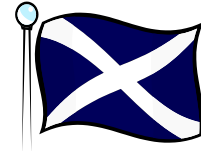


Friday 14th December 2018



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

Science Week

Plea for Plastic!

Science week will return after Christmas for the first week back. This year we will be focussing on plastic and the effect this has on our everyday lives. We hope to raise the children's awareness of the implications of using this material on the environment. Could we please request that families save any small bits of 'clean' plastic they use over the Christmas break. Each class will use their collected items for an art project during science week. We need items such as:

- sweet/chocolate wrappers
- straws
- bottle tops
- yoghurt pots
- food wrappers (clean please!)

We would also like to collect any plastic bottles. These will go into a whole-school collection in the hall.

Children can bring their plastic in on the first day back (Monday 7th January) and throughout the first week.



Thank you in advance!

Christmas Fair Thank you

On top of STAA's raffle total raised, school raised £799.00 at the school fair! Bag2School raised £124.00 and the sale of the Christmas mugs raised £96.00. Once all the monies are in I suspect we have raised over £2000. Wow!

Reading Volunteers – Class 1

Mrs Yewdell is seeking volunteers to hear children in Class 1 read. Can you spare an hour or one afternoon a week to help children practise their reading? Please ask for a volunteers application form from the school office if you can help.

Thank you.

St Andrew's Pupils Supporting Publishing Company

St Andrew's is currently working alongside Collins book publishers to review new titles that are being added to their Big Cat reading scheme. Year 6 children and staff are feeding back to the publisher their thoughts about certain titles. It is lovely to see St Andrew's get a mention in new titles.

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Christmas Dinner

Please note that no more orders can be taken for the school Christmas dinner on Wednesday. 154 orders have been placed and the food will arrive on Tuesday. Thank you.



Just a couple of reminders:

Wednesday 19th December

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Thursday 20th December

Friday 21st December

No morning break sales (snacks) sold for the rest of the week

School Christmas dinner

KS2 carol service in St Andrew's Church – 10.00 a.m. start – families welcome

Talent Show

Christmas themed non uniform day

School closes at 2.30pm

School bus collects children at 2.30pm

CHILL closes at 5.00pm

This Week's Celebration Assembly



This week we have celebrated:

- Excellent homework
- The Moira Jones Award 2018
- Merit certificates
- Abecedarian Awards
- And sporting achievements from home.

Well done children!



Finally...

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the well-being and education of our children this term. I would like to thank the staff, volunteers, the local community, Reverends Viv and Mike and the Open the Book team and of course you, parents and carers. This is our school. Let peace dwell here. Let the rooms be full of contentment. Let Love abide here: love of one another, love of mankind, love of life itself, and love of God. Let us remember, that as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school.

Mr Hayward

Advent Prayers

Week 1 - Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Week 2 - Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Week 3 - Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.



Week 4 – Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

Term Dates and Events

Autumn Term 2018

Friday 14 December
Wednesday 19 December
Thursday 20 December
Friday 21 December
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Mid-Term Reports to Parents and Carers
School Christmas Dinner
KS2 Carol Concert – St Andrew's Church – 10.00am
Whole School Talent Show
End of term - School closes at 2.30pm
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
Tuesday 8 January	Class 2 WOW day
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 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 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 been 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

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