



Growing Together to Flourish in God's World

Parents' Evening

Our first Parents' Evening of the year will be held on Tuesday 17th October. The purpose of this is to discuss any issues that may be causing concern as your child has settled into his/her new class. Classteachers may contact you also. If you would like an appointment please contact your child's classteacher directly and he/she will get back to you.

PTA Disco & Non-Uniform Day

Friday 20th October 2017



Due to the success of our previous discos, we will be running our next disco in the same way so it's time to get your dancing shoes on!



Ticket sales for the disco are limited to first come, first served basis due to fire regulations. They are £1.50 and you can purchase these via Parentmail.

Tickets **must** be purchased before the disco. If you have any questions about making payments on Parentmail, please see the school office for help and support.

If your child wishes to come to the disco, they will be taken to the school hall by their teacher and then you will be able to collect your child from their **classroom door at 5.00pm**. If you have a child in Nursery, you can drop them off at the school office at **3.30pm** and collect them from **Reception class door at 5.00pm**.

As usual, there will be drinks, hotdogs, sweets and disco toys to buy. Please send your child's spending money in a **sealed, named** envelope. This will be kept safe by the class teacher. Please keep the amount to a **maximum of £2.50 for KS1 (Infants) and £5 for KS2 (Juniors)**. This will reduce the risk of children losing their change.

On the day, **all** children in school can come in Halloween themed non-uniform **with a £1 donation (this is separate to the disco ticket price)**. As this is a Halloween disco, we are asking that you respect the younger children and those children who may become easily scared. Scary masks, accessories which could be viewed as violent, and fake blood are not permitted. As this is a general school day, face paint is to be kept to a minimum and again, should not cause upset or offence.

Harvest Assembly

Thank you for the generosity of everyone that sent in donations for the Harvest Service. All donations were distributed amongst the elderly, vulnerable and local charities for the hungry and homeless.



Individual school photographs

Please ensure all photograph orders need to be returned to school **by 9am on Wednesday 25th October at the latest** otherwise you will need to place the order with Tempest direct and could be charged delivery.



Secondary school applications for September 2018

Please note: All applications for Secondary school must be done online through Oldham Council. Applications close at **5.00pm on 31 October 2017**. If you submit an application after this, it will be considered a late application and will be dealt with after all the other applications.

1 March 2018 - Secondary School Offer Day - You will be informed of which school your child has been offered by email (from Oldham Council), you will receive an email before 12 noon on 1 March 2018. If you do not receive an email, please check for the email in your junk/spam folder before contacting the office (phone 0161 770 4213). Or you can also log back into your account. Please ensure that you keep a note of your username, password, security question and answer.

If you make a late application, you will receive a letter to confirm which school your child has been offered. The School office will not be able to inform you of which school your child has been offered.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15th December 2017 we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day in school. Hundreds of thousands of people up and down the nation will be donning their best and worst festive sweaters

to raise money for Save the Children. We are asking for a £1 donation which will go to the Save the Children fund.



School Christmas Dinner



On Friday 15th December 2017 we will be holding the School Christmas dinner. **All orders need to be placed by Friday 1st December even if your child usually has a school dinner.** Those not eligible for Free school meals dinner is charged at £2.10 and this will be taken off your dinner money balance on Parentmail.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

Please only refer to holiday patterns on our school website <http://www.stannesroyton.oldham.sch.uk/> Other websites may give incorrect holiday dates.

Autumn Term Begins: Tuesday 4th September 2018

Half Term: Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November (inclusive)

Autumn Term Ends: Thursday 20th December 2018

Spring Term Begins: Monday 7th January 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February (inclusive)

Spring Term Ends: Thursday 12th April 2019

Summer Term Begins: Monday 23rd April 2019

Election Day: Thursday 2nd May 2019

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019

Half Term: Monday 20th May – Friday 31st May – (inclusive-please note this is 2 weeks)

Summer Term Ends: Friday 19th July 2019



Parentmail

Since 1st April 2017 we are now cashless. This means that we no longer take cash payments or cheque payments through the school office. All payments for dinner money, school disco, Secret Santa/Mother's day/Father's Day, donations for school trips/pantomimes etc will need to be paid for through Parentmail or at a Paypoint store. This is possible when Parentmail generate a barcode to pay at a Paypoint store.

We also use Parentmail for electronic permission for such things as school trips, registering for after school clubs, completion of forms and booking appointments for Parents' Evening - so it is well worth registering.

If you are not currently registered for Parentmail and need registration details, or if you need another family member to register (i.e. Spouse/Grandparents etc) or have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be happy to help.



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



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





School Uniform Policy

The school uniform has been agreed by governors in consultation with parents. It is attractive, practical and reasonably priced. Red Jumpers and Cardigans, bearing the school name and logo can be obtained from Monkhouses in Oldham and Rochdale. We also offer a service via the internet School Trends www.stparents.co.uk in order to offer a choice of providers. Tesco also provide a service to embroider our logo onto to their range of uniform.

Visit <http://www.tesco.com/direct/st-anne-s-cofe-aided-primary-school/6852.school> for more details.

White shirt or polo shirt
V-neck sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan

*Golden Promise badge
*School Tie



**only available from school*

Grey trousers or shorts
Grey skirt or pinafore
(Summer uniform - red and white gingham dress, if preferred)
White, red or grey socks/tights

Black shoes



Children should wear **sensible** socks and shoes - **not "fashion footwear" or trainers**. Children can wear small stud earrings which must be removed for PE and swimming for health and safety reasons. No other jewellery is allowed.

