



## St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

### "Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

*We aspire to be guided in all that we do by our inclusive Christian ethos. We are enthusiastic about life-long learning and share wisdom in serving each other and our world. We encourage all to live lives of hope and aspiration, inspired through acquiring new skills and attributes. Dignity and respect are at the heart of our school.*

8<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

#### FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

**RE : AUTUMN TERM (1) 2022 NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to a new year at St. Anne's C. E. Primary School. I am sure that this will be another successful year with lots of exciting learning and experiences for all of the children.

In this termly newsletter I will explain things that will be happening during this first term.

#### READING

As always, reading is a big priority at school. We ask you to work in partnership with us by hearing your child read (and signing their yellow reading diary) 5 times a week. It is the only way that we know that your child is reading at home. Reading is probably the single most important thing you can do to support your child's learning. We also do Guided Reading in Year 2 where children read together in a small group focusing on the skills needed for reading e.g. expression, predicting and reading the punctuation. The children have been told that it is their responsibility to get their reading book changed. We have a basket in the classroom that the children need to place their book in, in order for it to be changed. We do give them a little reminder every now and again to check if they need a new book but ultimately we are pushing for independence.

#### PHONICS

Phonics will continue in Year 2 for those children that still need some support. Children that did not pass the phonics check in Year 1 will re-take it in summer 2023. Other children will begin simple comprehension activities during phonics time.

#### HOMEWORK

Homework will be sent home each Thursday/Friday to be completed over the weekend. Dojo's and stickers will be given for children who complete homework. Please return homework books on a Monday or Tuesday. I will also include a brief overview of what we have been doing that

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week including dates and important things coming up. Some work may be set via Google classroom.

## PE

PE days are on a Monday but Year 2 will be having a Forest school session for the first half term during this slot. Mrs Bailey will send out information about this separately.

## TOPICS

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	Writing in sentences, increasing vocabulary, punctuation, writing poetry, stories and about real events	Building on work completed in Autumn 1 we will look at more non-fiction texts
Maths	Place value, numbers to 100 Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's	Addition and subtraction Shape
Science	Everyday Materials	
Topic	Castles	Stone Age
PE	Forest Schools	Ball skills, travelling, team work
Music	Patterns within music	Christmas songs
RE	What do Christians believe God is like?	Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

## WATER & FRUIT

Please provide a named water bottle which can be topped up from the water fountain throughout the day. Children in Year 2 continue to have a free piece of fruit every day and of course you can buy toast each week through School Money.

## CLASS DOJO

We will continue to use Class Dojo this year. I will use this a lot to communicate with you and to share work that the children have done over the week. We try to build up to a set number e.g. 1000 points, 5000 points and then the whole class get a reward. In previous years we have had a movie and popcorn afternoon and extended playtimes.

## MEET THE TEACHER

I will be holding a very informal meeting on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September straight after school in the Year 2 classroom. You are very welcome to call in have a look around the classroom, introduce yourself and ask any questions you may have.

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## **SATS**

The children in Year 2 have assessments during May/June each year. Please do not worry about these tests, they are conducted very informally. I will hold a SATs meeting in January - date to be confirmed.

## **CONCERNS**

If you have any worries or want to just ask a question, please come into school to speak to either myself or Mrs. Carrington. Catching us at the end of the day is much better as mornings can be quite busy getting everyone in and sorted. Obviously you can also contact me via Class Dojo or you can email or telephone the office if you need to speak to me urgently.

Finally, myself and Mrs Carrington would like to say how much we are looking forward to the coming year.

Kind regards,

Mrs. L. Allmark  
Year 2 Class Teacher

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