

St Ann's Flyer

Spring Term 1 2016 Issue 3

Diary Dates

Mon 11th Jan

Road Safety Quiz

Wed 20th Jan

Year 1 trip

to the Snowdome

Tues 26th Jan

Year 4 trip to Cadbury's

World

W/C 8th Feb

Design & Technology

Week

Tues 9th Feb

Safer Internet Day

Half-term Holiday

Mon 15th—Fri 19th Feb

2015

Mon 22nd Feb

INSET Day

First day back to school

Tues 23rd Feb

Christmas Fair

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Fair. You helped us raise **£199.93** which the children will be deciding what to spend on.



Happy New Year and welcome back!

This half term, children in years 1 to 6 will be focusing on geography where pupils will explore their local environment and another contrasting location. They will be developing their mapping skills by using globes, maps and atlases that are age appropriate. More detailed curriculum maps will be sent home later on this half term. Some classes are planning to go on school trips to support their learning in class.

Thank you to all parents who completed the parent questionnaires. Your views are extremely important to us both positive and areas we can improve. I am currently reading all the responses and a letter will be sent out shortly with results and actions.

Reading:

Reading is a big focus for us this term. We want every child to be a reader and enjoy reading. We have invested in high quality reading books across the school to engage and excite children. We are also developing reading ambassadors within the school to be role models to other readers.

Research shows that reading to a young child is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. Spending just 10 minutes of focused reading time a day can make a world of difference, not only to your child, but also to YOU!

Many young children struggle to read because they are introduced to books which are too hard for them. Every child develops at their own speed so be patient, a stressed or anxious child will not read. Look for stories which give just the right level of challenge. Encourage your child to sound out the word and not guess. Read harder books to them so they hear more complex stories / words as well as them just enjoying the process of being read to.

If you want any advice on how to support your child to improve their reading at home whether they are just beginning to read or are fairly able readers then please come in and speak to a member of staff. We are all keen to help. We will all have different ideas!

Attendance

As a school we passionately believe that by working in partnership with families we can maximise success for all children.

The schools attendance at the end of the Term 1 was **95.8%** **this is an excellent improvement**, at the end of term 1 the previous year attendance was 94.3%.

Thank You for your continued support in encouraging positive attendance at St Ann's Well Academy, let's continue that momentum and aim higher.

Please take a look at the table below which shows that if your child attends every day until the 1st April (end of term 2) how much their attendance will improve by:

If your child's current Attendance % is...	If your child attends every day until the 1 st April their attendance potential could be....
78% - 81%	88% - 90%
82% - 85%	90% - 92%
86% - 88%	92% - 94%
89% - 93%	94% - 96%

As you can see it is not too late for your child to have excellent attendance and achieve their potential. If every child either continues to attend every day or improves their current attendance, the schools attendance improves too. Let's see if we as a school can reach above 96% by the end of term 2.

The schools Attendance & Family support worker Melanie Jago, is in school every Wednesday. You may also contact her on her mobile or What's app 07824157622 if you need any support at all.

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. If you do take holiday you may be referred to the Local Authority who may issue a penalty notice of £60 per child per adult (subject to change).

After School*Clubs****Monday**

Stay & Play Years 1-2

Cooking Years 2-6

Tuesday

Art & Craft Years 1-6

Ballet Years 2-6

Sports Years 1-2

Wednesday

Lunchtime club

Nottingham Forest

Thursday

Kung Fu Years 3-6

Table Tennis Years

2-6

Friday

Art & Craft Years 1-6

Hip-Hop Years 2-6

Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsburys

School is collecting vouchers again this year to enable us to receive sports and cookery equipment. Vouchers will be available in Sainsburys from 27th Jan—3rd May. A collection box will be in the main entrance lobby

School Council News

Last term our Fantastic Film night raised **£242.10**. We would like to thank you for your continuous support. Next time we are going to provide two film nights, one for Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6). In the Spring term our major event is Sport Relief which will take place between 18th-20th March 2016.

**Autumn Term's Excellent****Attitude Winners / Superstars**

Class 1: Abdulfaruq Kokumo; Natalie Koroma; Aiyarnah Gymah-Hayden; Shenaz Aziz;

Ruby Yousaf

Class 2: Dunya Rahoti; Quarnell Watson; Daniel Tamchyn; Jennifer Kandracova; Jessica Wood

Class 3: Victory Ehimare; Krzysztof Kowalski; Chanay Davies; Shanel Mousawifard; Nayte Kyle

Class 4: Alicia Blair; Ardawan Mostafa; Jakub Bodzon; Hollie Bohus; Braydon Edwards—Perminas

Class 5: Adriana Blair; Casey Swift; Joshua Farmer; Cruz McDonald

Class 6: Sila Akar; Gracious Ehimare; Jan Grundz; Yama Sanneh; Nico Leonardi

Spring Term Ambassadors

Class 1: Ruby Yousaf; Abdulfaruq Kokumo

Class 2: Quarnell Watson; Lara Henry

Class 3: Bria Rimell; Finley Shepherd

Class 4: Nyla Farmer; Ali Rahoti

Class 5: Shaun Gichuhi; Adriana Blair

Class 6: Shai Hodelin; Ethan Langford

Behaviour

At St Ann's we believe that outstanding behaviour is extremely important for the safety of all pupils as well as to ensure all pupils make the very best progress they can in every lesson.

Community Games Holiday Club – February Half Term Dates: Monday 15, Tuesday 16 & Wednesday 17th February Times: 10-3pm each day at King Edward Park (indoor facilities available in event of bad weather). Age: 8-12 years Cost: £1 per child (£2 per family) Meet at King Edward Park at 9.45am to register. Remember to bring wet weather clothes and a packed lunch. For more details please follow us on

'Meet a Creature'

In October 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 a tarantula, bearded dragons and snakes. We all really enjoyed meeting the animals.

**Classes for Parents****Feel Good Families**

Every Wednesday afternoons

Shape Up

Every Thursday at 9.15 AM Fitness Class & Healthy Eating ideas.

Family Learning—English

Thursdays (pm)

Parents Group

Every Friday morning

Bring a Parent to School Day

Tuesday 1st March—am.

Adult Cookery

Thursday mornings commencing 25th Feb 2016

School Catering Company e@t.

Winter/Spring menus can be viewed on the noticeboards in the playgrounds, in the school entrance and on the school's website.

