



Newsletter from St Ann's Heath

Issue 8 - 29th April 2021

A message from Mrs King and Mrs O'Connor

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed some much-needed family time.

In school, the children have been enjoying the learning that has been taking place and since the weather has improved, they have been making the most of playing on the fields with their friends at breaktime and lunchtimes.

We are really hopeful that, as the summer term progresses, we will see the gradual easing of more of the restrictions, both socially and in school. However, until then, we must all remain vigilant to ensure that the protective measures that we have in place continue over the coming weeks to ensure children remain learning in school.

With this in mind, could we please take this opportunity to remind you of the rules around the easing of lockdown.

You must not meet indoors with anybody you do not live with, unless you have formed a support bubble or if another legal exception applies.

You can meet friends and family outdoors either in a group of up to 6 from any number of households or in a group of any size from up to two households.



Baby News

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Williams and her husband have welcomed a beautiful baby boy, **Harley Robert Williams**, into the world on Wednesday 14th April weighing 5lbs 12oz. Mrs Williams and Harley are doing well and they are enjoying the precious moments of being a family.



SCHOOL Attendance

Our School attendance since our return from lockdown (March 8th) has been **97.4%** across the whole school which is amazing! Well done everyone!

3W	95.3%	5WP	97.1%
3C	98.3%	5M	97.9%
4W	98.2%	6A	95.5%
4PD	95.8%	6H	97.3%
4G	98.3%	6FP	99.1%
5S	98.4%	Whole School	97.4%

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.

Drop off and pick up

The beginning and end of the day seem more busy currently, so please can we take this opportunity to remind you of the timings for each year group and the need to be as close to these timings as possible to ease with the congestion on the school site.

Year 4 and 6 – drop off at 8.30, pick up at 3.10;

Year 3 and 5 – drop off at 8.40, pick up at 3.20

Please do not leave your children unsupervised on the school grounds, before 8.30. Once a member of staff is on the gate, children may enter school.

Year 3 and 4 parents – please do keep in the left-hand lane to drop off and pick up children from the playground.

Year 5 and 6 parents – please keep in the right-hand lane to drop off and pick up from the allocated zone.

We do ask that parents do not park on site and remain in their cars to ease the flow of traffic.

The main school gates from the road will be closed between the 9am-3pm. If you need to come onto the school grounds during the day, for a pre-arranged purpose, please approach the entrance gate, press the arrow keys until you find 'SCHOOL/DEN' then press the BELL button. A call will reach the office and they can then open the gates for you. Please DO NOT enter the school through the exit gates as these could shut unexpectedly and cause damage to your car.



Important
Information

Children's Achievements in School

Excellence Awards have been given to the following children for their excellent attitude towards school

during the **Autumn Term 2020** and **Spring Term 2021**

In Year 3 - Mya N, Rocky R, Marina T, Beatrix M, Anna M, Ayah L, Nishtha S and Maximus D

In Year 4 - Ethan W, Nicole K, Izzy P, Jack F, Jessa B, Amber E, Marissa D, Sofia B, Gabriella S, Frankie B, Hayen B and Amelie C

In Year 5 - Nishika B, Eliana J, Kalhan R, Samuel D, Samuel B, Maddy P, Amaya K, Alfie P-B, Stephanie S, Josh W, Isabelle S and Annabelle P

In Year 6 - Will D, Florence H, Maisie G, Melos M, James L, Paula M-R, Hema B, Ella O, Sara M, Logan G, Trini A and Ellie D

On 27th April, **Special Mention** Certificates were given to the following children

In Year 3 - Max K, Leela L, Lizzy DS and Eric M

In Year 4 - Xyla H, Heidi C, Isabel BG, Aisha Mc, Vienna G and Mercedes O

In Year 5 - Deniz T, Joseph B, Eliana J, Charlie P, Grace M and Lucy S

In Year 6 - Lily G, Anjali M, Daisy S, Angel O, Harry SJ and Ryley A

The following children have also been given a **Sports Award** for their excellent contribution to PE and Games lessons in the **Autumn Term 2020**.

In Year 3 - George B and Mia F

In Year 4 - Yuna S and Rian S

In Year 5 - Dalton E and Sonny R

In Year 6 - Mahmud C and Maya G

Headteachers' Gold Awards have also been given to:

Freddie D (3W) - for his great attitude to school

Kameron C (5M), Deniz T (5M), Kateleigh F (5M), Julian L (5M) and Mona S (5M) - for their fantastic tourist leaflets on Manaus

Bill D and Ollie C (6A) - for their beautiful singing during the Year 6 assembly



Feedback from parent questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire on our draft PSHE and RSHE policy that was sent out in March. As a school, we aim to provide pupils with the knowledge, understanding, attitudes, values and skills they need in order to reach their potential as individuals and within the community through a strong emphasis on emotional literacy, building resilience and nurturing mental and physical health including mindfulness.

