



Newsletter from St Ann's Heath

Issue 2 – 8th October 2020

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

We'd firstly like to thank all our parents and carers for the positive feedback we have received with regards to the children enjoying being back in school, the new drop off and pick up arrangements, our first attempt at our virtual parent information meetings and the pastoral support that is in place for all of our children in class. We are just delighted to have our school community back together!

Year 6 had their WW2 immersion day last Monday where they became evacuees for the day. The children started their day at Waterloo Station (The Den was transformed into the London landmark) where they collected their identity tags and then settled into their new home (their classrooms). Through the morning activities, the children learned about how our school used to be a billeting office for evacuated children during the war. They completed evacuee chores, such as litter picking, apple picking and raking leaves.

Later in the day, the children couldn't believe it when they opened letters from home (a very closely guarded secret between the teachers and parents in the weeks leading up to the event). The Year 6 teachers were delighted by the effort parents had made to write letters to their children as though they had really been evacuated. The children loved writing replies home!

Last Friday, we held our first Virtual Whole School Special Mentions' assembly and although we had a few technical hitches at the beginning, it was lovely awarding certificates to each year group.

We also welcomed Jeremy Brown, from Christchurch, back into school this week. Jeremy will be running year group bubble assemblies every Monday afternoon with the theme of 'Following the example of Jesus'. This week his assembly was to Year 3 and he told the bible story of turning water into wine.

Reminder about applications for secondary school

If your child will reach age 11 between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 they will be due to start secondary school in September 2021. You can apply for a secondary school place from 1 September 2020. **The closing date for applications for secondary school is 31 October 2020.** See link below:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/apply>



Flu Immunisation

The Surrey Flu Immunisation Team will be at St Ann's Heath on Friday, 16th October to administer the vaccine to those of you who have given consent online.

You have until **4pm on Thursday, 8th October to give consent** —after that cut off time you will need to contact the immunisation team directly if you wish your child to have the vaccine. They can be reached on Tel: 01483 728201 ext: 377



REMINDERS

Don't forget to complete our Google Form about remote learning access. The link you need was emailed home on Tuesday (<https://forms.gle/sSPb44e7n39UWndu6>) - it would really help us if you could all complete this over the next couple of days.

You should have received your child's school photograph proof last week. Please ensure all orders are made online by **Friday, 16th October**.

Children's Achievements in School

So far this term the following children have been awarded a **Headteachers Award**:

Ella O (6FP) – awarded for using a range of expanded noun phrases to add ‘show not tell’ description to your writing, well done Ella!

Riley M (5WP) – awarded for producing an excellent piece of homework on seed dispersal. Your presentation was very striking and you produced some great facts. Well done Riley.

Special Mention Certificates have been given to the following children:

In Year 3 – George By, Beatrix M, Mia D and Yahya A

In Year 4 – Jenson H, Fia SM, Poppy R, Jack F, Jessa B and Alfie F

In Year 5 – Noah M, Kameron C, Isabelle S, Ralph M, Maisy R and Joshua W

In Year 6 – Heath S, Florence H, Jayan M, Logan G, Taylan Ja and Maisie G

FOSAH news

Please support our school

FOSAH stands for Friends of St Ann’s Heath and is the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) of the school. Without the support of our PTA, we would have been unable to fund the projects in school, such as the trim trail on the front playground, our table tennis table, the new picnic benches, support building our memory garden and much more.



Although the current Covid situation will limit the type of events/fundraising we can do, it is essential for our children’s wellbeing and sense of community, that we do what we can within Government guidelines.

Our first FOSAH event will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is planned for **7pm on Thursday 15th October**. This will be a remote meeting which will hopefully make it easier for parents to attend. Our small, dedicated FOSAH team would love to see as many new faces as possible at the AGM. FOSAH is also a great way to meet new parents and join in with our school community.

Christmas Cards

Christmas card designs should have been sent home with your child over the last couple of weeks.

Parents will need to place their own order online (using the unique number on each piece of artwork) and ensure their child’s design and order sheet are sent back into school **by 16th October**.

Please note, we will not be able to process any late orders.

Calling all parents and carers who are builders...we need help!

We are looking for a lovely builder/landscaper who can support us with a little project to help improve the flow of our drop off and pick up arrangements.

We would like to remove the corner section of our central reservation so that parents can pull directly into the drop off zone for Year 5 and 6 without having to swing into it, see photo below.

If you think you would be able to help with this, please contact the school office on 01344 842900 or email admin@stannsheath.org



SAFETY AND SECURITY

Should you have any concern about the safety or welfare of a child in school please ask to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs King, Mrs O'Connor or Mrs Savill.

- Any changes to collection arrangements or contact information should be communicated via the School Office.
- The school requires at least two emergency contact numbers. If your contact information changes throughout the year, please ensure the office has a copy of any new details.
- Parents should not enter the school building unless by appointment. If you need to speak to a member of staff please contact the school office on 01344 842900 or via the school email address admin@stannsheath.org
- Some children in Year 5 and 6 have been given permission to walk off site at the end of the day and, because of this, may bring a mobile phone to school. The phone should be switched off at all times on the school site and handed in to the office during the school day.
- At morning drop off, please could Year 5 and 6 children remain in their cars until a member of staff has manned the pedestrian crossing, this is to ensure that there isn't a bottle neck at the gate with different bubbles waiting in a crowd for the gate to open. Thank you.

Internet Safety Update - Tik Tok

Whilst this app has become increasingly more popular since lockdown, endorsed by dancing celebrities etc, please be aware that there is also some quite horrific and violent content being uploaded onto users' feeds. The age restriction for Tik-Tok is **13 years old**, for a good reason, but we are aware that many of our children use it. Please do supervise what your child is accessing at home and share any concerns with us so we can provide additional support where needed.