



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019



## Newsletter 22

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

### School Badge Competition – and the winner is!

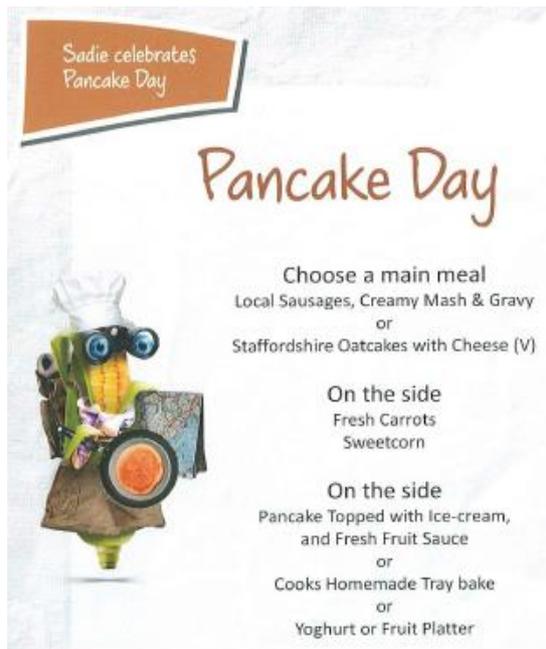
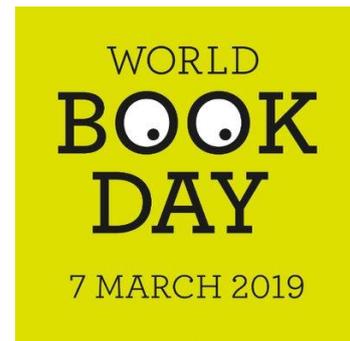
To be announced next week!

### Open The Book

Once a fortnight, the children are privileged to be visited by Open The Book Team. Open The Book Team are a group of volunteers who meet once a fortnight to rehearse a short 20 minute play. They then perform their play, about once a fortnight to the children in school on a Thursday morning. The stories are always from the bible and are good fun. The Team are looking for other like-minded adults who are willing to give up a little bit of time to rehearse a play and then perform it to the children. Please drop your contact details off at the school office and they'll pass them on to the group if you are interested.

### World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Please note, there is a planned change to the usual menu on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019. This is Shrove Tuesday and so pancakes will be served. Please place your orders in the normal way. Thank you.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be arriving in school on the **5<sup>th</sup> March**. Each child will be given a **World Book Day** voucher which they can use in any participating shop or as part payment for a book at the fair.

Please feel free to come and buy/browse at the fair any morning from 8.30am or most evenings at 3.20pm.

**If you are coming into the school in a morning, please use the main entrance.**

| Opening Times                         | A.M.   | P.M.   |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Tuesday 5th March                     | Closed | 3.20   |
| Wednesday 6th March                   | 8.30   | 3.20   |
| <b>Bus Children</b>                   | 10.30  | -      |
| <b>Wombats</b>                        | 10.45  | -      |
| Thursday 7th March                    | 8.30   | 3.20   |
| Friday 8th March                      | 8.30   | Closed |
| Monday 11th March ( <b>last day</b> ) | 8.30   | 3.20   |

Books can be purchased by cash or cheque (made payable to **St Andrew's Primary School**). Thank you.

Mrs Munden



### Stafford Fun Run

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

A one mile course starting at 10.10am in the closed town centre streets. Free places available for all children in full time education at a Stafford borough school.

Places must be booked in advance to take advantage of the free offer. We recommend under 12s are accompanied by an adult supervisor – adults £5 per entry. All fun runners will receive a special fun run medal after crossing the finishing line, there's also prizes up for grabs for the best and most creative fun run costumes! The fun run theme is 'calling all heroes and heroines'.

To book head to [www.staffordhalf.com](http://www.staffordhalf.com) and click the fun run button for further details.

## This Week's Celebration Assembly



These children have reached their next levels in Ninja Maths and My Lexia.



