



## Newsletter 5



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

**Mr P Hayward: Headteacher**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

### **Bikeability – Years 5 and 6**

The Bikeability trainers will be visiting school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Children in Class 5 will work towards their Level 1 cycling proficiency certificate. This will require them to learn bike safety rules and demonstrate certain biking skills in the school grounds. If your child cannot ride a bike, the instructors will help them begin to learn to develop their balance.

The children in Class 6 will work towards achieving their Level 2 cycling proficiency certificate. This will require them to demonstrate more advanced cycling skills. The children will be taught how to ride safely on the roads and how to turn at road junctions. Once the instructors are happy the children have learned the necessary skills, the children will be tested on the roads around Weston village. Children in Class 6 must wear a safety helmet. Bikes will be stored safely and locked in the school hall overnight.

### **Weston Brownies Are Inviting New Members**



Brownies offers girls exciting opportunities to take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them. They have the chance to be adventurous, to go to special events, be creative, play fun games and build confidence through taking part in new and exciting challenges. Brownies are encouraged to make their own decisions and to become independent, to learn new hobbies and develop new skills.

**Weston Brownies** is for looking for new girls aged 7 to 10 and Adult helpers to join our unit. We hold meetings during term-time on Monday evenings from 1800 to 1915 at Weston Village Hall.

For more information please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

To register your daughter

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

Or to register to become a volunteer

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/>



### A Change Of Menu – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Mrs Conway, our school cook, will be serving fish, chips and hot dogs for the main course and a choice of puddings. Fruit, as ever, will also be available.



On Friday, Mrs Conway will be serving sausages, mashed potatoes and baked beans. There will be chocolate sponge and custard for pudding.

Just book school meals in the usual way. Thank you.

### Harvest Festival 2019



Children, parents and families enjoyed a lovely harvest celebration in Weston Village Hall today. The children performed harvest themed songs, poems and prayers. Reverend Lesley joined the celebration and shared her experiences of supporting families in Africa. A special thank you goes to STAA helpers who kindly organised the refreshments after the service. They raised £120. A thank you goes to the families of children in Class 4 for donating the lovely cakes for the cake sale.

#### Prayer Space

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us second chances. We can always get better at things that we try because it helps us to learn.

Amen

By Class 2

## October – International Walk To School Month

The month of October is International Walk To School month. This is an excellent opportunity for you and your children to enjoy a stroll and chat on the way to school. You could try parking further away from school or if you live in the village not to use your car at all. The benefits are many:



- Enjoying the fresh air
- Quality time to talk to your children
- Less pollution
- Passing on a healthy attitude to your children
- An awareness of the changing seasons

## School Trips

I have been approached by a number of parents wishing to join their children on school visits. The school policy for school visits is as follows:

- A visit is arranged and the costs are agreed. The costs are made up of transport costs and entry to the destination. Some destinations are free and so the entire visit cost is made up of transport costs. The school does not make a profit from visits.
- The adult /child ratio is agreed. Adults who accompany the children on a visit will always include an employee of the school. Other adults may be employees. Non employees selected to accompany the visit will be known by the school and have some known experience of working with children and are competent should an emergency arise. These people will be known as the **adults in charge**. These adults will be named on the visit risk assessment form.
- Once the staffing and child numbers have been agreed there may be spare places on the transport, usually a coach. If this is the case then parents may accompany the visit. It will be on a first come first served basis. Please do not be offended if you do not get a place, there may be further opportunities to join the children on another visit. The parents accompanying the visit have no responsibilities, they can be an extra pair of eyes, passing on any concerns to the **adults in charge** (see above).
- Parents accompanying a school visit will be asked to pay the destination entrance fee but not the coach costs.
- Smoking or vaping is not allowed on any school visit.
- Parents accompanying a school visit are not to buy food and drinks for their children whilst on the visit. Packed lunches should be provided.
- Parents are not to photograph or film the children whilst on a school visit. Mobile phones must be kept in bags. If a call is urgent, parents are asked to step away from the main group to take the call.
- No parent can accompany children on residential visits unless there are exceptional medical reasons.
- The visit leader will decide the maximum number of parents they will allow on a visit. Thank you.

## Art Shirts

The art shirts the children wear for painting in school are a little worse for wear. The children and staff would be really grateful for any donations of old, adult-size shirts that could be used as painting shirts. Please send them into school with you child or hand them in at the school office. Thank you.



## And Finally,

I would like to welcome two student teachers to St Andrew's. Miss Wright will be working alongside Miss Cawley in Class 2 and Mr Brewer will be working with Miss Scattergood in Class 5. They will be in school until the end of January 2020.

Mr Hayward.

## Term Dates and Events

### Autumn Term 2019

Thursday 3 October	Fish, chips and hotdogs served for lunch
Friday 4 October	Sausage, mashed potatoes and baked beans served for lunch
Monday 7 October	Years 5 and 6 Bikeability Part 1
Monday 7 October	Mid-Term Reports to Parents and Carers
Tuesday 8 October	Year 5 and 6 Bikeability Part 2
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
Thursday 21 November	Open Morning 9.30am – 11.00am
Tuesday 26 November	Book Fair arrives in school
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Abecedarian Assembly – Special assembly for parents 2.30pm
Tuesday 3 December	Book Fair leaves
Friday 6 December	School Christmas Fair 5.00pm
Monday 11 November	Remembrance Service 10.45am – Parents and carers welcome
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	Term starts:
Monday 6 January	Science Week Begins
Thursday 9 January	Open The Book Assembly
Monday 20 January	Young Voices Concert at NEC
Thursday 23 January	Open The Book Assembly
Monday 3 February	Local Governors Meeting 6.00pm
Thursday 6 February	Open The Book Assembly

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

Wednesday 4 March	World Maths Day
Thursday 5 March	Children's World Book Day – dressing up day!
Wednesday 25 March	Parents' evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 26 March	Parents' evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 2 April	Easter Bonnet Service – Reception and Classes 1 and 2 – <b>TBC</b>
Friday 3 April	Term ends: 2.30pm
Friday 3 April	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	Term starts: School opens as normal
Friday 8 May	May Day: Remembering VE Day

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

Monday 1 June	<b>Inset day:</b>
Friday 17 July	<b>Term ends:</b>
Monday 20 July	<b>Inset day:</b>

**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**