Christmas Jumper day at www.facebook.com/ChristmasJumperDay



St Anne's PTA Family Christmas Party

Saturday 7th December

Venue : The Haggate, 31 Haggate off Middleton Road, Royton, Oldham, OL2 5DU

Time 7PM

Ticket prices: Family £5, Adult £2, Child £1

Tickets available from the School office or a member of the PTA

Christmas Dinner

If you haven't done so already but wish your child to have a Christmas dinner on the 19th December - please contact the office to purchase a ticket for your child to have a school dinner on that day.

Please note even if your child normally has a school dinner each day you will need to order and pay for a Christmas dinner **before the 2nd December** – Dinner money for the week commencing 16th December will then be £8 as you will have already paid for the school dinner for the 19th.



SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

Autumn Term Begins: Wednesday 3rd September 2014

Half Term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October (inclusive)

Autumn Term Ends: Friday 19th December 2014

Spring Term Begins: Monday 5th January 2015

Half Term: Monday 16th - Friday 20th February (inclusive)

Spring Term Ends: Thursday 2nd April 2015

Summer Term Begins: Monday 13th April 2015

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2015

Election Day: Thursday 7th May 2015

Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 5th June – (inclusive-please note this is 2 weeks)

Summer Term Ends: Friday 17th July 2015



Children in Need



Our Super Hero day last Friday raised £245.50 for Children in need. Thank-you to everyone that took part and donated.

Open Morning We are holding an open morning for parents who have expressed an interest for a place in our Reception for September 2014. We will open our doors to show the high quality of provision on offer and an opportunity to meet the staff. The open morning will take place this Saturday (30th Nov) from 10am to 12pm. There are two sessions available: 10am and 11am. Prospective parents can also bring their child along to have a look. We look forward to meeting new parents and children and welcoming younger siblings of current pupils. If you would like to book a place please contact the office.



Please remember if you change your mobile phone number or any other contact details you need to let the office know – otherwise we may not be able to contact you in an emergency

