



Newsletter

Growing Together to Flourish in God's World

Time to Talk



In our assemblies each week we discuss and think about different topics that are linked with our Christian values. This week, please join our discussion and talk to your child about: To achieve our goals we need to stay focused, avoid distractions and take manageable steps towards our goal.

Talk: Do we always make the right choice? What do we need to do to always make the right choice?

Attendance

The whole school attendance for WE 12/02/16 was 97.23% This means that this week's attendance was above our target of 96.5%. Keep aiming high. Every minute of every day counts.

This week the attendance league table is as follows:

Mrs Evans' class (Yellow) with 100% WELL DONE!!

Mrs Garforth's class (Turquoise) with 99.03%

Mrs Snape's class (Blue) with 99%

100%



This week 8.83 hours of education were lost due to appointments and 11.02 hours due to lateness.

We need your help to reduce these figures. You can help by making sure all routine opticians and dental appointments are made outside of school hours or in the school holidays and that your child attends school on time every day. If an appointment is unavoidable (e.g. hospital appointments) please ensure your child attends school before and after it - every minute of every day counts! Thank you.

Responsibility for personal items



As you know, we provide all the necessary resources your child needs in school. We also allow Y6 pupils to bring in a mobile phone if they walk to and from school. We appreciate that this helps to keep peace of mind for parents. These must be kept in the school office during the day as children do not need to be carrying them around. Unfortunately we cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of such items brought in from home. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Exciting Building News

We have been successful in obtaining a grant from Manchester Diocese to improve our main entrance. As you know, the steps at the main entrance can be difficult to access so we are creating a new entrance on Ormerod Avenue. We are creating a new door and a ramp will be added for easier access. This will be kept secure with extra fencing and will be linked to our entrance system.

We intend this entrance to be for staff and children to avoid any congestion at the current one. We will still greet visitors at the current main entrance, as is the system now. If you do need access via the ramp you will, of course be able use this new entrance.

The work will be carried out during term time and all the necessary health and safety arrangements have been made with our contractors. The work should be completed after half term and it will keep our children even safer.



To help us keep our school head lice free please ensure that you check your child's hair each week. Thank you.



Thank you

We are blessed with very supportive families here at St Anne's. Many give their time working hard for the PTA, raising money in a variety of ways, and many give money generously at our events. We have been working hard to raise money to improve the Junior playground with a vision for a trim trail and new ball play and shelter areas. We are now close to getting the trim trail installed and, with a regular donation from another parent, we are able to do even more. Matthew Houghton, AKA Joey Matthews, is a fabulous professional singer many of you may have seen. He has agreed to make regular donations earned from his performances. We can not thank him enough for this and we encourage you all to go out and see him perform!



We have many StARS here at St Anne's Royton School!

Term time absences

A pupil's absence during term time can seriously disrupt their continuity of learning. Not only do they miss the teaching provided on the days they are away, they are also less prepared for subsequent lessons on their return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement.

Parents/carers do not have a right to take their child out of school during term time. As a result family holidays should be planned during the school holidays. Since September 2013 our Governors have agreed that, in line with new law, no leave taken in term time would be authorised unless for a medical reason for the individual child (i.e. an operation) where medical evidence can be provided.

In accordance with the Local Authority Attendance Policy, school will class any absences that meet the criteria as unauthorised absences and will refer for a Fixed Penalty Notice fine.



World Thinking Day

On **Monday 22nd February** it is World Thinking Day. This is a day of friendship, advocacy and fundraising for 10 million Girlguides and Girl Scouts around the world. On the day members of all uniformed organisations (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Scouts etc) can wear their uniform to school instead of their usual school one. This will be a day thinking about how we connect:

The Girl Guide and Girl Scout experience is a lifelong adventure of connecting with the world around us and the people we meet. This World Thinking Day (WTD), we invite you to explore and celebrate the meaningful connections that make our lives better, whether to the people closest to us, to a place we care about, or to a Girl Guide or Girl Scout friend on the other side of the world.

More information can be found at the Girl Guiding website:
<https://www.waggs.org/en/what-we-do/world-thinking-day/>

Sponsored pancake toss

Thank you for your generosity in sponsorships and to our wonderful PTA for hosting the sponsored pancake toss. We will let you know how much was raised as soon as we have a total.



