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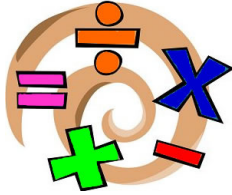
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Maths.....

As you may know our main priority this year is maths. We have already implemented a number of things in an attempt to ensure pupils' skills and knowledge become more secure. These have included: analysing tests to see the areas pupils find most difficult; staff training on creative ways of teaching decimals & fractions; changing assembly times so that key stage 2 have their maths lesson at the start of the day (when their brains are freshest!); mental maths tests every 3 weeks and extra intervention & small group work in maths. We want you to help us, so at the next Friends of St Ann's meeting we will be asking for your thoughts & ideas. We will also run workshops for parents later this term.



Fire Safety Talks....

Tomorrow pupils in year 2 and year 5 will have fire safety sessions led by the London Fire Brigade. These take place annually which means that all pupils receive them twice during their time at St Ann's.



Praise Assembly....

The first Praise Assembly of the year will take place next Friday (30th September). As well as the usual hymns, readings and prayers, we will be showing a short film about the history of St Ann's school. The film was made by Ms O'Driscoll and a group of year 5 pupils to mark the 50th anniversary of the current school building.



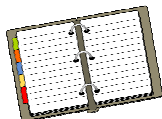
Breakfast Club...

The school runs a breakfast club from 8.15am every day. There are currently places available - please see Ms Nicola if you are interested.



After School Clubs - Dates:

- Church Youth Group (16th Sept-16th Dec)
- Football (21st Sept-30th Nov)
- Choir (21st Sept-7th Dec)
- Kung Fu (22nd Sept-1st Dec)
- Tuesday Clubs (27th Sept-29th Nov)



Term Dates for 2011-2012.....

6 th Sept	SCHOOL STARTS	24-28 th Oct	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS
25 th Nov	SCHOOL CLOSED (Training Day)	15 th Dec	NURSERY CLOSURES
16 th Dec	1.30pm SCHOOL CLOSURES	3 rd Jan	SCHOOL STARTS
13-17 th Feb	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS	9 th March	SCHOOL CLOSED (Training Day)
29 th March	NURSERY CLOSURES	30 th March	1.30pm SCHOOL CLOSURES
16 th April	SCHOOL STARTS	7 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED (Bank Holiday)
4-8 th June	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS	18 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED (Training Day)
18 th July	NURSERY CLOSURES	20 th July	1.30pm SCHOOL CLOSURES

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

ATTENDANCE:

School attendance was 95.5% in 2010-11 which is excellent – well done everyone! Our school target, set by our Education Welfare Officer, is 96% for 2011-12. Pupils should be in school each day unless they are very ill. Please work in partnership with the school by ensuring your child's attendance is good and help us to reach our target!

PERSONAL DETAILS:

PLEASE, PLEASE make sure that you keep the school informed if your personal details change e.g. address, mobile telephone number (Ms Nicola can give you new contact forms if needed). We MUST have the correct information in case of emergency. We also need the number of someone who can be contacted if we cannot get hold of you.

PUNCTUALITY:

Please make sure your child arrives at school on time – 8.55am and is collected at 3.30pm. Persistent lateness will result in a referral to our Educational Welfare Officer or your child being taken to or referred to Social Services (if pupils are collected late or parents cannot be contacted). If your child arrives late they should sign in at the office. Infant children should be escorted onto the premises and parents should ensure they are signed in. There are places at our Breakfast Club if you want to avoid the rush hour.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Pupils should wear full school uniform, grey/blue trousers/skirts/jumpers and a white shirt. Jewellery is not permitted, only small stud earrings are allowed. Sensible black shoes should be worn – boots and trainers are not suitable and cause the feet to overheat. Shoes or boots with high heels, tassels or anything that could present a danger are not appropriate. Plimsolls should be worn for P.E.

MONEY:

Please make sure you pay your child's dinner money each **MONDAY**. Send it to school with your child in a clearly labelled envelope each Monday as this is when the money is banked. School lunches are now £2.10 each - £10.50 per week.

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH:

St Ann's is a healthy school and therefore we must promote healthy eating. If your child has packed lunch please ensure it contains healthy food. Chocolate bars, cakes, crisps, sweets and fizzy drinks all contain high quantities of sugar, salt and additives that can affect how your child concentrates at school. The school cannot distribute birthday party bags containing sweets, crisps, chocolate or any unhealthy foods. Please do not send birthday cakes into school as these will have to be returned.

VALUABLES

Valuable items are not permitted in school e.g. mobile phones, computer games, stereos etc. St Ann's can't accept responsibility for loss of any such items. If items *must* be brought in parents should make arrangements with school staff.

BOTTLED WATER

Please ensure your child brings a bottle of drinking water to school each day to avoid dehydration.

CONCERNS

If you have a concern please refer it in the first instance to your child's class teacher. If the problem isn't resolved then you can make an appointment with Mrs Sarr or Mr Lancaster. Staff at St Ann's make every effort to hear concerns straight away, but please bear in mind that this isn't always possible e.g. when class teachers are supervising pupils. When airing your concern please do so in an appropriate manner. Verbal or physical abuse of staff will not be tolerated.

Please do not approach pupils or other parents in the playground to try to sort out the problem yourself – experience tells us that this leads to unnecessary upset - always refer concerns to a member of staff.

PARKING

Please do not park on the zigzag lines directly outside the school entrance. This is the entrance for emergency vehicles and should be kept clear at all times.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

