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Value this half term: Friendship

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Head teacher's message.

This week, our pupils have continued to settle into their new classes and routines with great maturity. I have been particularly impressed by the kindness, respect and resilience they have shown towards one another. These values are at the heart of life at St Anne's Copp and it is always a pleasure to see them demonstrated so naturally throughout the school day. Over the coming days, children will have opportunities to put themselves forward for important leadership and responsibility roles. Pupil voice plays a vital role in shaping our school community, and I encourage every child to have confidence in themselves and consider how they can contribute. Taking on responsibility, sharing ideas and representing others are valuable skills that help our children grow as learners and young leaders.

DIARY DATES

14 th September	Messy Church
14 th September	Y6 Tower Wood parents' meeting
16 th September	Phonics meeting for parents, Reception – Year 2
23 rd September	Reception vision screening
23 rd September	Meet the Teacher
28 th September	Y3 visit to Ridgeway Farm
29 th September	Photograph Day
4 th October	Harvest service in church
5 th October	Year 2 visit Brockholes
6 th October	YR - Y2 Germ Busters
7-9 th October	Y6 to Tower Wood
8 th October	School nurse drop-in, 9am
8 th October	Macmillan Coffee morning
12 th October	Messy Church
13 th October	Double Page Spread assembly
14 th October	Worship & Values Group assembly
15 th October	Y5 Church assembly
16 th October	Values Assembly
16 th October	Break up for half term

INFORMAL SETTLING-IN / MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

This is scheduled for Wednesday 23rd September from 3:30 – 5:30pm. A chance for you to meet with the class teacher and find out how your child has settled in to the new school year from Reception to Year 6. Please note, this is too early for a progress discussion. A formal parents evening will be communicated for Autumn 2 term.

TOWER WOOD PARENTS' MEETING

Mrs Macdonald will lead an information evening in advance of Tower Wood. The meeting will take place this coming Monday at 6pm. We hope to see parents and carers there.

PHONICS MEETING

Staff will lead an informative presentation on how to support your child develop healthy habits. The presentation will also include how staff teach phonics and how this can be supported at home.

ADVANCE NOTICE : HARVEST SERVICE, ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

Years 3 and 6 will lead the Harvest service in church on Sunday 4th October. Teachers will communicate directly with classes via Class Dojo.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS -AUTUMN 1

Some clubs have now commenced. Please see the table below or Class Dojo for more information.



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MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Our mobile phone policy has been updated in response to new guidance from the Department for Education. We ask all families to ensure they have read the new policy and accompanying message so that everyone is clear about the expectations and the importance of maintaining a mobile-phone-free school environment.

We also ask that parents, carers and family members visiting school keep mobile phones and other personal smart devices securely stored and out of sight while on the school site. This helps us to maintain a consistent approach for children and ensures that our school remains a safe and respectful environment for everyone. There will be occasions when personal photography may be permitted, for example at specific school events. Ms Loughran will make families aware when photography is permitted and will clearly outline any arrangements or restrictions that apply. Where photography is permitted, images of children must not be uploaded or shared on social media or other similar online platforms.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain these important expectations across our school community.

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE & PUPIL VOICE

Over the coming days, children will have the opportunity to put themselves forward for a range of important responsibility roles across school. Whether applying to be a School Council representative, a member of the Worship and Values Committee, or taking on other leadership responsibilities such as Head Boy or Girl, pupils will be encouraged to share their ideas, explain why they would be a positive role model, and campaign for the support of their peers.

These roles are a vital part of school life. They help shape decision-making, strengthen pupil voice, and provide children with the opportunity to represent both their classmates and the wider school community. The children who take on these responsibilities play an important part in helping St Anne's Copp continue to grow and flourish.

We encourage every child to be confident, step forward and let their unique talents shine. Whether they are successful in the voting process or not, the experience of speaking up, sharing ideas and showing leadership is an invaluable life skill that we are proud to promote. We look forward to seeing our pupils demonstrate courage, creativity and commitment as they put themselves forward to represent our school.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN SESSION

This took place this morning in school. The next scheduled drop-in session is 8th October at 9am.

HEALTHY EATING AND SAFE EATING REMINDER

To help keep all children safe during snack and lunchtime, we kindly ask that any grapes brought into school are cut lengthways into quarters before being packed. Whole grapes can present a choking hazard, particularly for young children.

We would also appreciate parents and carers taking a moment to ensure that other foods are prepared in age-appropriate, manageable pieces. Cutting foods into smaller lengths or bite-sized portions can significantly reduce the risk of choking and help children enjoy their meals safely and independently.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all pupils. Working together, we can promote healthy eating habits while ensuring the wellbeing of every child.

SCREEN TIME DFE UPDATES

As part of our continued commitment to supporting children's wellbeing and healthy learning habits, school staff will be following the updated guidance around children's exposure to screens in school.

Technology remains an important tool for learning, but we will ensure that screen use is purposeful, age-appropriate and balanced with active learning, discussion, practical experiences and time away from screens. Staff will carefully consider when technology enhances learning and when other approaches are more beneficial.

Our aim is to ensure that children develop the skills and knowledge they need while also supporting their wellbeing, concentration and healthy habits.

NEU WAY SUPPORT

Families across Lancashire and South Cumbria are now able to access earlier support for children and young people with neurodevelopmental needs.

The service, Neu Way Support, offers personalised advice, guidance and practical help based on need rather than diagnosis for families who are navigating concerns about autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental differences.

The service has been commissioned by Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) and will be delivered by Spring North in partnership with local community organisations that are specialists in supporting children, young people and families.

Families can self-refer at: <https://springnorth.org.uk/projects/neu-way-support/> or call 0300 365 5030.

Have a lovely weekend. From the staff at St.Anne's.

Autumn 1	Clubs	Open to	Dates	Time	Price	Payable to	Location	How to get a place?	Places
Monday	Messy Church	Reception to Y6	14.09.26 & 12.10.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	N/A	School	Church	Book via ParentPay	Yes
	Ju-Jitsu	Reception to Y6	07.09.26-12.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	Activ8	Hall	Email: info@activ8selfdefence.com	Yes
Tuesday	Dance Festival	Y3-Y6	15.09.26-10.11.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£6 per session	Collaboration dance	Hall	Email: info@collaborationdancearts.com	Yes
	KS2 Cricket	KS2	15.09.26-13.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	School	Field	Book via ParentPay	Yes
Thursday	Golfstarz	Y1-Y6	10.09.26-15.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£30	Golfstarz	Playground	https://blackpoolgolfstarz.bookiphy.com/	Yes
Friday	Cook Stars	Reception to Y6	18.09.26-16.10.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	£57.50	Cook stars	Hall	https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/5623	Yes

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