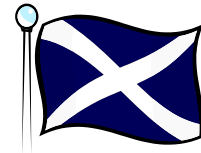


Friday 7th September 2018



Newsletter 2



Every child fulfilling their potential in a nurturing learning environment underpinned by Christian values.

Welcome Meetings

The Welcome Meetings will continue, next week, as follows:

Class 3	Tuesday 11th September	3.30pm
Class 4	Wednesday 12th September	3.30pm
Class 5	Thursday 13th September	3.30pm
Class 6	Monday 10th September	3.30pm

The Children Need A New Lunchtime Supervisor Especially Wednesdays!

The children are looking for a caring person to join the lunchtime supervisor team. Can you spare an hour and a quarter each day to supervise our wonderful children? We desperately need help and you get paid! Please make enquiries in the school office if you are interested or speak to Mr Hayward directly. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and will need to produce proof of ID etc.



Welcome To Our New Governors



I would like to welcome new governors to the Local Governing Body. Jan Griffiths, Jenny Calvert, Nick Purdy and Richard Scott will be joining the board for the first time on Monday 8th October. I would like to thank them for putting themselves forward and look forward to working with them. Look out for "Getting To Know Your Governors" items in future newsletters.

Class 1 Wow Day!

Children in Class 1 will be launching their Bears topic on Wednesday 12th September. The children are invited to come to school with a BEAR theme in mind. The children may want to do one of the following:

- Dress up as a bear (eg brown clothes a grizzly bear – white clothes a polar bear)
- Make some bear ears to wear
- Bring their favourite teddy bear to school
- Paint their face
- Think of their own ideas.

Please don't rush out to buy bear costumes unless you really want to. The emphasis is on having fun. This will be a non-uniform day for the children in Class 1.



School Photographs – Friday 21st September



Cheryl Parker, our Tempest photographer, will be visiting school on Friday 21st September to take portraits of the children. From 8.30am families are invited into school to have their whole family portrait taken. Pre-school children and parents are welcome. Please make your way to the school hall if you would like a family portrait taken. Individual pupil photos, as well as sibling group photos, will be taken during the school day. Order forms will be sent out on the same day.

Woodwind and Guitar Music Lessons

Woodwind and guitar music lessons will begin on Thursday 13th September. Please ensure contract payments are made on Monday (see below) before commencing lessons.

A number of children took part in woodwind instrument taster sessions before the summer break. One child has said they would like to learn to play a woodwind instrument. To make the lessons affordable, a new group can only be started if there is a minimum of 4 children per group. Please let the office know on Monday if you would like your child to learn to play a woodwind instrument.

Money Mondays

From Monday, any payments to school will be accepted only on a Monday. Please place payments into a sealed envelope clearly stating:

1. Your child's name
2. Your child's class
3. What the payment is for eg Dinner money, CHILL, School visit or Music lessons
4. Write the amount that is in the envelope



Please do the same with cheques. Please do not be offended if you try to pay on other days and payment is not accepted. You will be asked to pay the following Monday. We do ask that you pay in advance for school dinners and CHILL. In emergencies payment will be accepted after your child has had the meal or attended CHILL the following Monday. Thank you for your support regarding this.

Dropping Your Child Off In The Mornings

The term has got off to a super start. Our Reception children are settling in really well. Thank you to everyone who observes the one-way system around school. Once the gates are open, three members of staff will be present on the school playground. Parents do not have to wait with their children but are welcome to do so if they wish. From Monday, parents and carers will not be allowed access into the school building. If you need to pass on a message to your child's teacher please use the home diary. Alternatively, you can leave a message with one of two members of staff on the playground. Mrs Barwell or Mrs Burge will be positioned at the back door and Mrs Wetton or Mrs Thompson will be positioned at the exit gate. They will have note pads and are happy to pass on a message.

