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Dear parents/carers,

What a busy end to a busy year! We are finally starting to feel back to normal and rid of the restrictions that Covid has brought us over the last three years. We have so much to celebrate this term – here are a few of the highlights:

The School football team receive the City Final cup!



After a strong journey through the league games and a winning final of 6:1, all who contributed to the success of the football team were invited to Grand Station to be awarded with winner's medals and a trophy. Not only were they the winners in sport, but their exemplary behaviour during the ceremony made them stand out from the crowd. Thank you to Mr Bradbury and Miss Morris for their expert training and to the parents who have supported so many matches in all weathers!

Year 6 SATs results were PHENOMENAL! The best ever!



Despite the disruption that Covid has brought to this cohort over the past years, they have absolutely done themselves proud with their SATs results. Outcomes were: 95% achieving expected or above in reading, 95% achieving expected or above in spelling, punctuation and grammar, 92% expected+ in maths and 80% expected+ in writing. All of these scores are excellent and demonstrate great progress from KS1. We were so very proud of the way that the children approached these tests and we are so pleased for them to take such strong outcomes forward to begin their secondary journey.



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We have achieved the GOLD Games mark!



The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sports Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our physical and school sport achievements this year include: netball, cross-country, karate, football, cheerleading, dance, swimming, Walk a Mile Run a Mile, yoga, Multi-Skills to name but a few. Congratulations to Mr Bradbury who has pursued this mark, to all involved in providing extra-curricular activities, to the teachers for supporting high quality games lessons and to you as parents, for encouraging your children to participate.

Year 6 leavers celebrations



Y6 must have been exhausted as they came to the end of an excellent year! The disco and parents' bistro were a great success (thank you for the feedback) and they were able to finally do the Colour Run (we did not want them to leave and miss out!) A huge thanks to all of the staff, parents and the PTFA who were absolutely fundamental to making these events a great success. They concluded their day with a Leavers' Mass with our new priest, Father Gary, who already seems well settled in. We wish our Y6 pupils, Mr Flanagan, Mrs Lyttle-Ricketts and any pupils who are leaving us all the best on the next steps of their educational journey and hope that they hold memories of St Anthony's fondly in their hearts.



The colour run for the remainder of the children is scheduled for **Tuesday 13th September**. We will remind you of the details closer to the date.



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Penny Challenge

What a superbly generous group of parents you are! And some of you with a mischievous streak as you gleefully engaged in the sabotage of other class point totals with your donations of silver coins. In total you have raised £1018.52 for the PTFA funds. This has covered the costs of the colour run and beyond! Well done to St Joseph's class who scored the most points and to St Cecilia's who raised the most money. Thank you to those who were involved in the prolonged procedure of counting the coins!



St Anthony's has got talent!

We were treated to a fabulous afternoon of entertainment from the finalists, including acts of dance, Star Wars drama, skipping, boxing, karate, singing, dancing, gymnastics, magic, stunt scooters and more! Thank you to the judging panel who had a difficult job to do. Congratulations to all involved and to our medal winners. Keep practising for more fun next year!



Children's University Graduation

This year there were 71 graduates who achieved different levels of recognition for the additional hours that they have committed to extra-curricular activities. If your child did not graduate this year, their points will continue to grow and they will work towards a future graduation. Points can be earned through three routes: (i) attendance to school clubs; (ii) visits to places of interest or external certificates/medals such as swimming and football, and (iii) completing the Children's University tasks sent home each holiday via MarvellousMe. Congratulations to all of the graduates.



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There have been numerous other events this half term – please see our Twitter feed for more information:  [@StAntsWolves](https://twitter.com/StAntsWolves)

Important information regarding changes for September

In September we will be moving to a new payment system – Arbor – and also to a new catering provider.

Arbor – this payment system will be in effect from the start of the new academic year. You will receive a Welcome email from Arbor at the start of September. This can be downloaded onto phones as an app or can be viewed from a computer. Please act upon this email in order to set up your payment facility. Payments made for meals will go directly to the Catering company, Chartwells, so it is essential that you do not get in arrears. Compared to the previous system, there will be additional enhanced features, such as the ability to pay by Apple Pay.

Chartwells – From September, meals will be provided by Chartwells rather than the Local Authority. For you, this means a change of cost for meals – these have been reduced to £2:40 per meal (was £2:80). This cost saving for



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parents was the main driver for the change. There is also a new menu which I will send following this newsletter. The dinner service will continue to work exactly as before and none of the staff have changed. The only difference that the pupils will see is changes to the menu – we believe, for the better. All pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to free school meals – I encourage the minority of you who do not take up this offer to think about doing so in line with these changes.

Parents of children with special educational needs

Please see the link to support bulletins, provided by the Information Advice and Support Service - <https://wolvesiass.org/our-e-bulletins/>



Finally, a huge thank you to all of you for your support across the year. For your help with encouraging your children, hearing them reading, helping with spelling, learning assembly words, giving them encouragement when things are feeling tricky. Thank you from all of our staff for the kind words and gifts shared at the end of the year – they are truly valued.

Please keep in touch if there are any important changes that you feel we may need to know in advance of next term – emails will be checked on an intermittent basis.

I wish you a safe and happy summer.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Davis
Principal



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Dates for your diary:

Detailed dates to follow later in the summer as they are not yet determined.

Term dates 22/23:

2022/23

Autumn Term 2022

- Term Time: Monday 5 September 2022 to Friday 21 October 2022
- Half term: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022
- Term Time: Monday 31 October 2022 to Friday 16 December 2022

Spring Term 2023

- Term Time: Tuesday 3 January 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023
- Half term: Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 24 February 2023
- Term Time: Monday 27 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023

Summer Term 2023

- Term Time: Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023
- Half term: Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023
- Term Time: Monday 5 June 2023 to Tuesday 25 July 2023

INSET (School closure) days:

- Monday 5th September 2022
- Friday 21st October 2022
- Monday 14th November 2022 (NOT 4th as previously suggested)
- Friday 17th February 2023
- Friday 26th May 2023



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