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**NEW PARENTS** - please note that you are receiving this bulletin as a paper copy whilst we ensure all your email address and contact details are up to date on our system. Further correspondence will come direct to your email addresses.

Welcome to the first bulletin of the year. These come out regularly to inform parents and carers of the key dates and information from school. Please aim to read this so you don't miss anything. There is also a really helpful guide we have put together 'Guide To The School Day' that can be found on our website.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION regarding PICK UP and DROP OFF**

For normal drop off and pick up arrangements, we ask that parents do not park on site or exit cars unnecessarily to ease congestion. If you do need to enter the school building for any reason at the beginning or end of the day, please park in one of the car parks nearest to the road. Please DO NOT leave your car unattended in the drop off/ pick up zone. Please also note that we do not allow dogs on site (this includes dogs being carried).

Please display your child's name in your car windscreen at pick up each day. This really helps speeds up collection time. Thank you.

We operate a **no right-turn into school** at drop off and pick up time as this does ease the congestion in and around school. Please do adhere to this as it really does make a difference. Please also note that turning right in to Trumps Mill Lane (by the post box) may also cause congestion so if possible please approach school from the Thorpe Green direction. We appreciate that this might not be the easiest or most direct route for you to take but it makes an enormous difference to the traffic at the beginning and end of the day and also keeps our neighbours happy.

If you would like your child to walk out of school to meet you (or to walk home) please ensure you have read all the information (on page 3 of bulletin) and completed a consent form by clicking on the link at the bottom of page 3 or scanning the QR code.

If you need to visit the school during the school day please follow the clear instructions on the key pad on the entrance gate. You need to use the arrow keys to scroll left or right to ensure that it says 'School/Den' in the screen at the top before you press the bell icon button.

The first week of a new year is always very busy so please bear with us, as clubs start up and parents become familiar with timings and their travel plans, you will find it becomes easier.

# WELCOME BACK!

St Ann's Heath use a secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called **Studybugs**. Parents who have/or have had children at Trumps Green will be familiar with this.



**Please download the free Studybugs app (from the App Store or Google Play), or register on the Studybugs website.** You will need to add the name and date of birth of your child/children and then choose 'St Ann's Heath' as their school. You should choose to turn ON the notifications for the app so that if we send you a message you will be able to see it. Please also tick the box that allows Studybugs to process your information - this ensures that your messages are sent across to the school. As soon as you have registered, you can use the app straight away or when first needed!

Once you have installed the app or registered online, you will be able to **use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. This will replace the need to ring the school office to report your child absent.**

Click here to [Get the app or register now](https://studybugs.com/about/parents) (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

## Dates & Reminders

- **Please remember that ALL YEAR GROUPS have PE/GAMES on Mondays and Fridays.** Please ensure your child comes to school on those days in their full PE Kit bringing with them school shoes and socks to change into in case of wet weather. Please also note that, ideally, we ask that children remove their earrings at home on PE days. If they do come to school wearing them they have to be able to remove them themselves before participating.
- **Parent Information Meetings**—all parents, carers & children are welcome to attend these meetings which will give you some information about the year ahead - **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 @ 3.40pm, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 @3.40pm, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 @ 3.40pm, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 @3.40pm.**
- **School Planners** for the year are now available to purchase for your child. The cost is £3.00 per child (with our PTA FOSAH kindly covering the additional cost). It is really quite important that each child has a planner so please pay £3.00 via SCO-PAY if you haven't done so already.
- **Individual/Sibling photographs will be taken on Tuesday, 17th September**—please pop the date in your diaries and ensure your child/children look extra smart that morning.
- Please can you ensure that **children's water bottles** are of a practical size. A lot of children are using a Stanley cup which is not ideal in school as they often tip over and leak. Please can we ask that you don't send those types of bottles/cups into school from now on please.

## **IMPORTANT Information to read before consenting to your child walking to and from school alone.**

As a school, we have a duty of care for the safety and well-being of our children and therefore this information is to help advise parents/carers in the decisions they make for their children in relation to their safety coming to and from school. We also have an obligation to alert relevant authorities should we believe a child's welfare is at risk.

Whilst there is no set age when children are ready to walk to school or home on their own, we do believe that our pupils should be brought to and collected from school by their parent/ carer or other responsible adult. However, we do recognise that parents of children in the upper school (years 5 and 6) may decide that their child is ready for the responsibility of walking to and from school alone. Walking to school is a great opportunity to learn road safety skills and for a child to build up their independence. In deciding whether your child is ready to walk to and from school, you should assess any risks associated with the route and your child's confidence. There are many ways you can prepare your child to make an independent journey, such as following them a short distance away on their journey.

When deciding whether your child is ready for the responsibility of walking to and/ or from home, you might want to consider the following:

- Do you trust them to walk straight to school or straight home?
- Are there roads to cross on the route and how busy/safe are those roads?
- Do you trust them to behave sensibly when with a friend or group of friends?
- Are they road safety aware?
- Would they know what to do if a stranger approaches them?
- Would they know what to do if they needed help?

It is advised that children who are walking alone, do have a mobile phone on their person to contact someone if needed. **If your child is bringing a mobile phone into school, it needs to be turned off when arriving on school site, handed into the class teacher for the duration of the day and it will then be handed out again at the end of the day. Children can then turn their phone back on as they leave school site. Children will not be able to be contacted on their phone during the school day.**

Your child will be responsible for their behaviour whilst on the school premises and when leaving the school site. Should their behaviour not be acceptable, we will speak to parents/carers and it may be that you will be asked to collect them until further notice. If they are walking off site with a sibling, they must also be confident with taking responsibility for them.

We will not allow children to walk home alone in the dark. Please bear in mind that if they are attending an after-school club, it may be dark when the club finishes. We would strongly advise that parents/ carers collect after any extra-curricular activity.

Walking off Site Consent Form  
2024-2025



If you decide that your child is ready for this responsibility, please complete the form giving your permission. Please use the QR code or the link <https://forms.office.com/e/qxhu2VPrpY>

# Class WhatsApp Groups

**3S:** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GnRKGllyyUn0uS882g9HRN>

**3FP:** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HnIVE01euZ8CwSsKTMyeOI>

**4M -** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CWSRB1DSsD0Igl8KE962rJ> -

**4PM-** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/E8vXbSey772FplaXRK9v7u>

**4C-** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/ILZu1Ad4TmgC8AaSydX0OK> -

**5D-** Currently the school do not have a link to this class—please let the office know if a group is set up already or if there is a parent willing to set up a group and share the link with us

**5S -** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/K65Bzb9zbAh2lywOJiRNDt>

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**6BH -** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/C6SenKMz6Vh659R8rI8cpo> -

If you would like to join your child's class WhatsApp group, please use the links here. Please note that these groups are run amongst the parents and not overseen by the school.

## Upcoming dates for your diaries

Thursday, 12th Sept	Year 5 swimming starts today—please refer to email sent home earlier this week
Monday, 16th Sept	3.40pm - Y5 Parent Information Meeting (in school)
Tuesday, 17th Sept	School Photographer in today - individual photos 3.40pm - Y4 Parent Information Meeting (in school)
Wednesday, 18th Sept	3.40pm - Y6 Parent Information Meeting (in school)
Thursday, 19th Sept	3.40pm - Y3 Parent Information Meeting (in school)
Tuesday, 22nd October	Flu Vaccinations for whole school (more information to follow)

**Monday, 28th October to Friday, 1st November —Half term**