



Newsletter from St Ann's Heath

Issue 3 – 22nd October 2020



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

Time flies when you're having fun! We can't quite believe that we are nearing the end of the first half of the 2020 – 2021 academic year. It has been so lovely having all of our children back in school and such a pleasure to see how they have adapted back into school life after the extended absence since March of this year. The new normal for school life is working well and we very much appreciate the support, patience and understanding of our parents and carers as through us working together, your children can achieve their potential.

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaire regarding access to technology and feedback for our remote learning provision. We are currently reading through the many responses and analysing the data which will feed into our new remote learning offer through Microsoft Teams. Staff have undertaken some training on this platform to enable us to deliver online learning opportunities if we need to.

As a school, we do have high priority for good attendance from all of our children and we are delighted that currently our whole school attendance stands at 96%, which is a fantastic achievement at the current time.

We wish you all a lovely half term and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, 2nd November.

Year 6 Secondary Applications

Year 6 parents - please remember that you only have until **31st October** to apply for your child's secondary school place. Applying after this date could cause you to lose your preference in schools. All applications needs to be made at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/apply>. From our records there are still quite a few of you that still need to apply.

Please note that if you are applying for a school out of Surrey you will need to apply to that school's county council for a place.

SCHOOL Attendance

We like to closely monitor attendance at St Ann's Heath along with our Inclusion Officer. Here are the figures for the school year so far! Keep up the good work everyone.

3W	96.9%	5WP	95.1%
3C	96.5%	5M	92.9%
4W	95.5%	6A	95.9%
4PD	97.3%	6H	97.3%
4G	93.7%	6FP	98.4%
5S	97.2%	Whole School	96.1%

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority, they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening this term will be on **Tuesday 1st December and Thursday 3rd December**. These meetings will be held remotely via Teams as we are limiting access to the school site for the safety of all our staff and children. More information will be shared regarding Parents' Evening after half term.

School Uniform

After half term, children need to return wearing winter uniform. The details of which can be found in the school planner on page 9 or on the school website under 'School Life'.

Can we also take this opportunity to remind parents that children should be wearing plain black jogging bottoms/ leggings for PE lessons along with the St Ann's Heath hoodie. PE and Games lessons are currently taking place outside and will continue to do so. Children can wear a thin waterproof coat for their lessons if it is raining.

Please remember to send a change of footwear and a plastic bag so that the dirty trainers can be placed in them after Games on a Friday. Thank you.

The Den

Our After School Club 'The Den' has been run Den successfully over the last half term following current government guidance. It is currently open Monday to Thursdays (term time). If you are interested in a place for your child, please email Caroline Cleaver at den@stannshealth.org.

Term Date reminders

Below are the term dates including Inset Days (when school is closed to children) for the coming academic year.

AUTUMN TERM 2020	
Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Thursday 17 th December	2.10pm Break up for Christmas
Friday 18 th December	Inset Day (Children not in school)
SPRING TERM 2021	
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day - (Children not in school)
Tuesday 5 th January	8.50am Spring Term begins
Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Thursday 1 st April	2.10pm Break up for Easter
SUMMER TERM 2021	
Monday 19 th April	8.50 Summer Term begins
Friday 28 th May	Inset Day - (Children not in school)
Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Tuesday 20 th July	2.10pm Break up for Summer
Wednesday 21 st July	Inset Day - (Children not in school)

FOSAH NEWS

We'd firstly like to take this opportunity to thank Paula Cooper for being a phenomenal chair of our PTA for the last few years. Paula has really supported the school in their fundraising efforts and has been instrumental in organising a number of events raising a substantial amount of money.

Through this fundraising, we have been able to redevelop the outside space on the front playground, install a new trim trail, new pathways and garden areas; buy new picnic tables for outside use and a table tennis table for the children to enjoy using at lunchtimes and fund Forest School sessions over the last year. FOSAH have also supported with buying new books for the library. Every year they also buy leavers' books for all year 6 children as a memento of their time with us and part fund the planners.

We are very lucky to have a few committed members and as such, Arlene Bansal has taken on the Chair role with Hannah Pannett as Vice-Chair. Darren Morris is continuing as Treasurer for one more year until his daughter leaves the school.

However, we do need more help. The role of secretary is yet to be distributed and it would be very helpful to have another parent in a vice-Treasurer role so that Darren can begin a handover. All parents automatically become a member of FOSAH when their child joins the school and it would be really great, if a few more parents would offer their support in a practical way.

Despite the current situation, we are still looking for ways to fundraise for the school. The sense of community that we currently have we want to continue to promote.

We've had a good start to our fundraising. Thank you for your support with the Bags 2 School. Lots of bags were dropped off Tuesday morning – we now await our total!

The Book People

Raise £1 with every £10 spent at The Book People!

Go to - www.thebookpeople.co.uk - browse the books and gifts - add to basket - check out and pay as normal and then find our school in the Big Book Boost box by name or postcode (GU25 4DS). Every little helps to raise money for some great resources in school. Thank you for your support!



Easyfundraising

Follow these simple instructions to login online (or you can download the app), and start shopping via Easy fundraising.

It is completely free, and they donate to FOSAH **every** time you make a purchase from thousands of retailers.

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!

Happy shopping, and remember to **always go via** your easyfundraising login to your favourite retailer sites, to continue raising money for our school. **So far we have raised £698.29 with 57 supporters over 2 years.**

Second Hand Uniform Sales

Please note that we do have quite a number of second hand school fleeces in our second hand uniform stock. We are hoping to start up the second hand uniform sales after half term so please look out for details of this.