

Attendance

Whole school attendance for a state primary school is expected to be above **95%**. Historically the attendance figures for St Anne's are amazing and well above the national data. Our attendance this term is just above 95% and our attendance to date this year is also just over **95%**. As we hopefully come out of the winter season, we are looking forward to seeing all of our attendance data rise to at least **96%**.

Don't forget we are here to help should you be facing any barriers to your child having good attendance. Please contact your child's class teacher via class dojo or the school office for further assistance.

Lateness

It is extremely important that children arrive on time each day. We understand things occasionally happen that sometimes result in a late arrival. Regular lateness, however, is detrimental to your child's learning. It can result in children missing the beginning of the first lesson on several days each week. For teachers this is difficult to manage in class as they are then required to catch children up and this disrupts the lesson continuing for the rest of the class.

Please remember that children should arrive at school between **8.40 and 8.50am**. The registers close at **9.00am** and if your child arrives after this time they will be marked as 'late' in the register. This will affect their attendance as well as their learning.

Lateness is monitored in school and followed up with parents where it occurs persistently.

It is expected that adults remain with their children until the school gates are opened at **8.40am** each day. Please do not leave children unsupervised.

Any children arriving late after the gates are locked at 8.50am **should be accompanied up the school drive to the office** and their arrival announced to the office staff.

No Dogs in the Playground Please!

Whilst many of us at St Anne's Primary School love dogs, we must remind you that dogs **are not permitted to be brought onto the school premises under any circumstances, including being carried.** If you choose to walk your child to school together with your dog, please feel free to alert a member of staff from the gate and they will ensure your child gets into the school building safely. Equally, at the end of the school day you can stand outside the Croft Drive gate and staff will send your child to you. Thank you for your support!

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.

Children will **not** be authorised to leave school any earlier unless they are unwell. An amended Important School Events document is attached with this Newsletter.

Term 4 begins on: **Monday 19th February at 8.40am.**

Term 4 ends on: **Thursday 28th March at 3.10/3.15pm.**

Online Safety

This week's focus is on Whatsapp and what parents & carers need to know about the age restriction and risks associated with children using this app. Please read this if your child currently uses Whatsapp on their device.

School Lunches

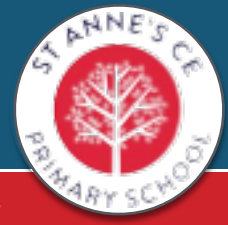
Don't forget to order your child's lunches by **3pm** on **Tuesday 14th February** for Term 4's meals. If you do not order meals there will not be one

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provided for your child. Any queries should be directed to the Farm Kitchen on 01529 480391.

Open Morning

Thank you for coming along to our Open Morning last week. It was lovely to see those of you who were able to make it and to share the children's learning with you.

'Break the Rulez' Day

Thank you for supporting our 'Break the Rulez' day last week. We raised **£129.00** for school funds. Well done!

Rotary Swimarathon

Well done to all the children and staff who took part in the annual Rotary Swimarathon last week. It was a great team effort. All sponsorship monies raised will go to the Rotary Club who support local charities and deserving causes.

Absences & 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/diarrhoea to avoid passing on infections.

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. Please contact the school office if 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.

Cold Weather

As the winter months are upon us please ensure your children have their coats with them every day. Some PE lessons will still take place outside so please send children wearing tracksuit bottoms.

In the Event of Snow...

If we experience snowy weather conditions over the winter season, that causes the decision to be made to close school, we will contact you with a text message as soon as possible. You can find out the latest school closures on **Lincs FM** or by going online to www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire or www.lincsfm.co.uk

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