

Summer 2 Newsletter

Thursday 15th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy and definitely a very challenging term, especially towards the end! Below is a brief overview what has been happening at St Agnes.

Ofsted s.5 monitoring inspection letter – 26.05.2021

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have now received the inspection report. The inspector said 'Leaders and those responsible for governance are taking **effective action** to provide education in the current circumstances.' This is very encouraging and a positive outcome. The two inspectors found out how hard we have been working to ensure learning takes place during the lockdown and pandemic, but also how well we look after our community. I want to thank all our staff, pupils and families for all the support in helping achieve this.

Covid

It is really important you share any concerns and news of symptoms with us so we can protect everyone and take immediate action. Please continue to use the home test kits that are available from centres and online. Visit our website for more details on this (click on the red banner).

Guidance for schools has recently been shared by the government (DfE). Once we have read through all the information and updated our risk assessments, as well as any updates that we receive, usually in the middle of August, I will share any major changes with you in the last week of August.

Please report any COVID related information to admin@st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk.

Eid ul Fitr 2021



Many of our families celebrated the end of Ramadan with Eid-ul-Fitr, and the majority of families on the same day, which is really nice! We celebrated Eid in school with a special day full of activities and an ice cream van to treat for everyone, especially as we could not celebrate last year.

Curriculum news



Reception enjoyed a trip to Knowsley Safari Park. It was a fulfilled day where we learnt all about animals and their habitats! The children were superstars- even staff members at the Safari Park commented on how polite and well behaved they were. They flew the

flag for St Agnes and made us very proud.



Year 3 made seed bombs and then threw them into our local area (Birchfields Park), going back regularly to water them.

Year 5 had a famous author, Ross Welford, 'visit' them in June and talking to them

about great writing and becoming an author!



Year 6 have had a busy half term with lots of exciting lessons! We visited Crowden Brook to look at features of a river and had fun racing dog biscuits to test the speed of the river in different places. Some of us got a little water in our wellies! As part of our Design



Technology task, we have been busy using our knowledge of electrical circuits to build locomotive engines.

We were privileged to have a zoom meeting with Andy Burnham, the mayor of Manchester. He had seen our Stats Wars video about climate change and he spoke to us about his commitment to reducing air pollution around our school. We have definitely had fun applying all the skills we've learned this year to interesting projects!

News

- After serving the community of Longsight for 32 years, Mrs Mirza will sadly be retiring from teaching this year. We wish her all the best in her new journey!
- Mrs Panteli will also be leaving her role as a teaching assistant to spend more time on her family. We wish her our best and give our thanks for all her hard work.

Attendance

Attendance has been a very difficult one to manage this year and our overall average attendance since opening back in March is around 92%. Hopefully, things will settle more in the new academic year and we will start seeing attendance meeting or even beating our target of 96.6%!

School times

The latest changes to guidance for schools has meant we do not need to have bubbles and staggered timings, which many of us will feel a huge welcome! As a result, school will open at the usual time of 8:55am and close at 3:15pm for all pupils. Gates will be open 10 minutes before to allow all children safe entry and exit from the school. Collection points will be the same as this year.

Where	Year group	Collection point	Monday to Thursday		Friday
Clitheroe Rd			Start time	Finish time	Finish time
Main gate	Year 6	Canopy	8:55am	3:15pm	2.30pm
Main gate	Year 5	Undercroft doors			
Main gate	Year 3	3T hall; 3C doors next to Nursery			
Main gate	Year 1	Muga pitch			
Small gate	Year 4				
Small gate	Year 2	Clitheroe Rd side door			
Small gate	Reception	EYFS play ground			
Small gate	Nursery	EYFS play ground			

Please ensure your child is in school every day and on time to get the maximum learning potential possible.

If you must come by car please park away from the school area and walk a little way to school. It will be very busy at the start and end times again and we don't want to see any accidents or fights happening. It is a residential area so please take care of our neighbours' cars and property. When waiting in cars please turn the engine off to reduce polluting the air around our school.

Do not stop the car in the middle of the road to drop children off or park on the yellow zig zags. This is very dangerous.

School Uniform

All pupils are expected to be in their school uniforms everyday apart from the day they have PE. You will get a letter in September informing you of what day your child's PE will be.

You can order the school jumper from here - <https://myclothing.com/st-agnes-cofe-primary-school>

Plain green sweatshirts/jumpers/cardigans may also be worn initially if the school logo jumper is not available for you.

White shirts/polo shirts

Black skirt or trousers Summer – black shorts are acceptable

Green checked dress

Black tights or leggings

Black shoes (no high heels or mules which easily slip off, please)

Watches may be worn but must be removed for safety in PE

Plain green/white /black head scarves may be worn but must be removed for safety in PE (close fitting scarves designed for PE and sport participation may be worn for these lessons)

Please ensure your child **always** wears underwear

Hot weather - It gets very hot in the building during the few days of sunny weather. Pupils are encouraged to wear short sleeved shirts, shorts, grey/green summer dresses, sandal and do not need to wear their jumper or cardigan.

PE kit

Plain white t shirt/polo shirt

Plain shorts/PE skirt/skirt

Plain black leggings

Plain jogging bottoms for outdoors

Black pumps for indoor PE

Trainers for outdoor PE

Asda or the market is an ideal place for school clothing at a reasonable price.

Eid ul Adha 2021

For all our families who will be celebrating the upcoming festival of Eid, we wish you all wonderful EID MUBARAK!

I want to thank you to our parents and carers all for your continued support through this very difficult year, our pupils who are just simply amazing dealing so well with the last 18 months and our wonderful hardworking staff. The pandemic has put everyone under a lot of pressure, not to mention the high number of cases and illnesses as a result. Please look after each other and yourselves. Getting vaccinated is one way of protecting ourselves, as well as being safe around people.

School will close on **Friday 16th July 2021** for **summer holidays**

School will open again on **8:55am, Tuesday 7th September 2021**. See you at the gates!

On behalf of all at St Agnes I wish everyone in our community a very safe and peaceful holiday.

Mr S Uddin (Headteacher)