



Diary Dates

Tues 21st Nov
Pantomime Performance 'Dick Whittington' in school

Mon 27th Nov
'Yes We Can' Girls Sports Event @ Harvey Haddon

Sun 3rd Dec
School Choir performing at the Carol Service at the Salvation Army

Tues 12th Dec
Foundation Unit Nativity (am)

School Choir performing at The Albert Hall

Wed 13th Dec
Christmas Fair (pm)

Christmas Concert at the local church (date to be confirmed)

SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 25th Dec (last day in school is Fri 22nd Dec)

CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 9th Jan (Mon 8th Jan is an INSET DAY)

Year 4 - Maya

On Friday 10th November 2017 we welcomed the UK expert on the Maya - archaeologist Dr Diane Davies.

She taught us all about the history of the Maya. She explained when and where they came from and all about their historical discoveries and creations which included making chocolate!

We learnt about their numerical system and how their calendar works. We also made a calendar which will last for 52 years!

We looked at some different artifacts that Dr Diane had found in the Maya region.

Year 1 had a visit from the Meet a Creature team. All of the children had the opportunity to learn about and to handle creatures that they would not normally meet, such as Boris the tarantula, bearded dragons and snakes. We all really enjoyed meeting the animals.



In November, our school choir was selected to sing in the BBC Children in Need event with 6 other schools from the East Midlands.

We enjoyed the whole experience of being filmed, singing "Somewhere over the Rainbow" in the amazing Albert Hall and seeing ourselves on the television. Ellie represented us all excellently by asking questions whilst on camera. It was an honour to help raise money by contributing like this.



School uniform reminder.

We require all our pupils to wear school uniform. This is either the school sweat-shirt or cardigan with either grey, black or navy skirt or trousers, and white or blue polo-shirts or shirts. Sweatshirts & cardigans can be purchased from the school office and are priced at £8.00 each.

After School Clubs this half term:

Monday: Homework Club Y2—Y6
Tuesday: Art & Craft Y2—Y6
 Boccia Y3-Y6
Wednesday: Area Band Y5—Y6
 Keyboard Club Y4—Y6
 Basketball Y5-Y6
Thursday: Kickboxing Y3—Y6
 Art & Craft Y2-Y6
Friday: NO CLUBS

We are pleased to inform you that Miss Clarke is back in school following her maternity leave. Miss Yarnell will be leaving us at the end of December to work at another school within the L.E.A.D. Academy Trust. We wish her all the best.

School Catering Company called Relish have an exciting new menu (*copies available from the office*)



Attendance

Did you know that as a parent/carer it is your legal responsibility to ensure that your child is accessing education in order for them to achieve, aspire and improve their life chances? As a school we passionately believe that by working in partnership with families we can maximise success for all children.

To support this, St Ann's has an Attendance & Family Support worker, Melanie Jago. Melanie works within school on Wednesdays every week. Melanie may contact you by telephone or come round to your house to discuss your child's absence and to offer any support to improve your child's attendance. Please do not hesitate to contact her if you are experiencing any issues around your child's attendance. She is here to help you as is your child's teacher and the rest of the team at St Ann's.

If your child has a medical appointment, please can you show the school office their appointment card so that the absence may be correctly recorded as an authorised medical absence.

Please note, that in-line with Government policy we cannot authorise any holidays during term time.

Attached to this Newsletter is Attendance Matters—A Guide for Parents

Classes for Parents

Wednesday pm —ESOL ongoing from 18th Sept (ongoing)

Wednesday (am) Looking After Yourself

Thursday am—Adult English from 21st Sept (16 weeks)

Thursday & Friday (pm) Make, Move & Munch

Friday am—Parents Group (ongoing)

Your PE kit is important!

Can we ask you to ensure that your child has the correct uniform for PE, and it is in on the correct day. PE kit can be left at school for the half-term on your child's peg, and then taken home to be washed at the end of every half term.

Indoor PE:

Plain t-shirt (white)
Plain shorts (Blue or black)
A pair of trainers or plimsolls.

Outdoor PE:

Plain t-shirt (white)
Tracksuit bottoms (Blue or black)
Trainers.

No jewellery to be worn and long hair must be tied back with a bobble.

Please be reminded that this is a 'NUT FREE' School.

Class Council Members

Year 1: D'Jion Swire / Rihann Davis
Year 2: Amelia Twigger / Wyatt Csoka
Year 3: Mylee Sedgwick– Simpson / Shenaz Aziz
Year 4: Dorian Rosiek / Lara Henry
Year 5: Keira Norman / Kayson Dean
Year 6: Mckenzie Murray / Rayana Niazi

LATE ARRIVALS INTO SCHOOL/LATE COLLECTIONS

A reminder to parents that should you bring your child /children into school after 9.00am (when the gates are locked) you are required to complete a late slip for your child/children explaining the reason for lateness. Also, any parent collecting their child after 3.15pm will be required to sign the 'Late Collection' book at the school office.

REMINDERS: When sending money into school please could you send in the correct money where possible as the School Office does not always have change

Email letters—If you haven't supplied an email address to the school office and would prefer to receive electronic copies, please contact the School office.

2017-2018 Ambassadors

At St Ann's Academy we strive to give our pupils the opportunity to become leaders. Every year, each class will choose two pupils. These pupils are awarded the honour of becoming our Class Ambassadors. Class Ambassadors play a key role in modelling behaviour expectations to their peers. They are required to carry out a number of duties. These include leading their class into assemblies and showing visitors around our learning environment.

Pupils who become Class Ambassadors consistently display outstanding behaviour and are highlighted around school by their new red jumpers.

This Year's Class Ambassadors will be:-
Class 1: Moyamu Kromah / Dilshad Rodgers
Class 2: Charlie Shepherd / Ellie Hart
Class 3: Ruby Yousaf / Lincoln Norman
Class 4: Erik David / Dunya Rahoti
Class 5: Finley Shepherd / Riellah Staples
Class 6: Nyla Farmer / Boaz Hershkovich

