



Newsletter 12

I hope you all had a lovely half term. It's been lovely to see the children back. They have been so enthusiastic this week and have been able to enjoy some sunshine at long last! In this newsletter I'm delighted to share some wonderful updates from St Agnes as we continue to celebrate the achievements and milestones that make our school community so special.

Lent



As a Catholic school, we are currently observing the season of Lent, which holds great importance and significance for our community. This is a meaningful time for reflection and spiritual growth and we are using this period to explore values such as compassion, forgiveness and service to others alongside our pupils. We will follow Pope Leo's request to 'Listen and fast' and have been reflecting in our hoop assemblies how we can live this out in our everyday lives.

The Times Top 100 primary schools in England!

First and foremost, I'm thrilled to announce that St. Agnes Primary School has been recognised in The Times Top 100 Primary Schools in England, being placed 98th in the country. This is the first time we have appeared on this prestigious list and it represents a truly wonderful achievement for our entire school community. This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the hard work and enthusiasm of our pupils and the tremendous support we receive from our families. We are incredibly proud of this accolade and it serves as a wonderful affirmation of the quality education and care we provide every single day.



Author visit

We have been fortunate to welcome author Karen McCombie to St Agnes this week for a special workshop. Pupils in Years 2 and 4 had the fantastic opportunity to develop their writing skills through this engaging session. Having visiting authors in school is such a valuable experience for our young writers, as it helps them to see writing as something creative and exciting and provides them with real-world inspiration from someone working in the field.

THEWS

In Year 2, we have also been running the Friendship Foundations workshop, which has been a wonderful addition to our pastoral provision. This programme is helping our youngest pupils to build strong, positive relationships with their peers and develop the social skills that are so important as they navigate their time in school.

Year 5 Trip to the British Museum

Unfortunately, the trip to the British Museum had to be cancelled earlier this week but it has been rebooked for the summer term. Apologies if this caused any inconvenience but unfortunately it was unavoidable.

Lego Workshop

10 pupils from across Key stage 2 got to participate in a special Lego workshop this week. They worked collaboratively to build towers. The aim of the workshop was designed to support children through structured, engaging activities that encourages communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and confidence-building in a calm and supportive environment. Clarke in Year 6 said, ' It was such fun. We got to be creative and work with our friends. I was pleased to have been chosen and can't wait for the next session. '

First Kicks Easter Camp

First Kicks will be running their Easter holiday camp at St. Agnes on the following dates:

Week 1 – Tuesday 7th April – Thursday 9th April, 9:30 – 3:00

Week 2 – Monday 13th April – Thursday 16th April, 9:30 – 3:00

The holiday camp is free for children entitled to benefit related school meals. You can register via this link - <https://first-kicks-sports.classforkids.io/camp/62>

We will contact parents if spaces become available for children who are not eligible.

Attendance

Attendance has improved this week. I am hoping that this is maintained throughout the half term. Class attendance so far this term:

Y6 – 96.28%

Y5 – 94.08%



Y4 – 93.54%
Reception – 93.06%
Y3 – 92.58%
Y1 – 92.32%
Y2 – 91.08%

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, the whole school will be celebrating World Book Day. As part of the celebration, children can come to school dressed as a book character or wearing pyjamas. We kindly ask for a £1 cash donation to be handed to the class teacher.

Year 5 Assembly

Year 5 will be hosting an assembly on Friday 6th March at 9.10am. Parents/carers are welcome to attend. Once the assembly is finished, you are welcome to stay for tea and coffee in the new hall.

Coffee Morning Upcoming dates

Coffee Morning continues every Thursday in the new hall. We feel these are invaluable in building our relationships with parents.

Thursday 5th March - Importance of Reading with your child. Parent Governor Elair will also be in attendance should you wish to speak to her with regards to the school and/or your child.

Thursday 12th March – Come along for a chat.

Friday 20th March - Guest Speaker from NSPCC - Parenting then and now.

Thursday 26th March – Safe Guarding part 2.

Clubs

I'm also pleased to report that our after school clubs continue to run throughout this term, providing our pupils with wonderful opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills and enjoy time with their friends in a fun and supportive environment. These clubs are such an important part of school life at St Agnes, and we are grateful to all the staff members who give up their time to make them possible. Clubs will run until the Easter break.

PE and Uniform Reminder

Please ensure the children are coming in wearing the correct PE uniform. Branded tracksuits are not acceptable. Girls are not permitted to wear jewellery and all pupils should have their long hair tied up.



As we continue to move forward through the Spring Term, we remain committed to providing the very best experiences for all our pupils and to continuing to build on the successes we have achieved together. Thank you for all your continued support.

Mrs Manning