

# **ST ANNE'S RC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL**

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Dear parents

## **Welcome back to the start of the new school year.**

May I first take this opportunity of thanking you all for your continued and excellent support. Your children are beautifully presented and their behaviour reflects the high standards held at St Anne's. May I also take this opportunity of reminding everyone that children throughout school should now be wearing a tie/bow as part of their uniform and that regular checks will be made and parents reminded if their child is not in full school uniform.

Can I please draw your attention to the Annual Calendar, which contains some very important information for meetings and events throughout the school year.

I will send notice out next week regarding some reading meetings, which parents should make every effort to attend. Please also note that we have arranged group parent teacher meetings for all classes on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September to introduce you to your child's teacher and to provide opportunity to discuss the year ahead as a group. Please do try to attend one of these sessions.

## **Information**

Please ensure that you have completed the necessary forms, sent home this week and return them to school as soon as possible.

## **Welcome**

May I take this opportunity of welcoming a number of new families to our school. Thanks to your continued support of our school St Anne's quite rightly has an excellent reputation within the local community and I am sure you will continue to assist those families who are new to our school to settle in. We also welcome to the staff team: Mr Eaglestone in Year 3 who, I am confident will be an asset to our school.

## **Improvements**

During the Summer holiday the staff have worked extremely hard to ensure school is well organised, clean and tidy.

## **Reminders**

I would much appreciate your assistance with encouraging and reminding your children of their responsibilities to wear correct uniform in school, particularly footwear. Could you also remind the children to be aware of the grassy areas as the wetter weather approaches so as they do not bring any unnecessary amounts of dirt into the school. This is a particular problem first thing in the morning. Teaching staff will also be monitoring uniform this week to ensure that each item is labelled. Please assist them with this and check that all items of uniform are labelled throughout the year. As per the School Prospectus large bags are not necessary. These occupy our valuable but limited space. School book bags are sufficient for all classes across school.

Please could I remind everyone that any type of ball game is prohibited before the start of the school day and immediately after school for reasons of health and safety.

As per the school's prospectus we ask that you please do not send sweets into school as birthday treats and that birthday invitations are distributed on the playground before or after school.

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Could I remind all parents that £3 for water for the year is now due. Could this and any other outstanding monies be paid as soon as possible. Any monies being paid into school **must** be enclosed in a labelled envelope with your child's name and the amount. This should be paid directly to your child's teacher. Unfortunately we will not be able to accept money at the office.

### **After School Activities**

There are no after school activities this week. I will be sending out a letter early next week explaining the activities we have planned for after school.

### **Breakfast/After School Club**

Please be aware that you will need to speak to Mrs Partridge or Mrs Brennan regarding this service.

### **Curriculum Swimming**

Year 5 will attend Wright Robinson each week until May 2017. Further details to follow.

### **Sacramental Programme**

Could the parents of our Year 3 children please note that families will be required to attend regular Masses throughout the year. Any child who does not attend will unfortunately be unable to make their First Holy Communion. All dates are included in the Annual Calendar. Could all Key Stage 2 parents please be aware of these dates as we do generally ask that the Year 3 children are well supported by the other children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

### **Reception/Year 6 Transition**

Please be aware that the Year 6 children should take home a "Moving On" Pack in the next few days. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any concerns or queries. Please make yourselves aware of Open Evenings for the various high schools. St Thomas More Open Evening will be on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. All applications must be completed by the end of October. Parents of Nursery children should also be aware that they will have to apply for a Reception place after October Half Term. I will send further information as it arrives in school. Please ensure we have a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate as children who are not baptised will almost certainly not get a Reception place. All applications will have to be made on-line. We will be offering support to do this at a later date.

Can I take this opportunity of thanking you for your continued support of school and look forward to working with you this year.

Yours Sincerely

E Gaffney  
Headteacher