

St Ann's R.C.Primary School
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Can I take this opportunity to welcome you and your family back to St Ann's. I have a few reminders for the new school year.

Healthy snacks

All children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One receive a piece of fruit or vegetable for snack at playtime as part of the Government's scheme to promote healthy eating.

In Key Stage Two we allow the children to bring in a healthy snack for the mid-morning break. As a 'healthy eating' school we ask that your child brings in a small snack of fresh fruit, raw vegetables, nuts or seeds. Crisps and chocolate bars are not permitted. I trust parents will co-operate with the school in this matter.

Parentpay

Can I remind parents that Parentpay is the online system for the payment of any money to school. Any parents new to the school will be receiving a separate letter with their Parentpay account activation details. Could all other parents ensure that their account is activated. It is our aim to operate a cashless system throughout the school. If any parents have any problems please contact the school office.

School Grid

Dolce / School Grid are our school meal provider. Please ensure you have activated your School Grid account and pre ordered your child's meals before 9.30am. The Live Kitchen system allows you to pre order your child's meals for a whole term. **If a meal has not been ordered by 9.30am on the day you will have to provide your child with a packed lunch.**

Any parents new to the school will be provided with their log in email address within the next few days. In the meantime, the meals will be pre-ordered by their teacher. Please be aware it is the parent's responsibility to enter any allergies or dietary requirements on Live Kitchen.

School Uniform

GIRLS

Grey trousers or grey pinafore
Grey skirt
Pale blue polo shirt
School sweatshirt

BOYS

Grey trousers
Pale blue polo shirt
School sweatshirt

IN SUMMER

Blue gingham dress (if preferred)

IN SUMMER

Short trousers (if preferred)

Please ensure that all uniform and book bags are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

PTO

Children should wear sensible shoes which fasten easily and do not have slippery soles so that they can run safely in the playground.

No jewellery is to be worn for Health and Safety reasons, except a watch if your child can tell the time. This includes earrings, although studs are acceptable. Long hair must be tied back.

Morning procedures

Can I remind Parents that in the event of bad weather in the mornings, the school bell will ring twice between 8.50am and 9.00am. Upon hearing the bell, Nursery children will go to the nursery entrance. Reception and all other Infant children will be greeted at the door of the Infant hall. Likewise all Junior children will be let in to the Junior hall. At this point parents are asked to leave their child under the supervision of our staff. Once the bell has been rung early the children will not be able to gain access into the school via their usual doorway and all children must only enter the school through the Infant or Junior hall.

Staffing

We have said goodbye to Miss Clancy, our nursery Teaching Assistant who has now moved to start life in the countryside! We welcome Ms Morgan as our new Teaching Assistant in Nursery.

Congratulations to Mrs Griffin who married over the summer, she is now to be known by her married name, Mrs Espley.

Sacramental programme

If your child is in Year 3 or above they are eligible to join St Ann's Parish First Holy Communion Course 2019/20. Parents/Guardians will be invited to attend Mass before the end of **September 2019** where requirements of the course will be explained and enrolment forms will be handed out.

Building work

As parents might have observed coming into school, the Reception playground has been completed along with climbing frames, soft flooring and a track. This will improve children's physical co-ordination, balance and be fun for the children to experience.

Around the school in both buildings there has been a great deal of painting in classrooms, corridors and offices and the replacement of carpets. We can fund these improvements from the money raised at the School Sports Days and Summer Fair. Can I thank all the parents for the kind contributions.

Email addresses

It is extremely important that we have your correct email address as this is our main way of communicating with parents. If you have not been receiving our Friday letters, please ensure your ParentPay account has the correct email address. Unfortunately, we cannot change your email address for you on ParentPay.

Thank you for your continued support, I hope we can work together once again for the good of our children.

Mr J O'Brien
Headteacher