

Newsletter

Growing Together to Flourish in God's World

Parent Questionnaire 2014

At the back of this news letter is our Parent Questionnaire for 2014. We value feedback from Parents and Carers and therefore ask that you complete the questionnaire and return it to school as soon as possible. May we thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.



Last chance Christmas Card orders

Mrs Bolger from our PTA has kindly offered to collect any last chance orders for any Christmas cards that missed the deadline of Wednesday. So if you had wanted to order some Christmas cards that your child ordered but missed the deadline please ensure they are in the school office by 9am on Monday morning. Thank you.



Attendance

The whole school attendance for WC 28/11/14 was 97.07% which was higher than last week when overall attendance at 96.66 % and above our target of 96.5%.

This week the attendance league table goes as follows:

- 1st Mrs Martin 's class (Purple) with a very impressive 100%!!!!
- 2nd Mr Gooding's class (Orange) with 99.31%
- 3rd Mr Bennett's class (Turquoise) with 98.79%



These are excellent attendance figures so we would like to say thank you to everyone that helped us to achieve these attendance results.



Secret Santa Gifts are being sold and gift wrapped by the PTA on Tuesday, 2nd December 2014 at School

(Prices: £2.00, £3.00, £4.00 or £5.00 per gift)

If you would like your child to purchase one or more gifts please complete a slip (available from the office) stating how many gifts are required and at what price and return with money/cheque in an envelope by Tuesday, 2 December 2014.

Infant Nativity

The infant nativity plays will be held at:



Tuesday 16th December
9:30-10:00 Red and Yellow class
10:30-11:00 Green and Blue class

Wednesday 17th December
5:45-6:15 Red and Yellow class – children need to be back at school for 5:15 to prepare for the performance
18:30-19:00 Green and Blue class - children need to be back at school for 18:00 to prepare for the performance

Due to limitations on the number of people that we are allowed in the hall due to health and safety we will initially only be allocating 2 tickets per family of our Key Stage 1 children. We will be asking for £1 per ticket which will enter your ticket number into our raffle at the performance. DVD's will be available to order after the performances. Tickets are now available from the school office.

iSingPop Concert



On **Thursday 4th December** there will be an iSingPop concert at 6pm in church. **All children will be expected to return for 5.45pm to get ready to perform.** CDs will be available to buy for Christmas.

The concert is always a wonderful event showing just how talented the children at St Anne's really are.

St Anne's PTA Secret Santa



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Name of Child: _____ Class: _____

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|---------------------------|-------|--|-------|--|-------|--|-------|--|
| | £2.00 | | £3.00 | | £4.00 | | £5.00 | |
| Number of Gifts required? | | | | | | | | |

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Cash/Cheque?



Class:

I give consent for my child to watch the school pantomime on Wednesday 3rd December 2014. I enclose a voluntary contribution of £3.00.

Signed:.....

PLANNED EVENTS

| Event | Class | Time | Date/Days |
|--|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Zumba Class | KS2 | 3.15-4.15pm | Mondays |
| KS1 Football | KS1 | 3.15-4.15pm | Mondays |
| Girls football | KS2 | 3.30-4.30pm | Tuesdays |
| Football | KS2 | 3.15-4.15pm | Wednesdays |
| Cross Country | KS2 | 3.15-4.15pm | Thursdays |
| Family Christmas Disco [School Hall] | | | 29/11/2014 |
| St Anne's Advent Songs of Praise | All Welcome | 6pm in Church | 30/11/2014 |
| Blessing of the Christmas Tree Service | | 09.00am | 01/12/2014 |
| Book Fair | All | 15:15 | 01/12/14-04/12/14 |
| Secret Santa | | | 02/12/2014 |
| Red class assembly | Reception | 09.00am | 03/12/2014 |
| Panto | | | 03/12/2014 |
| iSing Pop concert | | 18:00 | 04/12/2014 |
| Christmas Markets | | | 07/12/2014 |
| Yr4/5 Jewish Museum trip | Yr4/5 | | 08/12/2014 |

The above dates and times and events may on occasion need to be amended. It is regrettable and we will aim to give you as much notice as possible in the event of any change.

Questionnaire for parents and carers 2014

Please read the following statements and tick the answer which best fits what you think about the school. Please only tick one box per statement. If you cannot answer leave it blank.

