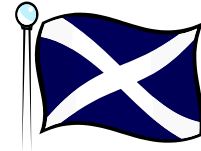




Friday 18th January 2019



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

Parent Questionnaire

Many thanks to the families who have completed the 2019 questionnaire and handed them in this week. Please be reminded that questionnaires should be returned to school by Monday 21st January if you would like your views to be presented to the local governing body on Monday 4th February. Once governors have viewed the results of the questionnaire, feedback to parents and carers will be given. Your views are important. Since the last questionnaire, we have done the following things in school:

- Improved the security arrangements for children coming into school in the mornings
- Introduced a new PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) scheme of work across the whole school
- Invited an external expert in to school to carry out an audit of behaviour in school during lessons and at playtimes
- Reviewed the rewards system in school, giving the children greater ownership
- In the dining hall, the focus has been on enjoying meals and so we have organised seating that encourages social interaction.

Holiday Club Update

Having carried out a feasibility study and considered the cost implications to parents and the school, a decision has been made to seek a third party provider for holiday club provision. I have found a provider who comes highly recommended because they are firstly, very clear about safeguarding and secondly, offer a broad range of activities including arts and crafts. With only 4 weeks to go before half term, it seems unlikely that a club will be available for the week beginning Monday 18th February. However, I am pushing to arrange holiday club provision for the Easter break and certainly for the summer half term and summer holidays. Once an agreement has been reached, I will update parents and carers.



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. For parents and carers new to St Andrew's, STAA is the school PTFA and would love to welcome new faces to the team. All parents and carers are welcome.

School Uniform

From September 2019, there will be some new additions to the school uniform. Following trials, a new jumper will be introduced along with a new skirt. As well as this, a different company will be supplying all St Andrew's uniforms. Crested School Wear have been informed of the decision. A local family firm will provide the school uniform. I feel this firm will be able to offer:

- A service that is tailored to our parents' needs,
- Convenient access to their shop with free parking,
- A simple to use, mobile and tablet friendly website with multiple payment options for checkout (not just Paypal)
- Free delivery of orders to school,
- Free click and collect from the shop, and a standard home delivery option.

Children starting school in September will wear the new uniform. There will not be a cut off time for existing uniform. After September, existing uniform can be worn until it is no longer of use and needs replacing.

If parents and carers are part of a saving scheme with Crested School Wear and are concerned about the changes, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to discuss this. Once final arrangements about school uniform have been agreed, parents and carers will be informed. Thank you.

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



These Y5 and Y6 children have all achieved the next level of their Olympic maths.



These children have completed their Star maths or spelling books. We know how much work that takes.



These Y4 children have achieved their next school swimming awards.



The next two groups of children have all gained another 10 merits.



These children are maths Coaches and maths Warriors – well done!

Finally...

Could I politely ask parents not to walk through the school car park when arriving at or leaving school please. Also, the car park is for staff and authorised visitors only. On occasions, parents have been seen parking in the car park entrance to drop children off. Please do not do this as it creates a hazard for children and parents using the footpath. Thank you for your support regarding this.

Mr Hayward

A Seasonal Prayer

Lord,
As a part of nature's wondrous cycle
Of new birth, growth, fruitfulness and death
We rejoice in the creation of new life,
For parenthood, the passing on of knowledge,
For understanding and the wisdom of years.
We are grateful for those who have gone before
Passing on to us our spiritual heritage.
May our lives blossom as the apple tree in Spring
May we become fruitful in thought and deed
And may the seed of love that falls to the ground
Linger beyond our time on this earth.
Amen



Term Dates and Events

Spring Term 2019

Wednesday 30 January
Monday 4 February
Friday 8 February

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
End of term – School closes at 2.30pm

Easter Break Monday 15 April – Friday 26 April

Easter Sunday 21 April

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| Monday 29 April | School opens |
| Monday 6 May | Bank Holiday – School closed |
| Monday 13 May | End of KS2 SATs week |

Half-Term Break Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Summer Term 2019

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| 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 |
| Monday 1 July | Values week begins |
| Friday 5 July | Sports Day/Summer Fair/Family Picnic Day |
| 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