



Newsletter from St Ann's Heath



Issue 6 - 14th February 2020

A note from Mrs King and Mrs O'Connor

A busy first half of the Spring term has nearly concluded. We are so fortunate to be able to visit classes on a regular basis to see learning taking place with the exciting creative curriculum that is being developed.

Year 3 have been fully immersed in their Home Sweet Home topic with visits to Virginia Water and the lake to support with gathering knowledge of the local areas.

Year 4 have been 'through the wardrobe' entering Narnia which has produced some lovely creative writing opportunities for the children.

The airport was the first stop for our Year 5 children as they started their South America topic whilst Year 6 are focused on learning about The Galapagos Islands: a strong geographical theme running through the upper school.

We look forward to seeing the learning that the second half of the Spring Term brings.

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! Well done to all those classes over 97%!

3W	96.4%	5A	97.4%
3PD	96.7%	5WP	95.4%
3S	96.3%	5M	95.9%
4HC	97.0%	6H	97.1%
4C	96.0%	6FP	95.8%
4G	96.0%		

Dates for your diaries!

Friday 14 th February	Break up for half term at 3.10pm
Monday 24 th February	Term begins
Tuesday 25 th February	Year 3 Swimming begins
Wednesday, 26th February	6pm - Yr 6 SATs Meeting
Friday, 28th February	FOSAH Quiz & Curry Night
Friday, 6th March	FOSAH Bags2School Collection
Thursday 19 th March	VIAM concert at Wembley
Tuesday 24 th March	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
Thursday 26 th March	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
Wednesday 1st April	2pm Rock Steady concert to parents
Thursday, 2nd April	FOSAH Discos after school
Friday 3 rd April	<u>2.10pm</u> Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April	Summer Term Begins



Can we please remind you that family holidays are NOT to be taken during term time. Please note any unauthorised absences could result in a fine. This includes any sick days either side of an unauthorised absence where medical evidence can not be supplied.

Governor News

The governing body has been very active and we have recruited five (yes, 5!) new governors over the past year. All are local residents, some already associated with the school and some new to our school community. Collectively we are well placed with enthusiastic new ideas and perspectives to add to our established experience base. The governing body feels strong with potential to build further strength, and we considered the development of all members to bring out the best in our collective skills and experience.

Our spring term governors meeting in early February covered the statutory business issues and topical items. On regular items we reviewed the committee activities from the past term, covered spring term budget cycle, and considered risk management and safeguarding. Committees are all meeting next half term, Learning are doing lesson walkabouts after our termly meetings, and Vision and Ethos run the Governors Question Time session with children which is a highlight for us in getting real perspectives on selected topics. It is always very helpful when we see how our work and decisions translate into real impacts on the ground – staffing levels, spending priorities, and monitoring of children's progress are all visible on these visits.

We value your continued efforts to maintain consistently high levels of school attendance. All these things really do make a difference to your children's learning.

Helen Syms—Chair of Governors, on behalf of your Governing Body

FOSAH DATES

Friday 28th February – 7.30pm Quiz night

Friday 6th March – Bags 2 School collection (bags can be dropped off from Thursday 5th. Please don't bring them any earlier as there is nowhere to store them). Bags and information (via email) regarding what can be brought in have been sent home this week. Bags are available from the school office - black sacks can also be used.

Thursday 2nd April – FOSAH discos

Information will be sent out after half term.

Easter Holidays – Smartie Challenge

Information to follow.

Friday 3rd July – FOSAH BBQ

Information to follow.

Children's Achievements in School

So far this term **Special Mention Certificates** have been given to the following children -

In **Year 3** - Alfie F, Ethan R-S, Jenson H, Oliver G, Poppy R, Sofia F, Mimi J, Lewis B, Zach B, Rian S, Charlotte P and Dana S

In **Year 4** - Belle S, Joseph B, Betsy H, Amelia M, Kornelia C, Naanki N, Nishi S, Kameron C, Idun C, Cerys H, Rajita P and Megan G

In **Year 5** - Lottie S, Tilly M, Rocco L, Jody G, Xavier P, Jesse J, Jess M, Louis BG, Paula MR, Naomi T, Avani G and Hugo B

In **Year 6** - Amber C, Isla E, Lily E, Danny C, Ophelia G, Frankie S, Jakub B and Karan A

Children's Magazines

Please can we ask you to send in any old children's magazines that are still in good condition so that we can use them to supplement the reading material we have in school. Thanks.



We are currently one of the charities in Waitrose, Addlestone. If you shop there, please make sure you put your green tokens in our slot. If you shop in any other Waitrose, collect your green tokens and bring them into school so they can contribute towards our total.



World Book Day 2020

It's World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. This year, we will be celebrating this day with a few activities.

Please could your child bring in £1 (in a named envelope to be given to their class teacher) as they will be decorating a t-shirt with pictures/ characters from their favourite book.

BOOK FAIR

As in other years, Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to our school. Books will be available to buy from the book fair on Monday 2nd, Tues 3rd and Wed 4th March. Details of where the book fair will be held will be sent out after half term.