Have you recently changed your mobile contract? Changed jobs? Changed home telephone provider? Moved? Please ensure you have updated us with any changes to your contact details. Thank you.



First Aid training

This week we have had St John's Ambulance on site delivering first aid training to our children. Y6 received First Aid in a Day training, Y5/6 core skills first aid, Y4/5 bleeding and bandaging, Y3/4 and Y2 first aid taster and Yr3 had a first aid taster. We also had a parents' session on essential first aid and this was very well attended.

From the feedback we have received from the children these were fun and informative sessions which have taught them essential skills. We also received very positive feedback from the trainers on the behaviour of all our children. We are in safe hands!



Please drive and park safely and considerately around our school to keep children safer.



We have had recent reports of near misses surrounding our school in relation to people parking on the pavement. Please do not wait until a child is seriously hurt (or worse) before action is taken!!!!

The police are now involved and are quite horrified at the level of illegal parking surrounding our school which puts our children's safety at risk. There will be a regular police presence and road traffic fines will be issued in future for illegal and dangerous driving.

Where can you park?

You should park your vehicle in line with the parking restrictions in place, at all times. When arriving by vehicle at school, please leave sufficient time to park safely and legally.

You must not park on school 'keep clear' or zig zag markings (Ormerod Avenue).



Parking on pavements

The highway code states : You **MUST NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.
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Double parking

You cannot double park, even if you stay in your car. Vehicles parked in the middle of the road cause obstructions for all road users and may block the view for pedestrians, especially children wishing to cross the road.

Child safety tips

If your child is walking please remind them to:

- First find a safe place to cross the road
- Stop near the kerb
- Look all around for traffic and listen
- If traffic is coming let it pass
- When it's safe they should walk straight across the road – and not run, looking and listening while they cross.
- If there are parked cars then they should try their best not to cross between them but if there is nowhere else to cross:
- Choose a place where there is a space between two cars
- Make sure neither car is about to move off
- Walk to the outside edge of the cars and stop
- Then use the green cross code to cross the road.
- You must also ensure that your child is using the correct child seat for their size.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Class	Time	Date/Days
Class Assembly	Lilac class Miss Dunn		23/02/16 CHANGE OF DATE
Last day for Mothers Day gift orders			29/02/2016
Secret Mothers' Day	<i>If you are able to volunteer to help run this event please contact the school office</i>		01/03/2016
PTA Meeting (6.30pm – Mother's Room)	Everyone welcome		01/03/2016
Parents' Evening	All	Time slot allocations	02/03/2016
Class Assembly	Lime class Mr Bennett		02/03/2016
Class Assembly	Orange class Mr Gooding		09/03/2016
Class Assembly	Blue Class Mrs Snape		16/03/2016
End of Term/Holy Week Service Led by the Juniors	All	9.15am In St Anne's Church	24/03/2016
<u>Spring term ends:</u>	All	(please note this is a 1 week holiday only)	24/03/2016
<u>Summer term begins:</u>	All	-	04/04/2016
Easter Service Led by the Infants	All	9.15am In St Anne's Church	08/04/2016
Class Group Photo	All		12/04/2016
iSing Pop Concert		6.00pm In St Anne's Church	13/04/2016
Class Assembly	Green class Mrs Hayman and Mrs Heginbotham		13/04/2016
Class Assembly	Yellow Mrs Evans		20/04/2016
Class Assembly	Red Class Mrs Williams		27/04/2016
PTA Fashion show	Everyone welcome		29/04/2016
<u>May Day Bank Holiday:</u>	All	-	02/05/2016
<u>Local Election day:</u>	All	school closed (subject to change)	05/05/2016
PTA school disco			13/05/2016
Yr2 Blue Class trip to Quarry Bank Mill	Yr2 Mrs Snape		07/06/2016
<u>Summer term 2016 ends:</u>	All	-	15/07/2016
<u>Autumn Term 2016 begins:</u>	All	-	06/09/2016
<u>Autumn Term 2016 ends:</u>	All	-	16/12/2016

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.