



# Newsletter from St Ann's Heath

Issue 1 – 10th September 2020

## Message from Mrs King and Mrs O'Connor...

Welcome back to St Ann's Heath. We are so pleased to be back together as a school community. It has been lovely seeing the children come back to school with such positive attitudes and we look forward to what this year may bring.

Thank you for your patience with the new drop off and pick up procedures. These are easing day by day as we all work together getting to know our new daily arrangements.

There is a real sense of purpose around the school in classrooms as children re-engage with their learning and lots of laughter can be heard from the playgrounds during break and lunchtime.

All classes have focused on introducing the children to the new 'normal' at St Ann's Heath, with regular reminders of the protective measures that we have in place. Children are responding positively and supporting one another in their bubbles.

## From our Governors

On behalf of the governors of St Ann's Heath Junior School I would like to extend the very warmest welcome to all our new parents and children and a huge "welcome back" to all returning parents and children- it is so great to know you are all back in school again after such a long and uncertain time. The last six months have taught us many things, not least the importance of connection, community and all that school means to each one of us.

At the end of the last school year, our amazing Chair of Governors- Helen Syms - retired from the Governing Body. She had been a school governor for 12 years and the Chair of Governors for 7 years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her outstanding leadership. She has completely transformed the Governing Body during her time in the role to ensure that we have good governance at the top of our agenda and that we have the knowledge and competencies we need to support the school.

We would also like to offer our thanks and wholehearted support to Sue Gammerman who has agreed to be Interim Chair of Governors for a 1-year term.

There are vacancies on the board for new parent governors... perhaps that might be something for you to think about? Details regarding this will follow later in the term but if it is something you are interested in, please either phone (01344 842900) or email the school office. (admin@stannsheat.org)

Wishing you all the best in the term ahead,  
**Liz Gallagher - on behalf of your Governing Body**

## **Parent Information Meetings**

We will be holding parent information meetings remotely from 4.30 – 5.00pm on the following dates:

Years 4 and 6 – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Years 3 and 5 – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

These meetings will give you an opportunity to hear from the year group team to find out about what is happening in your child's year group over the course of the academic year. Details will be sent out regarding how to access these meetings in due course.

If you are unable to join the presentation, the information shared will be sent out via email.

## **Text and Emails - School to Home Communications**

Please note that Year 3 (and new parents in other years) should now be receiving emails and texts from the school via our Sco-Pay system. We will send out a TEST email and text on Monday, 14th September, please contact the school office (by phone 01344 842900 or by email [admin@stannsheath.org](mailto:admin@stannsheath.org)) if you or another parent/carer has not received it and would like to.

Link up codes for all our new pupils should be coming home this week, these enable you to link up to Sco-pay and pay for dinners and other school trips and events. Any queries, please contact the school office.

## **Epipens and Pupil Medication**

If your child needs an epipen, inhaler or other medication in school, and you haven't yet provided one to be kept in school, please contact the school office on 01344 842900 or via email on [admin@stannsheath.org](mailto:admin@stannsheath.org)

## **School Planners**

If you haven't already sent in £2.50 for your child's planner, please could you do so by Monday 14th September.

Thank you.

## PE Kit

Further to any communication from ourselves regarding PE kits, please send your child to school dressed in their kit (with all jewellery removed) on the days they have PE.

You **will not be required** to send uniform in on these days **apart from** school shoes and a spare pair of socks. Please make sure shoes are sent in a plastic bag which can be used to store muddy wet trainers if necessary.

As all PE lessons will be taking place outside, if possible, please send in a thin waterproof jacket (pac-a-mac) style that can be kept in your child's cubby hole to wear for PE lessons. Children are unable to wear thick winter coats as this will restrict their movement during PE lessons.

All children will require a St Ann's Heath hoodie and black black jogging bottoms to wear for PE during colder weather.

Year 3 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 4 – Monday and Friday

Year 5 – Monday and Friday

Year 6 – Tuesday and Friday

## Jewellery and Make Up

Can we please remind parents that as per our school uniform rules, children should not be wearing jewellery to school apart from an analogue watch and a small pair of stud earrings.

Please no fitbits or digital watches. Children should also not be wearing any make-up including nail varnish.

## FOSAH

FOSAH stands for Friends of St Ann's Heath and is our Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

Unfortunately, we are currently unable to plan for any fundraising events on our school site including our second-hand uniform sales. We will notify parents as and when we are able to start sales again.

However, one way you can support fundraising for the school is to sign up to easyfundraising. This enables you to raise much needed funds for our school every time you shop online.

The easiest way is to download **the app** (via App Store on an Apple phone or Play Store on Android).

Download the app, search for Friends of St Ann's Heath, put in your details, then shop away. The second way to sign up is **online**.

Step 1. Google <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosah/>

Step 2. Register your details and create a password (you only need to do this for your first time)

Step 3. Start shopping!

Remember to always go via your easyfundraising login to your favourite retailer sites, to continue raising money for our school.



**TERM DATES  
2020 – 2021**

**AUTUMN TERM 2020**

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Inset Day (Children not in school)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	8.50am Autumn Term begins
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	2.10pm Break up for Christmas
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Inset Day (Children not in school)

**SPRING TERM 2021**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day (Children not in school)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	8.50am Spring Term begins
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	2.10pm Break up for Easter

**SUMMER TERM 2021**

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	8.50 Summer Term begins
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Inset Day (Children not in school)
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	2.10pm Break up for Summer
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Inset Day (Children not in school)

Please mark in your diaries that individual school photos will be taken on **Wednesday, 23rd September**—more information to follow.

Don't forget to look to our website regularly—it is often updated with information that you may need to refer to throughout the school year e.g uniform policies, menus, calendar dates etc. **[www.stannsheath.org](http://www.stannsheath.org)**