Name:

Child's class:

| | (Please tick.) | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|-----|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| 1. | My child is happy at this school. | | | | |
| 2. | My child feels safe at this school. | | | | |
| 3. | My child makes good progress at this school. | | | | |
| 4. | My child is well looked after at this school. | | | | |
| 5. | My child is taught well at this school. | | | | |
| 6. | My child receives appropriate homework for their age. | | | | |
| 7. | This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. | | | | |
| 8. | This school deals effectively with bullying. | | | | |
| 9. | This school is well led and managed. | | | | |
| 10. | This school responds well to any concerns I raise. | | | | |
| 11. | I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress. | | | | |
| 12. | This school supports my child's journey in his/her faith. | | | | |
| 13. | Would you recommend this school to another parent? | | | | |
| 14. | If you want to explain any of your answers, or if there is anything else you want tell us or any further suggestions please do so here. | | | | |

Here's a quick summary of our school.....

We have made significant improvements to our buildings over the years with rewires, window replacements, redecoration, extending CCTV and security doors. The infant playground has been developed for outdoor learning. The Junior playground has been developed and is now secure at all times. Children's views are being sought for further development. There are current plans, funding permitting, to improve security between our two buildings with improved fencing and a fob system for authorised staff. We offer a wide range of extra curricular clubs both for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, including art, Mad Science, football, netball and cross country and there are plenty of opportunities for inter schools competitive sports, at which we are successful.

Environment

At St Anne's we aim to provide a safe and secure environment in which to play and learn. All exits, entrances and corridors are covered by CCTV and continually monitored. All external areas are checked on a daily basis and staff are vigilant when moving children between buildings.

Leadership and Management

The school has an established leadership team who have worked hard to challenge and improve areas for development. We respond to parental concerns and suggestions and aim to work in a positive partnership to seek solutions. Financial systems are efficient and the school spends its income purposefully on the pupils, their learning and their environment. The Governing Body challenge and support the school and work closely with the school to bring further improvements and represent the views of parents, the church and the community well.

Information and Keeping in Touch

We share a range of information with you through letters, classteacher newsletters, parents' evenings and school reports which include up to date activities and celebratory achievements such as full attendance. Parents' evenings in Autumn, Spring and Summer continue to be a good time for you to discuss your child's progress with his/her teacher. We hold class assemblies on a rota basis and parents are warmly invited. Parents are also invited to Good Work Prayers on Fridays to celebrate children's achievements. We use the Parentmail system to communicate with you efficiently via email and text. Our school website (www.stannesroyton.oldham.sch.uk) includes statutory information to provide you with varied information about the life of our school, our values, our standards and our curriculum. We are also on Twitter @StAnnesRoyton and we welcome all followers. Mrs Holt and classteachers are available before and after school for informal chats. Appointments can also always be made with Mrs Holt if needed. For children with Special Educational Needs meetings are coordinated by Mrs Martin (SENCo) who is also regularly available to discuss concerns.

Behaviour and Safety

We promote positive behaviour through our school policy and reward children with 'Star Awards' and children earn their Golden Promise badge and wear it with pride. Our established Golden Promise system builds on children's own understanding of their rights and responsibilities and the importance of redemption and forgiveness. Children are also rewarded with St Anne's Learner and Golden Promises certificates each week.

Our Christian ethos is shared through our strong links with St Anne's Church and through assemblies. Children are trusted to take on a range of responsibilities to before-school monitors to organising the music for collective worship. We work promptly with parents to deal with any concerns regarding behaviour. We have achieved the Investors in Pupils Award. Designated staff are fully trained in Child Protection and Safeguarding. We address bullying strongly when it occurs and encourage children to respect others' culture, race, feelings, beliefs and values. Esafety forms part of our curriculum and children are taught to keep themselves safe in the ever changing world of technology.

Teaching and Learning

We have a Creative Curriculum which meets the needs and interests of our children from 'Can I be a Weather Presenter?' to 'Around the World in 80 Days – What would Phileas Fogg think of the World Today?'. We provide a creative curriculum with interesting and engaging topics with many first hand experiences i.e school trips/visits and visitors. Our curriculum meets the requirements of the National Curriculum 2013. Standards have continued to rise considerably in the last three years in the Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 with our results above the national average.

Keeping Healthy

The school continues to have the Healthy Schools award for its efforts in improving playtime snacks and drinks for all children. We also have a Toothfriendly Award. We promote recycling in school and making children aware of how this is beneficial for their own future. We have also accessed a great many sporting opportunities through the Sports development team and increased many children's physical activity through our sports' offer. Our catering services have achieved the Food for Life Catering mark. The Food for Life Catering Mark criteria has been developed to reflect best practice in healthy and sustainable school meals, in consultation with a wide range of leading school caterers from the private, independent and local authority sectors. Our school food now meets the Gold standards of the Food for Life Catering Mark, which means we take great care that our food is healthy, ethical, uses lots of local ingredients and is animal and climate friendly. We use organic and free range ingredients on our menus.

We welcome suggestions for improvement from parents and carers at all times and we aim to work as positively and promptly as possible when concerns arise. St Anne's was built in 1916 and we continue to fulfil our commitment to serve our children and our community.