

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018



## Newsletter 4



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

### This Week's Celebration Assembly

This week's successes include:

- My Lexia certificates
- Gymnastics award
- A swimming award
- Years 5 and 6 maths awards



## Harvest Festival and Class 6 Cake Sale

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September the children will be celebrating Harvest Festival. The celebration will take place in Weston Village Hall and will begin at 10.00am. Every child will join their class in either performing songs, poetry or reading out prayers. We ask that the children bring donations on the day. All donations will be given to the House of Bread charity in Stafford. The charity are happy to receive the following items:

- Dried packet foods eg pasta and rice
- Tins of food eg meals in a tin
- Tinned fruit and biscuits
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Flannels
- Body spray



Each year we ask a class to bake cakes for the rest of the school. We would like to invite children in **Class 6** to bake cakes to be sold, in school, after the Harvest service. Each cake will cost 50p. If families want to donate more then we will ensure all donations and cake sale monies are forwarded to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Since writing the last newsletter, we have received the news that Eclipse Child Bereavement Counselling Service will no longer be operating. This is really sad news for children in the Stafford area. Crystal Johnson, Eclipse's main bereavement counsellor, has supported children for many years – a few from St Andrew's. Crystal has taken the difficult decision to retire from the charity and so it will eventually close. A number of children will still receive support but no new cases will be taken on. Therefore, the money we raise from the cake sale will be sent to Macmillan Cancer Support. We would like to thank Crystal and her colleagues for the excellent work they have done supporting children through the most difficult times in their lives.

### What to do at the Harvest Festival

- All children come to school as normal
- Year 6 children take their cakes to the school hall
- Children hand in their 50p donations during registration (apart from Y6 children)
- The children will carry their food and toiletry donations to Weston Village hall and deposit them as they walk in
- Parents and carers will make their way to the village hall – the service will begin at 10.00am

Traditionally, STAA has arranged a cake and coffee morning for parents and carers after the Harvest Festival. It would be lovely to continue this. Could you let one of the STAA committee members know if you are available to help on Friday eg baking a cake, serving tea/coffee, washing up etc. Families are invited to stay for a while after the service to enjoy a chat and a slice of cake. All money raised will go the Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you.



## Safeguarding Update

### The use of mobile phones in school and at school events

In a world where there are more devices that can connect to the internet than there are people, it is important that schools have a clear mobile phone/device policy. Some schools have a blanket ban on mobile phones and devices. At these schools, parents, visitors and staff must hand in their mobile phones when entering the school. At St Andrew's we have not introduced this measure but it is important that parents, carers and visitors are clear about phone and mobile device use at St Andrew's.

Parents and carers are asked not to use mobile phones when on the school premises when dropping off or collecting children. Staff will challenge parents or visitors if seen using a mobile phone.

Parents accompanying a school trip must not use their phone in the presence of children and must not take photographs.

Phones and mobile devices can be used at the following events:

- A class assembly. The member of staff hosting the assembly will inform parents and carers whether permission photos can be taken.
- Harvest Festival. Again, permission will be decided on the day.
- School plays and productions. Permission will be decided on the day.
- Sports day.

### Why do we control the use of phones?

There are children in school who must not have their images published for child protection reasons. Parents and carers have specifically asked for their child not be filmed or photographed. Therefore, the child's image won't appear on the weekly newsletter, the school website or any other publication with public access.

### Why do you let parents and carers photograph or film at certain events?

At St Andrew's we realise memories are important to families and it is lovely to capture special occasions on camera. We ask that parents and carers only keep images in private collections and the images are not published publically. So far, as we are aware, this has been respected and so our current policy will continue.

### STAA – St Andrew's PTFA

On Thursday night 7 parents attended the STAA AGM. It seems the weather and traffic kept parents away. Last year's committee has agreed to continue its role. A questionnaire is being prepared to ask parents and carers which events they would like to support in future. If STAA is to continue then it needs your support. Thank you.



## Chill

We are busier than ever! Booking forms for October have now been sent home with the children who attend Chill on a regular basis. As Chill is extremely popular, please return completed forms on Monday 24th September with payments so that we can arrange staffing etc. Places may not be available for late bookings. Forms are available from the school reception area.

A note for parents using CHILL. When collecting children from CHILL, a member of CHILL staff will answer the door. Please be patient, you will be escorted to collect your child. Please do not enter the building if the door is opened by a parent on the way out. Press the buzzer and a member of staff will let you in. Please do not be offended if non-CHILL staff do not open the door. They know that someone will be along to collect you.

## Mr Cranson's Football Club

A number of girls have signed up for Mr Cranson's Monday night football club. There are spaces available and so the invitation will be extended to Year 3 boys. Letters will be available from Monday for further KS2 girls or Year 3 boys wishing to join the football club after school on a Monday.

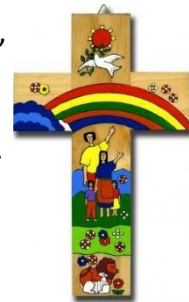
## Autumnal

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,  
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.

We sense its passing in rain that dampens,  
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.

Creator God, who brings forth  
both green shoot and hoar frost,  
sunrise and sunset,  
we bring our thanks  
for seeds that have grown,  
harvests gathered,  
storehouses filled,  
mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests  
through winter's cold embrace,  
we look forward to its re-awakening  
when kissed by Spring's first touch



### Term Dates and Events

#### Autumn Term 2018

Friday 28 September	Harvest Festival – 10.00am in Weston Village Hall
Friday 5 October	Year 4 Parents' Meeting for Laches Wood – 3.30pm
Monday 8 October	Year 6 Bikeability Part 1
Monday 8 October	Local Governing Body Meeting – 6.00pm
Tuesday 9 October	Year 6 Bikeability Part 2
Wednesday 10 October	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 10 October	Year 4 children leave for Laches Wood Residential visit
Thursday 11 October	Year 4 children at Laches Wood
Friday 12 October	Year 4 children return from Laches Wood
Friday 19 October	Year 5 Class Assembly – 2.30pm
Friday 19 October	Mid-Term Reports to Parents and Carers
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	BAG2SCHOOL Collection
Tuesday 27 November	Book Fair Arrives
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew's Day Service – <b>Details to be confirmed</b>
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 <b>TBC</b>
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 25 February	School opens
Tuesday 26 February	BAG2SCHOOL Collection
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 <b>TBC</b>
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 – <b>Details to be confirmed</b>

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 14 June	BAG2SCHOOL Collection
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**