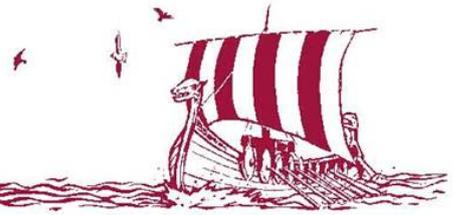


# St. Anthony's School

a specialist SEN-BESD provision



30<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

The school year continues to move forward at an alarming pace, as we have now finished four terms. Pupils and staff continue to work very hard to ensure an exciting school environment, as you will see from reading the school newsletter.

## Staffing

Sadly we have two valuable members of staff who will be leaving us at Easter.

Debbie Lane who has been teaching for 10 years in the primary department at St Anthony's has been recruited to teach at Joy Lane Primary School in their Special Resourced Provision for pupils with Autism. She has been teaching the youngest pupils in school for the past two years.

Dave Carden Assistant Head for Teaching, Learning and Assessment will be leaving us to join Sallygate Independent School as Deputy Head Teacher. Dave joined St Anthony's in Sept 2014 and has been responsible for many areas of school life with a lead on the development of the new assessment systems for measuring pupils learning progress and attainment, plus tracking their social and emotional needs.

We wish them both well in their new posts.

## Special Achievements

Two of our Year 11 pupils have been selected to attend a residential youth leadership weekend during the Easter Holidays sponsored by the Rotary Club. Peter and Natalie are two of only twenty young people from across the South East to attend and the first from the school. They were nominated by the school and selected by two members of Broadstairs Rotary Club following an interview at the school. Have a great weekend.

## Attendance

School attendance continues to be ahead of last year's figures with a school total of 83.85%, though below our school target of 90%. Please ensure that your child attends school every day, as by your pupils regular attendance we are better able to support them in school as they become used to the routine of school life.

## St Anthony's School PTFA

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2017, Sandra Cochrane and Sally Parrett went to visit the Mayor of Margate, Mr Robin Edwards, to receive a cheque for £500, on behalf of the PTFA. This money will go towards the Shakespeare in Schools Festival.

Two years ago Sandra produced and directed Macbeth which was a resounding success and this year Sandra will produce and direct A Midsummer's Night's Dream.



## Uniform

Thank you to the majority of parents/carers who support their pupils with ensuring they have the correct school uniform. If your child is not wearing the correct school uniform can I ask you to please use the Easter break to ensure your child has the correct uniform for the start of term 5.

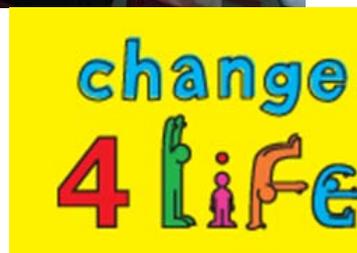
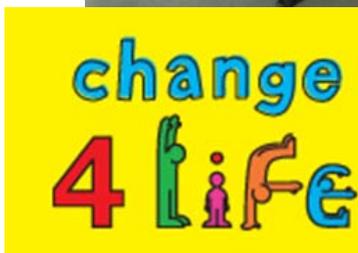
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## Change4Life

Owls and Robin's classes have been learning about keeping healthy in science lessons this term by following the Change4Life programme. They have learnt about the importance of a balanced diet using the 'Eatwell guide' and making the right healthy choices. The children had the opportunity to design their own menu for a day and enjoyed making a fruit salad with their favourite fruits. Owls class kept a tally of how many portions of fruit and vegetables they ate over a week. We then moved on to the importance of exercise and the classes enjoyed designing and playing their own games.



This term St Anthony's have seen their pupils participate in many sporting events. Firstly 4 pupils took to the University of Kent for the Finals in Boccia, with fantastic performances from all schools involved in the day. St Anthony's pupils managed to take 3rd place in the Kent finals, a great achievement for all involved. There have been 4 fixtures in football this term, KS3 and KS4 pupils have taken part against Orchard and Learning Opportunities with many lessons being taken from the different matches. Continuing this term, St Anthony's have been the host for Learning Opportunities, Bradstow and Stone Bay pupils to attend Badminton, Boccia, Curling and Basketball on a non-competitive level so all pupils involved can socially thrive.



## E-Safety

The 7th February was national 'Safer Internet Day 2017'. Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest campaign to inspire children and young people to 'Be the change' and use technology positively and responsibly. In recognition of this, Mr Carden led an assembly which reinforced the importance of staying safe online. The fundamental message for our children is to speak out if they are unsure or worried about anything – online or not!

