



Newsletter 1



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

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 30th August 2019

Welcome!

Welcome to a new school year. I hope you have enjoyed a refreshing and enjoyable summer break. A lot of work has been carried out in school during the summer break. A significant amount of old wiring had to be removed and new fuse boards installed to ensure the school is safe and compliant. Most areas have been redecorated, giving the school a fresh look and feel.

On the occasions I came into school, it was lovely to see the children, who attended the JC Academy Kids' Club, enjoying themselves. The intention, moving forward, is to provide childcare during future school holidays (half-terms, Easter and summer – not Christmas).

School will open on Wednesday 4th September at 8.45am. Two gates will be opened, initially. The *normal* morning gate will be opened for children in Classes 1 to 6. The children are used to making their own way onto the school playground. Staff will be on the playground to meet and greet them.

The gate by the kitchen will be opened for parents who have children in Reception Class. Parents and carers are invited to escort their children into class to settle them down and make sure they are ok. The gate will be supervised and will remain open until 9.15am. By that time, I would politely ask that all parents make their way out of school.

I look forward to meeting you on Wednesday. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

September 2019 – Class Welcome Meetings

Starting this week, there will be Class Welcome meetings for parents. Here are the dates for each class welcome meeting.

Reception Class	Tuesday 3 rd September – 4.00pm (parents only)
Class 1	Wednesday 4 th September – 3.30pm (crèche provided)
Class 2	Thursday 5 th September – 3.30pm (crèche provided)
Class 3	Friday 6 th September – 3.30pm (crèche provided)
Class 4	Tuesday 10 th September – 3.30pm (crèche provided)
Class 5	Wednesday 11 th September 3.30pm (crèche provided)
Class 6	Monday 9 th September 3.30pm (crèche provided)

At each meeting, class teachers will provide a brief overview of the year ahead. They will explain how homework works and issues that are particular to their classes. Meetings will last no longer than 45 minutes.

Photographs

Just a note for your diary, children's individual and family photographs will be taken on Friday 20th September, in school. Photographers from Tempest will be in school from 8.30am for families wishing to include pre-school children in their family photos. I will let you know further details as we get closer to the date.

Clubs

Watch out for letters coming out this week about extra-curricular clubs. I will put a list of which clubs are available for which children in next week's newsletter as a reminder.

A couple of days ago, I was informed that the guitar club may no longer be available on a Thursday after school. I am sorry about the short notice and will do my best to find out what is going on. As soon as Entrust Music Service has decided what is happening, I will let you know.

School Uniform

I have received positive feedback about the new school uniform. The new tie and logo look great! A number of parents have told me how pleased they are with the new PE t-shirt and shorts as they don't crease easily. I would like to remind you about what I expect the children to wear in school from now on.

- Cardigans and jumpers should have the school logo on. I have said parents can use *old* logo jumpers until they need replacing. No plain jumpers or cardigans please.
- Could all Key Stage 2 children wear the new school tie.
- When buying PE kit, please buy the t-shirt and shorts with the new logo.
- School shoes should be black. No sandals or shoes with open toes.

To view our school policy for uniform please follow this link:

<https://www.st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/School-Uniform-2019.pdf>

From Monday, Tailored Branding, will return to their usual opening times (Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm). The "Collect from school" option will also be available on the Tailored Branding website from this week. Thank you.

Prayer Space

This year, I am going to ask the children to write the weekly prayer. But, to start us off, here is St Andrew's School Prayer.

Oh Lord
Bless St Andrew's School,
So that in learning together,
And playing together,
We may learn to serve you,
And help one another.
Lord Jesus hear our prayer, Amen.

Term Dates and Events

I have started to populate the calendar for the forthcoming year. As more events are agreed these will be added to the list. Please note, term dates for the academic year 2020 – 2021 have been added to the end of this newsletter. Thank you.

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2 September	Inset day: Staff training
Tuesday 3 September	Inset day: Staff training
Tuesday 3 September	Reception Class Welcome Meeting at 4.00pm in Reception Class
Wednesday 4 September	Term starts: Children in school – gates open 8.45am
Wednesday 4 September	CHILL opens at 7.45am
Wednesday 4 September	Class 1 Welcome Meeting – 3.30pm
Thursday 5 September	Class 2 Welcome Meeting – 3.30pm
Friday 6 September	Class 3 Welcome Meeting – 3.30pm
Monday 9 September	Class 6 Welcome Meeting – 3.30pm
Tuesday 10 September	Class 4 Welcome Meeting – 3.30pm
Wednesday 11 September	Class 5 Welcome Meeting – 3.30pm
Thursday 12 September	Open The Book Assembly
Friday 20 September	Individual and family photographs
Thursday 26 September	Open The Book Assembly
Friday 27 September	Harvest Festival – 10.00am in Weston Village Hall TBC
Friday 27 September	Litter picking event
Monday 7 October	Year 6 Bikeability Part 1
Monday 7 October	Mid-Term Reports to Parents and Carers
Tuesday 8 October	Year 6 Bikeability Part 2
Wednesday 9 October	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 9 October	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 10 October	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 10 October	Open The Book Assembly
Wednesday 16 October	Year 4 children leave for Laches Wood Residential visit
Thursday 17 October	Year 4 children at Laches Wood
Friday 18 October	Year 4 children return from Laches Wood
Friday 25 October	Year 5 Class Assembly – 2.30pm

Half term: Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November
JC Academy Kid's Activity Club in school

Monday 4 November	Inset day: Staff training
Friday 29 th November	Abecedarian Assembly – Special assembly for parents 2.30pm
Friday 6 December	School Christmas Fair 5.00pm
Monday 11 November	Remembrance Service 10.45am – Parents and carers welcome
Thursday 21 November	Open Morning 9.30am – 11.00am
Wednesday 11 December	Reception Class and KS1 Christmas performances
Friday 13 December	Pantomime in school - pm
Friday 13 December	Mid-term reports out to parents and carers
Wednesday 18 December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 December	KS2 Carol Service at St Andrew's Church 10.00am
Friday 20 December	Talent Show
Friday 20 December	Term ends: 2.30pm
Friday 20 December	CHILL closes at 5.00pm

Holiday: Monday 23 December - Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 January
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Term starts:
Science Week Begins

Half term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February
JC Academy Kid's Activity Club in school

Friday 3 April
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Term ends: 2.30pm
CHILL closes at 5.00pm

Holiday: Monday 6 April - Friday 17 April
JC Academy Kid's Activity Club in school

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Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 April
Monday 4 May

Term starts: School opens as normal
May Day:

Half term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May
JC Academy Kid's Activity Club in school

Monday 1 June
Friday 17 July
Monday 20 July

Inset day:
Term ends:
Inset day:

Holiday: Tuesday 21 July - Monday 31 August
JC Academy Kid's Activity Club in school

Emergency Telephone Number - 07561821107 - School visits only

Dates for the academic year 2020 - 2021

Please note, INSET days have yet to be included.

Autumn Term 2020

Inset day: Tuesday 1 September

Term starts: Wednesday 2 September

Half term: Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October

Term ends: Friday 18 December

Holiday: Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2021

Term starts: Monday 4 January

Half term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2021

Term ends: Thursday 1 April

Holiday: Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April 2021

Easter Sunday: Sunday 4 April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Term starts: Monday 19 April

May Day: Monday 3 May

Half term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2021

Term ends: Wednesday 21 July

Holiday: Thursday 22 July - Tuesday 31 August 2021