



# Newsletter from St Ann's Heath

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## Message from Mrs King and Mrs O'Connor...

After a lovely summer holiday, we are delighted to welcome everyone back to school and extend a special welcome to our Year 3s and other children who have joined us. Our school council representatives have done an excellent job so far supporting the children with settling in and showing them around the school. The children have started the new year with enthusiasm and we continue to be proud of their successes.

We are also delighted to welcome some new staff to the teaching team: Miss Cunningham, Mrs Pannett, Mrs Matthew and Miss Godman.

At St Ann's Heath we support each and every child to achieve the best they possibly can and to feel happy and safe at school. Please remember to contact us should you have any concerns or worries. Our partnership with you is what makes our school so special and together we can try to resolve any issues that may affect your child.

## Parent Information Meetings

Our parent information meetings are one of the best ways to make sure you are informed about the year ahead. To encourage attendance we have moved these to 9am so that hopefully parents and carers will be able to make the time to attend. These meetings should be no longer than half an hour.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 9am – Year 6**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 9am – Year 5**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9am – Year 4**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9am – Year 3**

## Parking on School Premises

Thank you to the majority of our parents who are supporting us as we try to monitor the traffic issues at the end of the day.

At pick up time, we request that parents continue to keep the inner lane of the turning circle clear to ensure that cars can enter the school site as quickly as possible and that there is freely moving traffic at all times. If there are parking spaces on site, please use these or alternatively park off site and walk to collect your child. Feedback so far from parents is that there is now less congestion on Sandhills Lane when entering or leaving the school site and we certainly feel the traffic clears quicker at the end of the day.

If you are parking inconsiderately or driving dangerously on the school site you will be asked to move your car.

Could we also remind parents and carers that the two disabled spaces next to the school office are for cars displaying blue disabled badges only.

We will continue to be outside at the end of the day as much as possible, but ask that if there is no staff presence, parents continue to support the school by keeping the inner lane freely moving and by parking considerately.

# Staff News

In addition to our new teaching staff, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Sian Savill (formerly Sian Casey) to our staff team. Some of you will know Sian from her role as Home School Link Worker for the North Runnymede Learning Partnership. She will be working two days a week at our school on Tuesdays and Thursdays as our Pastoral Lead.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Hannah Dawe (6FD teacher) who is pregnant with her second child. Her maternity leave will commence towards the end of January/beginning of February 2019

# Governor News

**Message from Helen Syms, Chair of Governors,**  
On behalf of the governors of St Ann's Heath Junior School I would like to extend the very warmest welcome to all our new parents and children just starting on their journey of discovery with us, and to all our returning parents and children after the summer holidays.

This is a very exciting time in the life of our school. Our Co-Head Teachers and staff team have developed strong working relations over the past year, and the school is in a position of strength for further development and improvement. There are many great ideas to build on the success of last year which is exemplified by improvement in Year 6 SATs results and children's outcomes across the school.

Governors are fully committed to the school and to the Co-Head Teachers. Our own work plans will ensure that we are actively involved in all aspects of school life, from learning and progress goals to pastoral and cultural achievements.

You will hear more of the work of the governors in this newsletter each half term. You can see information about the governing body on the notice board in reception and on the school website, and make contact via the school office.

Helen Syms, Chair of Governors, on behalf of your Governing Body

# Year 6 Information

Can we remind you that the closing date to apply for a secondary school place is **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**.

Information regarding this process will be emailed to Year 6 parents.

All information regarding school admissions can be found at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)

Secondary schools in the area are holding Open Evenings over the coming weeks. Please check their websites for details.

# Before & After School Clubs

There will be many before and after school clubs running this term, and a timetable of clubs is attached to this newsletter. We hope that many children will participate in and enjoy being in clubs, and that those choosing to take part will be committed each week.

Can we ask that parents and carers pick up the children promptly at the end of clubs. Many of our club providers are going onto other venues to host clubs and it is unfair to keep them waiting.

