



St. Anne's School  
ALDERNEY

# School News

February 2020

## Inside: Primary & Early Years News!



Apprenticeship

College

Sixth Form

Training

STAYING IN LEARNING LONGER

### Attendance this ½ term

Caterpillars - 79%  
Reception

Hedgehogs - 89%  
Yrs 1 & 2

Puffins - 91%  
Yrs 3 & 4

Gannets - 96%  
Yrs 5 & 6

Arch - 83%

Braye - 93%

Corblets - 91%

Year 11 - 96%

Whole school 90%

## Next Steps – Decision Time!

Year 11 pupils are currently in the midst of making (at times difficult) decisions about what direction they will take after they leave St Anne's at the end of Summer 2020.

Pupils have benefited from a range of opportunities to help guide them including visits from staff of both the Sixth Form College (SFC) & Guernsey College of Further Education (GCFE); plus guidance sessions from Guernsey Careers Service, Taster days at both SFC & GCFE along with numerous careers focussed lessons in school.

In early March, pupils will need to submit their applications and then focus on achieving their full potential



as they work towards their final exams.

The current Year 11 class is fully focussed on getting the very best from their studies, and many of them now attend additional study classes in school both at lunchtime and after school.

"The taster days in Guernsey last month proved to be very useful for our pupils" said Mrs Wilson. They were very en-

couraged and animated by the range of courses on offer. It was also a delight to see a number of our former pupils so happy and settled in their studies in Guernsey and they made a real effort to make Year 11 and the staff feel welcomed on our visits. We are proud of Year 11s work ethic and will continue to provide every opportunity to support them with their decision making in the coming weeks and months.



## 2020 Oxford Computing Challenge!

So proud of our all secondary pupils who were entered for the first time into [The Bebras Challenge](#) (a computational thinking competition open to the whole of the UK) last term. ALL received certificates, several with distinctions or merits. Cameron Burnham, Ciara Williams and John Nellist won best in school in their age categories.

**Ciara Williams & Isla Jenkins** finished in the top **10% of the country** and have been invited to the online 2020 Oxford Computing Challenge in March! Both are practicing hard and I'm sure you'll want to join us in wishing them the very best of luck next month!

**We also have 65 entries for two competitions in the Bailiwick Eisteddfod 2020—Watch this space!**



**Isla Jenkins**

is hereby invited to participate in the  
**2020 Oxford Computing Challenge**

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*Peter Millican*

Professor Peter Millican  
Hertford College Oxford

### IMPORTANT

Whole school target for attendance is 95%.

If your child is absent, please phone school each day they are off to let us know the reason.

Thank you for your support in this.

SEE INSIDE for advice around sicknesses in school



## Little Feet are really moving'!

There's lots going on at St Anne's in terms of physical and mental well-being initiatives, not least in the early years classes. Since the beginning of term we have been concentrating on developing children's gross motor skills and coordination with the help of a fantastic new indoor climbing frame.



The youngest learners are also taking part in two healthy lifestyle initiatives:

- *Little Feet* - the children and their families are encouraged to walk to school. Every time they walk they receive a sticker to apply to a wall chart. You'll see from the chart, that it may involve walking with the local emergency services, perhaps even with RNLI's very own Stormy Stan. Exciting times ahead!
- We have also started pre-riding skills with our P.E. teachers. When we have completed the course we will be gifted some balance bikes!



Lots of healthy fun all round!!!



## It's true... Spring is on its way!!!!

*"At St Anne's promoting the highest possible standards of physical and emotional health is really important to us. We know that active lives promote pupils long-term health"*

It's hard to believe but it's felt like Spring in all of the early year's classrooms in the last few weeks! Colour is bursting forth both inside and outside of the classrooms,



Colourful activities and planting have brought bags full of fun. We've even grown our very own tree above our book corner!



## Everyone is Bonkers about Books!

Exciting times in the library this term as we received our much anticipated new book order from the Schools' Library Service.

Last term, the pupils used the Suggestion Box to request books they would like to see in the library; all age-groups participated.

Favourites such as David Walliams *Beast of Buckingham Palace*, *Captain Underpants*, *Rebel Girls* and the *13 Storey Tree-House* collection were met with great excitement by the juniors.

The infants were delighted to receive new lift-the-flap books and the seniors are getting stuck into the Merkiari War series, graphic novels, *Riverdale* and books on mental wellbeing. Great too that our new lunchtime opening for secondary students is being well attend-

ed, with numbers growing daily. Pupils enjoy downtime with a book of their choice; a quiet space to relax. Next term will see the introduction of hot chocolate and more soft seating.

Some of the older children have become book-buddies to the little ones and our teachers have been displaying the books they're reading on posters and can even sometimes be found on the soft-seating at break times with their heads in books!



## St Anne's School Scoop Award!

Over the course of the last year a committee of senior pupils has been working towards the *Surfers Against Sewage* 'Plastic Free Schools' award. The group have nearly completed all of the objectives we set out to do:

- Pupils of all ages have taken part in beach cleans with their classes and as part of Activities Week last summer,
- Regular 'Trash Mob' litter picks on the school site.
- Letters have been written to industry, lobbying companies to cut down on plastic packaging, particularly targeting those companies whose plastic waste we find on our school site.
- Written to the States of Alderney, asking them to take action.
- Crisp packet recycling scheme through a company called Terracycle and all of our lunchtime crisp packets are now sent to the UK to be recycled.

We are helped in this venture by Alderney Shipping who kindly ship the parcels of crisp packets to Poole for free, for collection by a courier.

Many pupils already have reusable bottles which they use for their drinks. Can we rely on your help too in reducing the amount of plastic that we use in school please?

- Ensure that your child only brings in reusable bottles from now on. If they do not yet have one you can buy a 'St Anne's School' bottle from the school reception for £1.50 or £3.00, but there are plenty of funky bottles available to purchase elsewhere. If any pupil forgets their bottle or temporarily loses it we can provide them with a cup and bottles can be refilled from the water fountains during the



school day. We would also ask that you do not send sandwiches, or other food, into school wrapped in cling film. Instead please use greaseproof paper or tinfoil, or why not try beeswax wraps! These can be washed and reused ☺

- Elsewhere in the lunchbox please consider reducing plastic packaging where possible. Perhaps buy a big pot of yoghurt and decant a small amount into smaller reusable pots every day or buy large 'family packs' of other healthy snacks and put a few into smaller reusable pots.
- We are looking into washing and recycling yoghurt pots but we would rather eliminate the plastic waste from our island altogether.



**Please help us to make our school and island plastic free!**

If you need ideas for lunchboxes there are many sites online that you can look at, like this one:-

<https://www.theguardian.com/food/2019/jun/06/no-plastic-mum-make-waste-free->

## Do I need to keep my child off school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> Until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school should be informed	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off but school should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days after swelling begins	<b>Scabies</b> Until after 1 <sup>st</sup> treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after antibiotics start	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 hours after antibiotics start
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off but school should be informed		



National advice  
for parents  
regarding child  
sickness

**Ski Trip  
February 2020**



**THE PICTURES SAY IT ALL!**  
St. Anne's pupils and staff are having the trip of a lifetime!

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER** - the deadline for applications for help towards the purchase of school uniform can be made up until the Easter via <https://www.gov.gg/schooluniformgrant>

The Uniform Grant is a means tested benefit, issued annually through Social Security services, intended to help parents to provide a basic school uniform. The amount you could receive is based on your annual household income and allowed expenses.

You can either fill in an online application on th website listed above or download a form. You can also contact the Income Support Team on 732500.



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