



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.

7th September, 2021

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE : RECEPTION NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM 2021

Welcome to Reception and to what I hope will be a very productive and rewarding year for both your child and me.

Our topic for this half term is Nursery Rhymes where we will focus on a different nursery rhyme each week.

Myself and Mrs. Sproston will aim to hear the children read individually at least once a week. To help make sure that your child is getting a new book when they have finished. We will bring a box down every morning where your child has to put their book into the box when it is ready to be changed. This will be then changed and your child will have a new book at the end of the day. We do keep an eye on the children who say they have not read at home and do not need their books changing. Also if you are wanting to keep the book longer, then we recommend you write this into the reading record or do not put it back in their school bag so we know that you would like to keep this book longer.

The children will also have key rings which will contain phonics cards (initial sounds and phonics words) and number cards. Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible (ideally 5 to 10 minutes each day), focussing on the building up of their key ring knowledge, and write in their reading diary even if it is only a quick initial to indicate that you have read with your child, or to make a comment about your child's reading.

It is the School's policy for all children to read at least 5 times a week. It is important to remember that young children often believe that 'reading' only consists of reading and discussing books that you have at home, or obtain from the library, together with reading labels and signs and other print that children see around them. A love of books and reading is one of the most precious, important gifts anyone can give a child. Your child will reap the benefits for *St Anne's C.E (V.C.) Primary School, Brown Edge, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire ST6 8TA*

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the rest of their lives. Reading encourages imagination, builds understanding, opens up new worlds and helps children reach their full potential. Please make sure that your child's key ring, reading book and letter folder is in your child's bag every day.

Phonics is a major part of Reception, it will be taught every day in a Read, Write Inc session. This will initially build on putting words together, looking at letter formation and looking at the sounds of the different letters.

In Numeracy the children will be focussing this half term on matching objects, sorting objects into different categories, compare different amounts, compare size, mass and capacity and focussing on the number 1, 2 and 3. This consists of knowing how to write 1, 2 and 3, comparing 1, 2 and 3, composition of 1, 2 and 3, Circles and triangles and Positional language

Our P.E. day is a Tuesday. Please send your child in their P.E. kits for the day but we do ask that they wear their school red jumper. On Wednesday we are also having an outdoor Gross Motor session which will be on the scooters and the bikes.

On a Monday we are having "Muddy Monday's". This is to work with Mrs Bailey in the Forest School. Mrs Bailey has sent a separate letter out informing you what to wear on these days. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Homework will be sent home every Thursday where your children may come home with either a maths activity or art activity. The literacy part of the homework is key rings and your reading book. Homework folders need to be sent back into school on Monday.

Discipline will follow the Good to be Green reward system. Team points will be awarded for hard work and good behaviour, together with stickers and other rewards as appropriate, and we will continue the Star of the Week. Whoever is Star of the Week gets to wear a special badge at school all week so everyone is aware that they are star of the week!

Please use Evidence Me to share anything that you are really proud of your child. When you send this in, we will share these WOW moments with the rest of the class. This may be that they have cleaned the dishes; they have done some fantastic reading at home etc. We also have a Gallery in the classroom if your child does any amazing piece of work that you want to share. We will put it up on the Gallery for the week and then send this back home. We want to celebrate not just school successes but also out of school successes.

Just a quick reminder that your child can buy toast for £1.50 per week (non-refundable). Please make sure this is paid on School Money and must be booked by midnight on the Saturday of the week beginning.

Finally, may I just say that I am really looking forward to working with your child this year and to watch them grow and develop further as a learner. Should you have any queries or concerns concerning your child, please do not hesitate to call into the classroom at the end of the day,

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send an email (aimee.rosson@st-annes-browndedge.staffs.sch.uk) or a Dojo message. Alternatively, please phone the school office and they will either arrange a phone call or meeting with me.

Looking forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

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