P.E. Kit

Red polo shirt
Black shorts/skirt
Black pumps



Please be reminded that children should **not** wear makeup (including nail polish) or jewellery (other than plain stud earrings which need to be removed for PE and a watch). Please note we cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage of personal items brought in to school.

Key Stage 2 only

Swimming kit:

Trunks or swimshorts (shorts must be lined and be no longer than mid-thigh)

1 piece costume (close fitting leotards and footless tights may also be worn where normal swimwear is not appropriate for religious/cultural reasons)

Further swimming guidelines are given to parents before lessons commence.

A pump bag bearing the school logo can be purchased from the School Trends website.

Please remember to label every item of your child's clothing.

Attendance

Education is a vital part of a child's development and as such the child's right to education should be protected. St Anne's CE (Aided) Primary School takes a strong line in this respect and relies on the support of parents to ensure that our attendance is as high as possible.

All pupils have a right to education. A child is of statutory school age between 5 and 16. Parents/carers have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends regularly and punctually. If a child does not, parents/carers may be breaking the law.

If the school has concerns about a pupil being absent, or does not accept the explanation for an absence as genuine, the Headteacher or School Office staff will raise the matter with the Education Attendance Service.

At St Anne's we expect all children to have attendance that is classed as excellent. At St Anne's we use the following categories which are in line with the DFE guidelines:

Attendance recorded at 96.5% - Excellent

At St Anne's attendance at 96.5% or above is classed as regular attendance

Attendance recorded at 95.1-96.49% - Good

***Attendance recorded at 94.24-95.09% - Average**

***Attendance recorded at 94.23% and below –**

The DFE define attendance at 90% or below as Persistent Absence.



*Attendance categorised as 95.09% or below will require medical evidence to be provided to allow us to authorise the absence. Unauthorised absences and lates can lead to a penalty notice fine; which if unpaid could lead to prosecution.

What can you do to ensure your child is getting full access to the education they deserve?

- **Ensure your child attends school every single day possible** – Everyone feels a little under the weather from time to time and in most cases a little over the counter medication can help us through the day. Although we are not legal obliged to do so, at St Anne's we will administer over the counter medications such as Calpol, cough medicine, Ibuprofen etc to your child on your behalf. Just bring the medication in to the school office (please do not send it in with your child), fill out an authorisation form (available from the office and the school website) and we will sort the rest. If your child is really unwell during the day we will call you.



- **Make sure your child attends school on time every day** - Doors close at 9am promptly so please make sure you arrive in enough time for your child to enter school before this. If your child is late please ensure that you report to the main reception in the Juniors. This is to ensure your child's attendance has been recorded on the fire register. Continuous late attendance can have an adverse effect on your child's overall attendance and this can lead to a fixed term penalty notice fine.



Make all non-urgent appointments outside of school time or in the school holidays – Children should not be attending routine medical appointments (e.g. dentist, optician) during school time. For non-routine appointments, such as consultant appointments, we will record the absence as M (Medical) ONLY if we receive a copy of the appointment letter. Medical appointments do have an adverse affect on your child's attendance are a recorded as an absence.



- **Do not take your child on term time holidays** – 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 for a holiday during term time. As a result family holidays should be planned during the school holidays. As of September 2013 the School Governors agreed that, in line with the law, no holidays taken in term time would be authorised. In accordance with the Local Authority Attendance Policy, school will refer for a Fixed Penalty Notice fine for unauthorised holidays of 5 days or more. Taking holidays during term time leaves very little allowances for illness before a child's attendance becomes a major cause of concern.

Weekly attendance

The whole school attendance for this year was 97.23%. This means that this week's attendance was above our target of 96.5%. Well done. Thank you for your continued support.

This week the attendance league table is as follows:

Position	Class	Attendance this week (%)
1st	Mrs Martin	100.00
2nd	Mr Gooding	99.67
3rd	Miss Cartwright	98.82
4th	Mrs Williams	98.67
5th	Mr Bennett & Mrs Hayman	98.67
6th	Mrs Snape	98.00
7th	Miss Barr	97.74
8th	Mrs Evans	95.00
9th	Mrs Mitchell	92.86
10th	Mr Ashworth	89.66

So far this year the winner attendance is.....

Turquoise class
(Miss Cartwright)

Please remember to let us know about any absences either through the absence line 0161 624 9885 or via the parentmail app, make sure your child attends school on time every day and to make routine appointments outside of school hours or in the school holidays.

	Appointments - Routine	Late
Equivalent Days lost this year	12.08	15.83

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Class	Time	Date/Days
PTA Halloween Disco		15:15	20/10/2017
Half Term:			Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November (inclusive)
Blessing of the Christmas tree service		09:15	01/12/2017
Christmas Tale assembly KS2		09:15	04/12/2017
iSing Pop concert	In church all welcome	18:00	06/12/2017
PTA Secret Santa Service		in school AM only	07/12/2017
Christmas Jumper day		in school	15/12/2017
School Christmas dinner - All orders need to be placed by Friday 1st December those not eligible for Free school meals dinner is charged at £2.10 and this will be taken off your dinner money balance on Parentmail.			15/12/2017
Red class (Mrs Williams) and Yellow class (Mrs Evans) joint nativity plays		09:30 and 14:30	19/12/2017
Blue class (Mrs Snape) and Green class (Mr) joint nativity plays		09:30 and 14:30	20/12/2017
Nursery Christmas Carol service		11:00	20/12/2017
Christmas Service in church	all welcome	09:15	22/12/2017
Autumn Term Ends:			Friday 22nd December 2017

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.

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