KS2 Girls Football Club



Mr Cranson will be running football clubs on a Monday after school this term. Girls in KS2 are invited to join the club initially. This week, letters will be available to the KS2 girls wishing to attend the club. If numbers are low then Mr Cranson will offer places to other groups. KS2 boys football club will be in the Spring term and Reception and KS1 football club will be in the Summer term.

Reception Class Staff

I'd like to warmly welcome a number of new faces to Reception Class this year. Mrs Cooke will be working in Reception Class every morning and Miss Jones will be working each afternoon. The team will also be joined by Mrs Godridge, Mrs Burge and Mrs Barwell. The timetable is as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Mrs White Mrs Godridge Mrs Cooke	Mrs White Mrs Godridge Mrs Cooke	Mrs White Mrs Burge Mrs Cooke	Mrs White Mrs Burge Mrs Cooke	Mrs Burge Mrs Barwell Mrs Cooke
Afternoon	Mrs Barwell Mrs Godridge Miss Jones	Mrs White Mrs Godridge Miss Jones	Mrs White Mrs Burge Miss Jones	Mrs White Mrs Burge Miss Jones	Mrs Burge Mrs Barwell Miss Jones

Safeguarding Updates – New Policy

This year I am going to introduce a new item to the weekly newsletters focusing on safeguarding. This item may be about policies, online issues or topical news events. The purpose is to keep safeguarding at the forefront of everyone's thinking, so that our children can enjoy childhood in a safe, enjoyable and productive way.

The Government has released a new updated document called "Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2018." This statutory guidance advises schools on how to conduct themselves in regard to keeping children safe. As a consequence, St Andrew's is updating its whole school policy for safeguarding which incorporates child protection. As soon as this is completed, I will let you know.

Unused Uniforms for the House of Bread



It has come to our attention that the House of Bread Food Bank (Stafford based charity) also receives donations of clothes for children. A parent recently donated a pair of school shoes that her son had outgrown but were still useable. The charity explained that, as well as food, some families cannot afford school uniform.

For the past few years, St Andrew's has donated food produce to the House of Bread after each Harvest Festival. The charity will be contacted to see if they would like us to donate non-food items at this year's Harvest Festival. Details to follow in future newsletters.

Universal Free School Meals and Free School Meals

Universal Free School Meals are the meals that all Reception aged, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to – free of charge. Free School Meals is something different. This entitlement enables children, regardless of age, to have a free school meal. It also releases additional funding for that child's education. To find out if your child qualifies for Free School Meals you can phone 0300 111 8007 or go to:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/home.aspx>



STAA – St Andrew's PTFA

For families new to St Andrew's, STAA (St Andrew's Association) is the school's fabulous PTFA. STAA will be holding its first meeting in school on Thursday 20th September at 6.00pm. All parents and carers of children at St Andrew's are welcome. A free crèche has been arranged should you require childcare during the meeting. The meeting will last for about one hour. Wine, nibbles, tea and coffee will be served during the meeting. A great way to find out what is going on this year at St Andrew's. Come and join us!

St Andrew's School Prayer

Oh Lord
Bless St Andrew's School,
So that in learning together,
And playing together,
We may learn to serve you,
And help one another.
Lord Jesus hear our prayer,
Amen.



Term Dates

Monday 10 September
Tuesday 11 September
Wednesday 12 September
Wednesday 12 September
Thursday 13 September
Thursday 20 September
Friday 21 September
Friday 28 September
Monday 8 October
Monday 8 October
Tuesday 9 October
Wednesday 10 October
Wednesday 10 October
Thursday 11 October
Friday 12 October
Friday 19 October
Friday 19 October