In our school we choose to deliver Personal, Social, Health Education using Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE.

We have included some of the feedback below for your information. 77 parents responded to the questionnaire.

Questions	Rating	Percentage
I think RSHE is an important part of the school curriculum	Strongly disagree	5%
	Disagree	4%
	Neutral	4%
	Agree	30%
	Strongly agree	57%
I think RSHE topics taught in school can make a real difference to young people's lives	Strongly disagree	0%
	Disagree	4%
	Neutral	12%
	Agree	29%
	Strongly agree	55%
I think the teaching of RSHE topics in school will support my child in a positive way	Strongly disagree	5%
	Disagree	3%
	Neutral	6%
	Agree	36%
	Strongly agree	50%
I feel confident to talk to my child about growing up, sex, health and relationships	Strongly disagree	4%
	disagree	3%
	Neutral	13%
	agree	34%
	Strongly agree	46%
I agree with the content of the draft RSHE policy	Strongly disagree	4%
	Disagree	1%
	Neutral	8%
	Agree	45%
	Strongly agree	42%
I understand the content of the draft RSHE policy	Strongly disagree	3%
	Disagree	0%
	Neutral	6%
	Agree	44%
	Strongly agree	47%
I think the jigsaw Scheme of Work, which is used to support teaching and learning, will develop my child's understanding	Disagree	3%
	Neutral	9%
	Agree	43%
	Strongly agree	45%

There were a variety of parental suggestions in ways to change or adapt the draft policy and these will all be considered moving forwards.

Some parents also shared thoughts linked to having a parental awareness when RSHE is being taught in school so that parents are able to support at home and feel prepared if questions arise. The school will ensure that parents are fully informed as to when the RSHE curriculum will be taught and parents will have the opportunity to view the materials being used prior to the children. As mentioned in the PSHE and RSHE Policy, Parents and carers have the right to withdraw their child from Sex Education provided at school **except** for those parts included in statutory National Curriculum Science and that included within Statutory Relationships and Health Education.

Library Books

We are very fortunate to have a lovely space in our school for our library and a wide selection of books for the children to read. Every year FOSAH very kindly donate money to buy new library books for our school library to keep on improving the number of books we have. Please can we ask that all children take care of the books that they are bringing home. Some book are coming back into school very damaged and we then have to take them out of circulation. If your child loses a school library book, we do ask for a donation towards the replacement.



FOSAH News

Bags2school

Thank you to all our families who raided their wardrobes to give to bags2school. As soon as we hear our total we will let you all know!

Next FOSAH Meeting

Up and coming FOSAH meeting is on **Thursday 13th May at 7pm**, we'd love to see as many of you as possible! A link to the meeting on TEAMS has been emailed to parents.

Your School Lottery

Don't forget you can still buy tickets for the weekly draw on Your School Lottery! We have had several winners at St Ann's Heath who have won cash prizes so please **consider buying a ticket to support the school** as well as possibly making you our next winner! Click on the link below for more details. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/.../st-anns-heath...>

Results of our photography competition and Smartie challenge to be announced soon! Thank you to everyone who took part.

More information to follow soon about our next exciting fundraising event - a BREAK THE RULES DAY on Friday, 21st May!!

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- Help us raise essential school funds
- Support our lottery from just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000

To support your school, go to:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: **St Anns Heath Junior School**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 5th June 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

Future Dates For Your Diary

Mon, 3rd May - School closed - Bank Holiday Monday

Wed, 5th May - Year 4 WOW Day—The Romans (no costumes required)

Tue, 11th May - Parents' Evening Appointments via TEAMS (early finish Yrs 4&6 - 2.30pm, Yrs 3&5 - 2.40pm)

Thu, 13th May - Parents' Evening Appointments via TEAMS (early finish Yrs 4&6 - 2.30pm, Yrs 3&5 - 2.40pm)

Fri, 21st May - A BREAK THE RULES DAY ! More information to follow!

Fri, 28th May - School closed—INSET DAY

Mon, 31st May to Fri, 4th June - Half Term Week

Week beginning - Mon, 7th June - Year 6 Bikeability

Fri, 9th July - FOSAH Summer BBQ (timings and event to be confirmed)

Fri, 16th July - Sports Morning (timings and event to be confirmed)

Mon, 19th July - Evening - Year 6 Leavers' Ball (timings and event to be confirmed)

Tue, 20th July - Break up for Summer Holidays (timings to be confirmed)

Wed, 21st July - School closed - INSET DAY

DATES TO REMEMBER