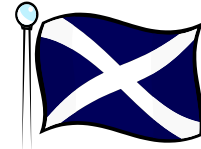


Friday 11th January 2019



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



Science Week



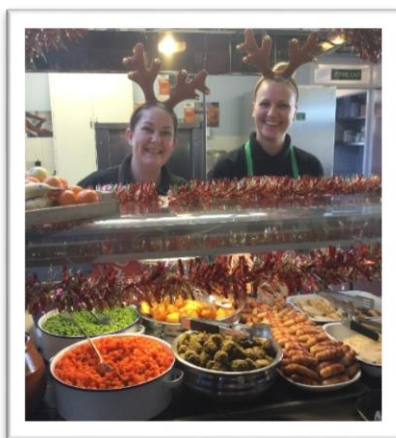
BPG

The children have got off to a great start in 2019. This week has been plastic week! Across the school, the children have been considering the impact plastic has on our daily lives but also on the environment. The children have considered the excellent uses of plastic, its useful qualities and then contrasted these to the harm it can do to fauna, flora and the environment. Thanks go to Miss Barnacle for organising the week's events.

BPG?

Big Plastic Giant! It's standing in the school hall. Do have a look.

Christmas Dinner



The children and staff would like to say thank you to Mrs Conway and Mrs Mullins who prepared a superb Christmas dinner on Wednesday 19th December. 157 meals were cooked. The children pulled crackers, wore paper hats, told jokes and had a merry time.

Christmas Message Board



The Christmas message board was a success. Every message was read out during the end of term talent show. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to OXFAM. Enough money was raised to purchase a "super goat."



Sadie takes a trip to

A Taste of
AMERICA

Choose a main meal...

- Hot Dog
- Macaroni Cheese

on the side...

- Chips
- Sweetcorn
- BBQ Beans

for dessert...

- Chocolate Brownie
- Fresh Fruit
- Yoghurt

Thursday 17th January

Please note the change of menu for Thursday 17th January 2019. Please order your children's meals in the usual way. Thank you.



Coming up...

Parents and Carers are invited to attend the next STAA meeting on **Wednesday 30th January at 6.00pm** in school. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. The meeting will last about an hour.

Guitar Lessons Postponed

Due to the Class 5 visit to Blists Hill Museum on Thursday 17th January 2019, next week, guitar lessons will be postponed. Please be assured that the children will receive the 33 lessons planned for this school year. Lessons will resume on Thursday 24th January. Thank you.



Water Bottles

Although the weather is very chilly, could parents and carers ensure children bring a water bottle to school please. A growing number of thirsty children are asking for cups throughout the school day because they have not brought a bottle with them to school. Thank you for your support.



Adverse Weather – SNOW

At this time of year, we may have sudden falls of snow. On rare occasions, the school will be closed. Closing a school is never taken lightly. There are a number of factors that must be taken into consideration. The most important one is the safety of the children, families and staff entering the school grounds. Some staff live a considerable distance away from the school and may not be able to get in. If the catering staff cannot get into school then meals cannot be served. Such things can cause disruption to the operation of the school. In the event of a school closure due to adverse weather, the following procedure will be followed.



1. A text will be sent to all parents and carers by 7.30am, if possible.
2. A message will be displayed on the home page of the school website – please remember to refresh the page regularly.
3. St Andrew's will be added to the list on the local authority website found at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx> Again, please remember to refresh the page regularly.

If snow is forecast in the following months, it may be wise to start to think about childcare arrangements for your children in the event of a school closure. Thank you.

This Week's Celebration Assembly

Most of this week's celebration assembly was taken up by showcasing work from each class based on this week's science topic – PLASTIC! The children read out poems and facts and displayed pictures and posters. We did manage to squeeze in a few certificates. Well done to the children below who have been awarded certificates for swimming, gymnastics and, a first, one from the Think Tank.



Monthly Attendance Update

Here are the percentages for December. The percentages are calculated on a month-by-month basis. Well done Class 6 – extra play time for you!

Reception Class	96.1%
Class 1	98.6%
Class 2	93.2%
Class 3	86.3%
Class 4	94.9%
Class 5	92.9%
Class 6	99.1%



Finally...

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the well-being and education of our children last 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. I look forward to sharing your children's learning journeys through 2019. 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

Term Dates and Events

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 17 January
Thursday 17 January
Wednesday 30 January
Monday 4 February
Friday 8 February

Class 5 visit to Blists Hill Museum
No guitar lessons
STAA meeting in school 6.00pm until 7.00pm
Full Local Governing Body meeting 6.00pm
Class 1 Assembly

Half-Term Break Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February

Monday 25 February
Tuesday 26 February
Tuesday 5 March
Wednesday 6 March
Thursday 7 March
Friday 8 March
Tuesday 12 March
Friday 15 March
Wednesday 20 March
Thursday 21 March
Thursday 21 March
Friday 29 March
Friday 5 April
Thursday 11 April
Friday 12 April

School opens
BAG2SCHOOL Collection
Book Fair arrives
World Maths Day
World Book Day
Mid-Term Reports to Parents and Carers
Book Fair leaves
Red Nose Day
Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
World Poetry Day
Class 3 Assembly
Abecedarian – Special Assembly 2.30pm
Reception Class and KS1 Easter Bonnet Service – 10.00am **TBC**
End of term – School closes at 2.30pm

Easter Break Monday 15 April – Friday 26 April

Easter Sunday 21 April

Monday 29 April
Monday 6 May
Monday 13 May
Monday 20 May
Friday 24 May

School opens
Bank Holiday – School closed
End of KS2 SATs week
Values week begins
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 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