# General Reminders ...

**School Uniform** Children are able to wear summer uniform until October half term. The uniform rules can be found in your child's planner if you need to refer to them. Can we take this opportunity to remind parents that extreme haircuts are not permitted and that the only jewellery that is permitted are watches and small discrete stud earrings. No jewellery should be worn during PE or Games lessons.

**Absences** The school has regular meetings with our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) when we have to account for pupil absences. If your child is unwell and is absent from school, please telephone the school by 9.20am on the first day of absence.

Unexplained absences are reported as unauthorised to the Department for Education. Our 'Application for leave of absence for exceptional circumstances' form is on our website (attached to the attendance policy in School Policies section) and must be completed if you need to take your child out of school for any reason.

**Teacher Appointments** If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please use the planner as the first means of communication or phone the school office. Unfortunately, teachers are unable to make appointments or speak with parents before school as they are preparing for the day ahead.

**Entering The School** Parents should only enter the school building through the main school office and all visitors into school have to sign in and wear a visitor security lanyard.

**Water Bottles** Each child should bring a plastic bottle of plain water into school every day. This should be in addition to their drink in their packed lunch. Please ensure all bottles are labelled clearly with your child's name.

**Dogs** Can we please remind you that dogs are not allowed onto the school site even if they are being carried.

## Dates For The Diary

Please do not book holidays during term time.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – 7pm Friends of St. Ann's Heath (FOSAH) AGM at school  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – 9am Year 6 Parent Information Meeting  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept - 9am Year 5 Parent Information Meeting  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept - 9am Year 4 Parent Information Meeting  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept - 9am Year 3 Parent Information Meeting  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 5 residential trip to Hooke Court  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 4 prehistoric day  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – 6FD Henley Fort trip  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – 6H Henley Fort trip  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – 6M Henley Fort trip  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Half Term  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – individual school photos  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 6 Junior Citizen  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – 4 – 7pm Parents' Evening  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – 4 – 7pm Parents' Evening  
Term dates for the year can be found on our website

# Before/After School Clubs

DAY	TIME	CLUB	WHO RUNS IT?	WHERE DOES IT TAKE PLACE?	START DATE
<b>MONDAY</b>	3.10-4.20pm	<b>FOOTBALL</b>	PLANET SOCCER	SCHOOL FIELD	11.09.18 until 10.12.18 (last one)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>BEFORE SCHOOL 8.00-8.45am</b>	<b>LITTLE GOLFERS</b>	ANDY LITTLE	SCHOOL HALL	18.09.18 for 10 weeks
	3.10-4.10pm	<b>TENNIS</b>	PLANET SOCCER	PLAYGROUND	11.09.18 until 11.12.18 (last one)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>BEFORE SCHOOL 7.45-8.45am</b>	<b>BASKETBALL</b>	LOVE THIS LIFE BASKETBALL	SCHOOL HALL	26.09.18 for 10 weeks
	3.10-4.10pm	<b>REDZ DANCE</b>	NOVA (REDZ)	SCHOOL HALL	12.09.18 for 6 weeks
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>BEFORE SCHOOL 8.10-8.40am</b>	<b>DODGEBALL</b>	PLANET SOCCER	SCHOOL HALL	13.09.18 until 13.12.18 (last one)
	3.10-4.15pm	<b>CHESS</b>	Emma Jane Billington Phillips	4G Classroom	20.09.18 for 10 weeks
	3.10-4.15pm	<b>NETBALL</b>	INITIAL NETBALL	PLAYGROUND	13.09.18 until 13.12.18 (last one)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>BEFORE SCHOOL 8.10-8.40am</b>	<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>	PLANET SOCCER	SCHOOL FIELD	14.09.18 until 07.12.18 (last one)
	3.10-4.20pm	<b>FUN &amp; FITNESS</b>	PLANET SOCCER	SCHOOL FIELD	14.09.18 until 07.12.18 (last one)