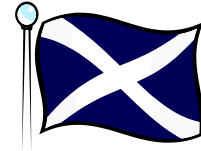


Friday 15th February 2019



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

School Badge Competition

Children and families are warmly invited to redesign or update the St Andrew's School badge. As part of a slight school uniform update, I am looking for design ideas for a new or redesigned school badge. The new badge will feature on forthcoming school uniform and letterheads. Here are some things the children might like to consider when designing their badge:

- How will the school name look – CAPITAL LETTERS, lower case?
- St Andrew was a fisherman, will you include a fish element in your badge?
- We have four houses: Rose (Red), Daffodil (Yellow), Shamrock (Green) and Thistle (Blue) – Will you include these colours?
- St Andrew's is a Christian school
- We are part of the Mid-Trent Multi Academy Trust
- Very detailed badges might be difficult to produce or appreciate
- The size of the badge should be approximately 6.5cm wide by 8.5cm tall



The child to come up with the winning design will receive the very first jumper or cardigan to have the new badge on. Please bring entries to school by no later than Monday 25th February.

Clubs Offer

Just a reminder, that after half term, there will be over 100 places a week for children to engage in additional physical activities.

Mondays – KS2 football 3.20pm – 4.30pm (25 places)

Tuesdays – Years 1 and 2 Glowsports 8.00am – 8.50am (20 places)

Thursdays – Years 4, 5 and 6 cross country 12.00pm – 12.30pm (20 + places)

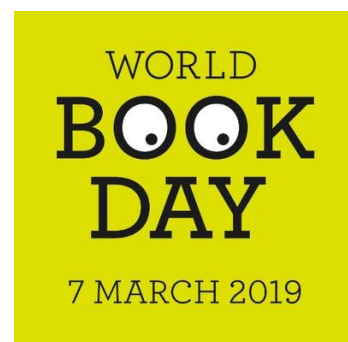
Thursdays – KS2 Battlezone archery 3.20pm – 4.30pm (20 places)

Fridays – Reception class gymnastics 3.20pm – 4.30pm (20 places)

Please contact the school office if you would like more information about these clubs.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

In order to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. In response to the children's requests in a recent writing survey, they will also be asked to become authors on this day and create their very own story books. More details will follow closer to the time.



Chill

Booking forms for March have now been sent home with the children who attend Chill on a regular basis. As Chill is very popular, can completed forms be returned on Monday 25th February with payment. Blank forms are available from the school reception area. Thank you for your co-operation. *(Mrs McCoskry)*

Year 6 SAT meeting – Monday 25th February

We would like to invite all Year 6 parents and carers to a meeting in Class 6 on Monday 25th February at 3:30pm (the day we return after half term). The purpose of the meeting is to explain the process of the SAT testing that the children will experience, outline the tests that they will take and discuss how they will be prepared. We will of course also answer any questions that you may have. A range of SAT papers will also be available for parents and cares to view.

Parents of Year 6 children often ask us what they can do to support their child at home. As part of this, we therefore recommend some revision guides. These will be available to look at and buy (if you wish to do so) at the SAT meeting.

(Mrs Beardmore and Mrs Collins)



Bag2School Collection

STAA has organised their next Bag2School collection. Please drop off your bags on the first Tuesday (26th February) after half term. Thanking you in advance for your donations.



Tuesday 5th March

Please note, there is a planned change to the usual menu on Tuesday 5th March 2019. Please place your orders in the normal way. Thank you.

Hair Bands

I have noticed that hair bands are becoming more extravagant and theatrical. Could I politely request that hair bands be in keeping with the school uniform please – simple and navy blue. Thank you.

This Week's Celebration Assembly



We ran out of time to celebrate everything this week. Well done to the children who have completed their latest spelling and Star Maths books. Class 2 children have been working hard to complete their My Lexia reading challenges – great work. Children in Classes 5 and 6 are growing in confidence with their times tables knowledge. Four children have completed everything – awesome! Other children received certificates for swimming, dance (Street and Bollywood) and a headteacher's award. We are proud of you children.

OFSTED Inspection

On Friday (15th), every family in school received a hard copy of the letter I received following the one day inspection by OFSTED. I am pleased with the outcome because it validates much of what we do at St Andrew's. The full letter is now available on the school website.

Finally...

I hope you enjoy a lovely half term break. I am meeting a holiday club provider, the week after half term, in the hope of setting up future holiday clubs. As ever, I will keep you posted.

Mr Hayward.

A Prayer

Dear God,

We praise you for your love and faithfulness. We thank you for your protection and care over our families. Thank you that you give us the power to love well; the wisdom to lead and teach our children. We know you're for us; that you fight for our families today. You are Redeemer, Restorer, and Friend, we believe you have good in store. We confess, some days, parenting is tough. Many days we can feel anxious or overwhelmed. We ask that you would make us more like you, more aware of your constant Presence in our lives. Help us to release our children to You, so that You are free to fully accomplish all that You desire, in them, through them. Please fill our families with your truth and cover us with your favour. Lord, we pray for these blessings over our children, today, and every day...



Term Dates and Events

Spring Term 2019

Friday 8 February	Class 1 Assembly
Wednesday 13 February	Sports Taster Day
Thursday 14 February	Years 5&6 Bench Ball Competition at St Peter's

Half-Term Break Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February

Monday 25 February	School opens
Monday 25 February	Full Local Governing Body meeting 6.00pm
Tuesday 26 February	BAG2SCHOOL Collection
Tuesday 5 March	Book Fair arrives
Wednesday 6 March	World Maths Day
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day – children dress up as book characters
Friday 8 March	Mid-Term Reports to Parents and Carers
Tuesday 12 March	Book Fair leaves
Friday 15 March	Red Nose Day
Monday 18 March	Handball tournament Y5 and 6 at St John's
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 22 March	Reception Class and Class 6 weights and measures
Friday 29 March	Class 3 Assembly
Tuesday 2 April	Autism Awareness Day

Happiness - Confidence - Achievement - Family - Respect

Friday 5 April Abecedarian – Special Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 11 April Reception Class and KS1 Easter Bonnet Service – 10.00am
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

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
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

Autumn Term 2019

Inset day: Monday 2 September
Inset day: Tuesday 3 September
Term starts: Wednesday 4 September
Half term: Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November
Inset day: Monday 4 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
Inset day: Monday 1 June
Term ends: Friday 17 July
Inset day: Monday 20 July
Holiday: Tuesday 21 July - Monday 31 August

Emergency Telephone Number – 07561821107 – School visits only