'E-Safety Top Tips for Parents' (extract from [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)):

- Talk to your child about what they're up to online. Be a part of their online life; involve the whole family and show an interest. Find out what sites they visit and what they love about them, if they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems.
- Watch Thinkuknow films and cartoons with your child. The Thinkuknow site has films, games and advice for children from five all the way to 16.
- Encourage your child to go online and explore! There is a wealth of age appropriate sites online for your children. Encourage them to use sites which are fun, educational and that will help them to develop online skills.
- Keep up-to-date with your child's development online. Children grow up fast and they will be growing in confidence and learning new skills daily. It's important that as your child learns more, so do you.
- Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world. Think about what they might see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online. It is important to discuss boundaries at a young age to develop the tools and skills children need to enjoy their time online.
- Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space. For children of this age, it is important to keep internet use in family areas so you can see the sites your child is using and be there for them if they stumble across something they don't want to see.
- Know what connects to the internet and how. Nowadays even the TV connects to the internet. Make sure you're aware of which devices that your child uses connect to the internet, such as their phone or games console. Also, find out how they are accessing the internet – is it your connection, or a neighbour's Wi-Fi? This will affect whether the safety setting you set are being applied. Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones. Parental controls are not just about locking and blocking, they are a tool to help you set appropriate boundaries as your child grows and develops. They are not the answer to your child's online safety, but they are a good start and they are not as difficult to install as you might think. Service providers are working hard to make them simple, effective and user friendly.  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Primary/Tools/Parental-controls/>
- Find your service provider and learn how to set your controls if you have a child of secondary age read 'Thinkuknow' secondary school advice to find out what you can do to support them.

## Flamingo's Class

For World Book Day on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Flamingos did a book review on a book that they have recently enjoyed. Flamingos then visited the local library and conducted a book scavenger hunt. They had to find books which had specific characters in, story plots, pictures, happy endings, mysteries, surprises.



This week Saturn and Jupiter class have been very busy down at our Forest School site at Dane Valley Woods. We have planted nearly 30 trees within the actual site, ranging from Birch, Willow, Oak and Ash. This will provide shelter for our participants, wood to coppice and increased biodiversity once they have grown. The photographs show Henry and Holly planting trees with canes to stop them getting blown over and plastic guards to stop rabbits eating them. The Forest School site is really starting to make progress now and you can almost feel the excitement of our students. Next month we hope to have our shelter up, our fire pit in and 2 hammocks erected. This is a team effort and everybody in our school community is contributing. The Year 11's are even making a mud kitchen to be installed at our site as a part of a DT project with Mrs Sarjeant.

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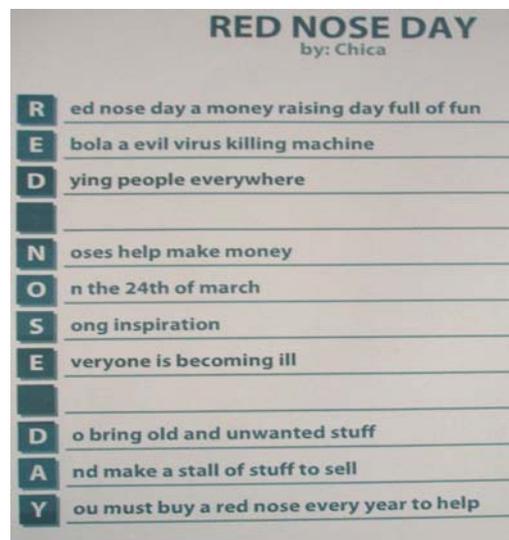
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## Red Nose Day

On the 24th March the school joined in with Comic Relief to help raise money for others in the U.K. and abroad. We held a Red Nose Fete with all classes organising an event or stall including beat the keeper, cake stalls, karaoke, gaming challenges and lots more. Individuals also raised money through sponsorship and donations taking our grand total for the day to £417.76!!! A fantastic effort from everyone involved including parents and carers at home. Thank you for all your support.

Cheyenne T in Heron Class produced this fantastic acrostic poem for Red Nose Day.



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## Trips out

Leon visiting Chatham Dockyards as part of Spearhead educational trip.



Connor created a scarecrow and working hard in the school garden as part of his Land Based Studies.



Lewis decorating the KS4 Common Room as part of his ASDAN work.



## Saturn and Jupiter have been studying poetry this term.

We have covered: alliteration, rhyme and refrain poetry. Pupils were also studying 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' please read some of our poems.

Happiness by Ewan H

Happiness is dark green  
Happiness tastes like a soft white roll, loaded with delicious bacon smothered with ketchup  
Happiness smells like KFC  
Happiness looks like a big red and white bucket with crispy chicken on my plate  
Happiness sounds like deep fat fryer cooking chips  
Happiness feels like the oil of the chicken covering my hands



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## HAPPINESS BY CHRISTIAN

HAPPINESS is light green

HAPPINESS tastes like a smooth bowl of ice cream

HAPPINESS smells like a whole box of McDonald's

HAPPINESS looks like a speedy Lamborghini in red

HAPPINESS sounds like a race car zooming past my window

HAPPINESS feels like going on a holiday with family

### Anger By James Williams

*My mum sent me to my room*

*I was full of rage and B.O.*

*My mouth was full of saliva*

*My anger was like a raging Minotaur*

*My head was as red as a flaming rose*

*My anger kept growing and growing until I erupted into tears*

*And I began to get a load of fears*

*I fell into the abyss followed by Satan*

### A Midsummer Night's Dream by Bernice M

Walt : to be able to recall basic facts about the play

Who wrote the play? **William Shakespeare wrote a midsummer night's dream.**

What are the themes in the play? (Use your book to help) **Magic, action, and humour.**

