

# St. Anne's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Lightwood Road, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 7AN

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## Weekly Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> February 2109

Dear Parents/Carers,

Half term is almost upon us and we celebrate the feast of St. Valentine, on Thursday. He is one of our most well-known saints as he is the patron saint of love. Have a happy Valentine's Day!

### St. Anne's Now and in the Future

Thank you to the parents who attended last night's session which we hope, was informative and answered some questions you have about our school's journey of improvement since our last Ofsted inspection in 2017. Some parents commented that it would be helpful if more information could be made available through the website; we're looking at the most effective way of doing this and will advise you when this information will be more readily accessible.

### Bullying Talk

Once again, thank you to the parents who stayed for this last night. The session had two aims: to clarify what behaviour constitutes bullying and to confirm how we, at St. Anne's, deal with incidents of bullying. The PowerPoint used last night will be uploaded to the website but in the meantime, please find attached with this newsletter, a reduced copy of the poster that will be displayed around school which we hope will help children to distinguish between bad behaviour and bullying.

### Parent Governor Election

A reminder that votes for the parent governor election need to be put into the sealed ballot box in Mrs. Tobias office, by 12 noon on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

### Holidays in term time

Please can I remind all parents, that if you decide to take a holiday during term time and it is unauthorised, then we do have a duty to inform the Local Authority who may then issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. I need to remind you that the penalty for a Fixed Penalty Notice is £60 per parent, per child. So if, for example, you have three children, that means a £180 fine per parent. You can get more information about fixed penalty notices by going to:  
[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/attendance-behaviour-welfare/attendance-exclusion-and-support.aspx](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/attendance-behaviour-welfare/attendance-exclusion-and-support.aspx)

### Attendance

This week, I will be sending out letters to parents whose children have had attendance figures below 90% during the school year to date. It is important that I send these letters out to all parents, irrespective of whether the absences have been explained or not. Come the end of the school year, if a child has attendance below 90%, they will be classed as a persistent absentee. Please note, that we have a statutory duty to inform the local authority if a child has poor attendance, most of which is unauthorised. If attendance doesn't improve, then a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued.



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## Updating Parents Details

During the autumn term, we have had a few instances where we have been trying to contact parents but with no success, to find out much later that they have changed their number. So please, can all parents ensure that you inform school immediately if you change any of the following:

- Home address;
- Phone number (including work);
- Doctors;
- Any change in your child's medical & health details;
- Named emergency contacts. (All children should have at least TWO emergency contacts)

## Mrs Hall

Sadly, Mrs. Hall will be leaving St. Anne's as a member of staff, this week. She will still be with us as a parent, however, and has promised me that she'll help out with in school with trips etc. when she can! I'm sure I speak on behalf of all the children, staff and parents when I say we'll miss her very much and thank her for her years of service, support and care for the children at St. Anne's. We will be appointing a new member of staff to cover the pastoral welfare officer and admin role shortly.

## Prayers

Please pray for all our family and friends who are ill, worried or need our prayers. In particular, please remember the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this year.

## Upcoming Events

There are a number of new events, details of which we'll be sharing shortly but in the meantime, please check newsletters/Dojo/school website and app – don't miss out!

Have a happy half-term!

Yours faithfully,

*JME Wiggins*

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