Autumn Term 2018

Class 6 Welcome Meeting – 3.30pm
Class 3 Welcome Meeting – 3.30pm
Class 1 Wow Day! – Theme of the day – BEARS gggrrrrrr!
Class 4 Welcome Meeting – 3.30pm
Class 5 Welcome Meeting – 3.30pm
STAA AGM – All welcome – free crèche – 6.00pm
Pupil Photographs
Harvest Festival – 10.00am in Weston Village Hall **TBC**
Year 6 Bikeability Part 1
Local Governing Body Meeting – 6.00pm
Year 6 Bikeability Part 2
Year 5 Bikeability
Year 4 children leave for Laches Wood Residential visit
Year 4 children at Laches Wood
Year 4 children return from Laches Wood
Year 5 Class Assembly – 2.30pm
Mid-Term Reports to Parents and Carers

Happiness - Confidence - Achievement - Family - Respect

Wednesday 24 October Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 25 October Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Half-Term Break Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November

Monday 5 November INSET DAY
Friday 9 November Remembrance Service – Year 6 children to lead – 10.30am
Friday 23 November Class 4 Assembly – 2.30pm
Tuesday 27 November Book Fair Arrives
Friday 30th November St Andrew's Day Service – **Details to be confirmed**
Tuesday 4 December Book Fair leaves
Friday 7 December Christmas Fair – 6.00pm
Monday 10 December Christmas Discos
Wednesday 12 December Reception Class and KS1 Christmas Shows 1.00pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 13 December Mid-Trent Directors Meeting – 1.00pm
Friday 14 December Abecedarian – Special Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 14 December Mid-Term Reports to Parents and Carers
Thursday 20 December KS2 Carol Concert – St Andrew's Church – 10.00am **TBC**
Friday 21 December Whole School Talent Show
Friday 21 December End of term - School closes at 2.30pm
Friday 21 December CHILL closes at 5.00pm

Christmas Holidays Monday 24 December – Friday 4 January

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 January School opens
Monday 7 January Science Week Begins
Friday 8 February Class 1 Assembly

Half-Term Break Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February

Monday 26 February School opens
Tuesday 5 March Book Fair arrives
Wednesday 6 March World Maths Day
Thursday 7 March World Book Day
Friday 8 March Mid-Term Reports to Parents and Carers
Tuesday 12 March Book Fair leaves
Friday 15 March Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 March Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 21 March Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 21 March World Poetry Day
Friday 29 March Class 3 Assembly
Friday 5 April Abecedarian – Special Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 11 April Reception Class and KS1 Easter Bonnet Service – 10.00am **TBC**
Friday 12 April End of term – School closes at 2.30pm

Easter Break Monday 15 April – Friday 26 April Easter Sunday 21 April

Monday 29 April School opens
Monday 6 May Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 13 May End of KS2 SATs week
Monday 20 May Values week begins
Friday 24 May Family Picnic Day – **Details to be confirmed**

Half-Term Break Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Summer Term 2019

Monday 3 June INSET DAY
Monday 10 June Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Friday 21 June Class 2 Assembly
Monday 24 June Year 6 pupils visit Isle of Man
Friday 5 July Sports Day/Summer Fair
Monday 8 July End of Year Reports to Parents and Carers

Tuesday 9 July	KS2 Performances 1.00pm (Community) and 6.30pm
Wednesday 10 July	KS2 Performances 1.00pm and 6.30pm
Friday 12 July	Abecedarian – Special Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 16 July	KS2 and Leavers' Disco 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Friday 19 July	School closes 2.30pm
Friday 19 July	CHILL closes 5.00pm
Monday 22 July	INSET DAY

Summer Holidays Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August

Staffordshire County Council Term Dates for the Academic Year 2019/2020

Please note that INSET days have yet to be added.

Autumn Term 2019

Inset day: Monday 2 September

Term starts: Tuesday 3 September

Half term: Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November

Term ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December - Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2020

Term starts: Monday 6 January

Half term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Term ends: Friday 3 April

Holiday: Monday 6 April - Friday 17 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 12 April

Summer Term 2020

Term starts: Monday 20 April

May Day: Monday 4 May

Half term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May

Term ends: Monday 20 July

Holiday: Tuesday 21 July - Monday 31 August

Emergency Telephone Number - 07561821107 - School visits only