What were the three groups called? (Use your sheets to help) **The Athenians, the acting troupe, supernatural.**

Who is getting married at the beginning of the play? **Theseus and Hippolyta.**

How many lovers are there and what are their names? **4 and Lysander, and Hermia and Demetrius and Helena.**

How many parallel stories are there? **There are three parallel.**

Who are the king and queen of the fairies and what are they fighting about? **Oberon and Titania**

Who is the father of Hermia? **Egeus**

What does Bottom turn into and why? **He turns into a donkey/ass because Puck puts a spell on him.**

What is the name of the fairy working for Oberon? **Puck**

What does he distribute? **Love potions.**

What happens after he distributes the love potion? **Demetrius and Lysander fall in love with Helena.**

How is the play resolved?

**Theseus and Hippolyta get married.**

**Demetrius marries Helena.**

**Lysander marries Hermia.**

**Titania and Oberon forgive each other and stop fighting**

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### Parent Afternoon

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Jo Blamires who is a Family Support Worker for the Kent Autistic Trust came to chat with us and give us information about her role, what support is on offer and to answer group and individual questions.



Sue Maidens who is Project Co-ordinator of Young Kent's Me2 Programme which is a peer mentor inclusion programme which matches young people aged 15-19 (mentors) with young people aged 11-19 who have a disability, an additional need, or who are experiencing social isolation or low self-esteem (mentee). The mentor then supports the mentee with a placement at a mainstream youth provision one night a week for up to 20 weeks.

I was pleased that parents were applying for Autism Alert cards for their children and also keen to sign up for the mentoring scheme.

If you are interested in a similar afternoon please let me know what topics interest you and I will see if I can find a suitable speaker.

Thanks to all who came along and made it an enjoyable afternoon.

Lesley Gray

### Thank You Gift

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March pupils were given the opportunity of taking home a bunch of wrapped daffodils as a 'thank you' gift for the person who does so much for them.

Tesco Northdown Road, Tesco Broadstairs and Tesco Westwood Cross were amazing and responded to our request for their support and between them donated enough bunches for every child to take one home. We are very grateful to them for being our friends and helping us on many occasions throughout the year.



### CROSSROADS CHARITY TOURNAMENT

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March a 5'a'side football tournament took place at Margate Football Club to raise money for a new school (Crossroads School) to be built in Uganda. Secondary schools across Thanet were encouraged to get involved with the fund raising by Kim Stoner from St George's School, Broadstairs. Some schools organised quizzes and non-school uniform days to raise money but the organisers at St Anthony's wanted to do something different so they organised a staff inter-school 5'a'side football tournament. PE Teacher, Craig Kelly, asked Margate Football Club if they wanted to sponsor the tournament by giving us free use of their facilities which

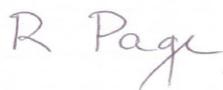
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they gladly agreed to in the spirit of charity. St Anthony's PSHE Teacher, Luke Evans, also attracted further sponsorship from Ramsgate Trophies who donated the winners shield. The owner of Ramsgate Trophies said, "I think this is an excellent charity and a very good cause so I will happily donate a shield that can go to the winning school each year if you decide to run it as an annual event!" The tournament attracted 8 teams from across Thanet and the surrounding areas including St Anthony's, King Ethelbert's, Sandwich Tech, Spires Academy and Laleham Gap. The tournament was eventually won by Spires Academy in an exciting final against the host team, St Anthony's School. Everybody had a really good time and Mr Kelly said, "I am already looking forward to next year's tournament". The plan is for this to be an annual event in the Thanet schools calendar with more teams playing next year from different schools. The total sum raised from the event is £252.48 which was generated from player subs fees and kind donations from supporters watching the matches. After the match the Chairperson of The Crossroads Charity, John Rew said, "I was impressed that so many teachers from 8 local schools, after a hectic week at work, came to Hartsdown on a cold Friday evening, supported by family and friends, to raise funds for a new Crossroads School in Uganda. Crossroads is a small secondary school in Soroti, an area where there is much poverty and where so many families cannot afford to pay the high fees charged by state run schools. A new, much larger Crossroads School is desperately needed, for both able bodied and special needs children. Every child deserves an education. We take that for granted in the UK. Crossroads is run by Global Challenge, an outreach charity from Queens Road Baptist Church in Broadstairs. Go to [www.globalchallengecharity.com](http://www.globalchallengecharity.com) for more information" Mr Evans added, "This was an excellent tournament for an amazing cause and we look forward to making it bigger and better next year after the success of this tournament! Margate FC and Ramsgate Trophies will hopefully continue to support this event in the years to come as we could not have done it without their help."

As you have read we have been very busy the past two terms and with the final two terms to come we will continue to keep the pupils engaged with a wide range of interesting activities. Have a wonderful Easter break and don't eat too many chocolates.



Mr R. Page  
Headteacher

#### Dates for the diary

Thurs Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils last full day Term 4 – non-uniform
Fri Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	Pupil/Parents EHCP Review day
Tues Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 5
Mon May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday
Fri May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 5
Mon June 5 <sup>th</sup>	First day Term 6