



# Newsletter

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## Vision & Values

Our school community embracing and reflecting our vision and values is extremely important at St Anne's. This term our

Church School Value is: **Forgiveness**

**We are focusing on what it means to forgive and be forgiven, and what that looks like in school.**

British Value is: **Rule of Law**

**We are focusing on respecting the rules of school, our local community and wider society.**

## Attendance

Excellent school attendance is a priority nationally as well as here at our school. There are 190 school days in a year so we would really appreciate you booking holidays and appointments on the remaining 175/6.

We are aiming for at least **96%** for 2023-24.

Our current attendance figures are as follows

The 2023-24 Academic Year: **95.3%**

The Spring Term: **95.1%**

This Week: **93.7%**

## Staffing

As you may be aware, Mr Austin is currently absent from school and Mrs Slight is our Acting Headteacher. Miss Birch and Mrs Hedley have taken on the roles of Acting Assistant Headteachers, so have joined Mrs Slight and Mrs de la Hoyde, our School Business Manager, on the school's Senior Leadership Team.

The recruitment of our new Headteacher for September 2024 is well under way with candidates visiting the school this week and the governing body, supported by the Local Authority and the Diocese of Lincoln Board of Education, interviewing candidates on Friday 22nd March. We will keep you posted as and when an appointment is finalised.

After over 10 years of service to our school in a number of roles including Midday Controller, Cleaner, TA and Fundraiser Extraordinaire, Mrs Peters is moving on to take up a role nursing the more elderly generation of Grantham. We thank her greatly for her service to St Anne's and wish her & her family well in the future.

## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking to recruit an additional Midday Supervisor to assist serving and supervising the children at lunchtimes. If you would like to join our fun and friendly team then maybe this is the job for you!

The position is from 11.40-1.05pm (1 hr and 25 mins) each day, Monday to Friday, term time only, to commence as soon as possible. If you are interested in this position and would like further details and an application form, please come in and chat to the school office team.

## Science Week

We will be celebrating Science Week from **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. As part of this special week some of our parents and friends of the school will be visiting our classes to talk about their science based careers. We also have an exciting visit from the Wonderdome on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** where the children will enjoy planetarium shows!

## Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day takes place this year on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. Children may come to school wearing **red** for an optional donation which will be added to the school's donation to the charity. They may also come with their favourite joke to tell their classmates. The 'funniest' ones will be shared with the whole school during our Celebration Assembly.

This year we will not be selling red noses as they are unfortunately unsuitable for the younger children.

## Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly for parents takes place on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm**. All parents are welcome to join us for this special Comic Relief assembly ... we just can't guarantee the quality of the jokes you'll hear!

## Parents' Evenings

A letter was sent home last week regarding arrangements for Parents' Evenings later this term, which take place on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Please ensure that you have booked your appointment with the office by the end of next week.

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## World Book Day & The Book Fair

World Book Day was a great success this year and a round of applause goes to Miss Chadwick and Mrs Thompson for organising our activities, as well as to all you parents and carers for the great costumes and books on the day. Don't forget that the Book Fair is open until **3:30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** so feel free to visit before or after school until then.

## Online Safety

This week's focus of our Online Safety poster is 'AI Chatbots' and what parents & carers need to know as they become more common and used more regularly online. The poster is attached to the ParentMail email sent out today.

## Spring Term 3 100% Attendance

Congratulations to all of the children, across the school, who received their **100% Attendance Certificates** for Spring Term 3. A great achievement and 100% of the learning opportunities offered taken which is known to impact and improve future achievements.

## Term Dates

Please note, as agreed at a recent governing body meeting, all school days will finish at the usual home times of **3.10/3.15pm**. Going forward, this will mean that on the last day of every term, school will finish at these times.

**Term 4** ends on: Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March at 3.10/3.15pm.

**Term 5** begins on: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8.40am.

## Absence & Illness

Please can **all** absences be reported at the school office via telephone, email or parentmail (not via class dojo, adults in the playground or breakfast club staff). Please ensure you specify the nature of your child's illness as 'unwell' or 'under the weather' are not sufficient to ensure our records are accurate. Please remember to keep children off school for **48 hours** after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea to avoid passing on infections.

## School Meals

The school meal provider will continue to offer hot meal options every day throughout the Summer Term. These will always be eaten in the hall. They will also provide 'picnic lunch bag' options that, should the weather be warm enough, the children will be able to eat outdoors on picnic mats. Please bear this in mind when completing your order forms for Summer Term 1 after the Easter Break.

May we also ask that you discuss the lunch choices that you make with your child, ideally when ordering as well as each morning before school. This ensures that each child has an option that they are expecting and most likely to eat.

## Free School Meals

If your financial situation has recently changed, you may find your child is entitled to Free School Meals based on benefits. Please visit [Free School Meals](#) to apply or contact the school office should you have any queries. Even if your child is in YR, Y1 or Y2 and gets lunch each day, it is still worth applying as you will be entitled to additional assistance in school.

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