



Newsletter from St Ann's Heath

Issue 5– 5th December 2018

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

We are racing towards the end of the term with lots to fit in between now and when we break up on Friday 14th December. School has been busier than normal with children completing various assessments this week to build up a picture of their learning. The choir have been busy with their rehearsals for their Christmas Show next week. Last week, we had teachers visiting from our cluster of local schools to observe learning across the year groups, with a particular focus on writing. This is in line with our school development work for this year. We are in the process of reorganising our curriculum to ensure we are creating and providing a range of enriching learning opportunities. This will be part of the focus for staff on our Inset Day on Monday 17th December. The other part of our training day will be to learn about Restorative Practice. More information will follow on this in the new year.

Next week our end of term newsletter 'The Herald' will be published which showcases some of the exciting learning that has been going on across the school this term.

We look forward to seeing many of you at events over the coming weeks.

Governor News

Last week governors had a workshop meeting with an external consultant to review the school performance data which is published annually, based on Year 6 SAT results from May. The reports show our school performance in comparison to others, and how well we are doing for all our children. We are pleased with these results. Our school outperformed national averages by 4% for combined English and Maths, with particular strengths in Reading and Maths.

All the committees are very active: Vision and Ethos have held a health and safety walk round, Learning have examined pupil progress through school tracking information, and Finance and Staffing have been working the increasingly difficult issue of school budgets. We are up to date on all our statutory obligations and on school policies, and are continuing our own governance improvement activities including training and development. We value your continued efforts to maintain high levels of school attendance, which includes avoiding late arrival. All these things really do make a difference to your children's learning.

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

Dates For The Diary

*Can we please remind you that family holidays are **NOT** to be taken during term time. Please note any unauthorised absences could result in a fine. This includes any sick days either side of an unauthorised absence where medical evidence can not be supplied.*

Fri 7th Dec

Mufti Day – children to bring in wrapped sweets and cakes in return for wearing their own clothes to school. Children will still need their PE kit for their Games lessons.

Fri 7th Dec

3.30 – 5pm FOSAH Christmas Gift Shop

Mon 10th Dec

9.15 Rock Steady Concert

Tues 11th Dec

6.00 Christmas Advent Concert

Wed 12th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day (Children to wear Christmas mufti to school)

Wed 12th Dec

6.00 Christmas Advent Concert

Thurs 13th Dec

4.00 Magna Carta Music Event

Fri 14th Dec

2.10 Break up for Christmas Holidays

Thurs 3rd Jan

8.50 Term begins

Term dates for the year can be found on our website

www.stannsheat.org

FOSAH News

Thank you for all your support with events this term. The school disco raised £900 with £168 raised through the Bags2School. Our Christmas Gift Event is on **Friday 7th December (3.30pm-5pm)**. Please show your support once again by coming along to buy a gift, eat some cake and play some games. We also still have Raffle Tickets available to buy (£1 at ticket) fantastic Christmas Hampers to be won and plenty more! We look forward to seeing you at the Gift Sale!

Second Hand Uniform – a reminder that we are collecting second hand uniform to sell to raise money for the school. If your child has grown out of any uniform, please do send it into FOSAH. There will be another second hand uniform sale next term. If you need any items in the meantime, please email FOSAH on fosahstanns@gmail.com

We will be continuing with fundraising efforts in the new year so please look out for opportunities when you can help. The next event will be our roller disco event on **Saturday 9th February**.

Thank you to those who have already joined up to our easyfundraising scheme, we can now see money starting to coming through for our school, but there is lots more potential.

Register at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosah> or download the app— bookmark it then every time you shop online, go to that link first, select your chosen retailer (there are thousands including Amazon, Tesco, Argos, Next etc etc) -and shop as normal.

This is so EASY - It costs you nothing, just an extra click of the mouse that will raise money for our school. Happy Shopping!

Advent Concert Next Week!

For the children taking part in our Advent Concert next week. Children will need to be dropped off at school on performance nights (11th and 12th December) **at 5.45pm** (no earlier please). Children will be coming home from school on Tuesday, 11th December at 3.10pm in their 'costumes' (with their school uniform in a bag) - they will need to return wearing their costumes the same evening at 5.45pm. Costume items will then need to be brought back into school in a named bag on the Wednesday morning please (or they can be worn as it's Xmas Jumper Day!) as we are showing the school in the afternoon!

UPDATE - We now anticipate the concert to last approx 1hour and 15mins so if you are not planning to come and watch the concert please be here to collect your child by 7.30pm at the latest.

As speaking parts have been handed out to most children it is imperative that ALL the children attend **BOTH** nights please - if your child is unwell and unable to make a performance please let Miss Allen know in the school office **as soon as possible** so that changes can be made in advance.

Please keep encouraging your child to go through their lines if they have a section that needs to be learnt.

Please ensure that all costume items are in school by **MONDAY, 11th December** at the latest please.

Please note that there are no more after school rehearsals for the show choir this year. Rehearsals for the children going to VIAM at Wembley will start again in the new year on Tuesday, 8th January 2019 until 4.30pm.

Please ensure your child's dinner money is paid up by the end of term.
Any problems or queries please see Mrs Masterman in the school office.
Thank you



Reminder to all those parents that use The Den after school - it will be closing at **5pm** on the last day of term - **Friday, 14th December**