These children have earned 10 more merits.



These Years 5 and 6 children have reached the next stage in their Olympic maths.



Between the children below, they have been awarded swimming certificates, cycling awards, a rugby medal, a skiing certificate, a Level 7 gymnastics certificate, a team football trophy and a gold merit certificate.

We are proud of all of the children this week for their hard work and effort. Well done!



### Classes 2, 3 and 5 win extra play for their attendance scores...

|                 | January | February |
|-----------------|---------|----------|
| Reception Class | 98.6%   | 97.2%    |
| Class 1         | 95.5%   | 96.0%    |
| Class 2         | 98.2%   | 98.2%    |
| Class 3         | 98.7%   | 96.5%    |
| Class 4         | 98.6%   | 94.6%    |
| Class 5         | 97.1%   | 98.2%    |
| Class 6         | 98.4%   | 95.6%    |



In our latest OFSTED report, attendance is mentioned. Therefore, I will keep parents up to date with how each class is getting on each month. I have said on numerous occasions that the children are in school for about 14% of the year and that any time away from school can have an impact on their learning and social development. 86% of the time, your children are at home.

Following a meeting on Monday evening, the Governors have asked me to clarify a couple of points. If parents take their children out of school during term time for reasons that are not considered exceptional, then a fine may be issued. I send the paperwork into the local authority and they look at each case in turn. If they feel a fine should be issued, they will issue one. I would like to point out, however, the local authority are significantly behind in processing penalty notices. Please do not assume that if you do not receive a fine soon after your child's absence, that you won't get one. If a fine is issued, the money goes to the local authority and not the school.

### Holiday Club Update...

On Friday, I had a meeting with a company who I have asked to take on holiday club provision, in future, for St Andrew's. I will also invite families from Colwich and St Peter's Primary Schools to attend. Children aged between 4 and 11 years old are allowed to attend the club. Children aged 4 years old can only attend for up to 4 hours a day because the provider is not registered to cater for EYFS children all day. I was impressed with the following things:

- The company's approach to safeguarding.
- The range of activities on offer to the children – sports, art, drama, Lego building.
- The range of payment options. Parents will have the opportunity to set up direct debits and spread costs over the year. They also accept Childcare Vouchers. Prices are very similar to other providers.
- Time options will include: a full day 7.45am – 6.15pm, a slightly shorter day 8.30am until 5.30pm and then the 4 hour time slot at any time during the full day. These times have yet to be confirmed.
- The club will have one manager who will get to know the children and parents. This manager will attend every session – unless they are unwell.

The company has a rigorous recruitment process and so may not be able to provide childcare in time for the full Easter break. They may, at a push, be able to offer the last 4 days of the Easter break (Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April) but this has yet to be

confirmed. The company is confident it can offer holiday clubs from the Spring Bank Holiday half term and onwards eg summer holidays (all 6 weeks) and all half terms and holidays going forward.

As soon as everything is set up to everyone's satisfaction, I will provide parents and carers with further information. At this point, I just wanted to sketch an outline of what is coming soon and to reassure parents and carers that holiday club provision will be available in future.

### Finally...

What a scary week this has been. The MOMO craze has gone from a suicidal threat to our children to a hoax. This phenomenon has certainly captured the public imagination on a global scale. There is no doubt that the MOMO image is intended to unsettle. I have received calls from numerous parents whose children have seen the image, out of school, which has upset them and given them unsettled nights. I can only repeat the advice we always give, **know what your children are accessing online**. Earlier this week, I sent out an advice sheet about MOMO to parents in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 but if parents of younger children would like to see it then follow this link:

<https://www.st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/MOMO-Online-Safety-Guide-for-Parents-FEB-2019.pdf>

The internet is a fabulous thing but it can also be dangerous if used inappropriately. Mr Hayward.

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” Ephesians 4:29



### Term Dates and Events

#### Spring Term 2019

|                    |                                                         |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 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                                    |
| 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  
Monday 6 May

School opens  
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**