



## Newsletter 15



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

**Mr P Hayward: Headteacher**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### Christmas Fun

Children and their families are warmly invited to attend a Christmassy afternoon at St Andrew's Church. The event begins at 2.00pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. There will be crafts, Christmas stories and a chance to join in carols. Refreshments will be served. The event is free. All you have to do is turn up!

### Mid-Term Reports

Just to make you aware, every child has received a mid-term report. This report is the second of four reports you will receive about your children this year. Thank you.

### INSET Days For Next Academic Year 2020 - 2021

Please note, the INSET days for next academic year have been set as follows:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Important Reminders...

- School finishes at 2.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.
- There will be a gymnastics club on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm until 3.30pm
- CHILL closes at 5.00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- School will open as normal on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs For Spring 2020

- Letters were sent home last week advertising Glow Sports on a Tuesday morning before school and Archery on a Thursday afternoon after school. Please book online if you would like your child to attend one of the clubs.
- Children in Reception Class will be offered the opportunity to attend a gymnastics club after the Christmas break. The club takes place on a Friday afternoon, after school, from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. Letters will be sent out this week.
- After the Christmas break, Mr Cranson will be opening his Monday night football club to all children in Key Stage 2. The club begins at 3.30pm and finishes at 4.30pm. More details, on how to book, to follow.

### Tea Towel Orders

Thank you to everyone who supported the STAA "Tea Towel" fund raiser. Tea towel orders are being sorted this weekend and will be delivered this week. If there are any spares then we will let you know by text. Spare tea towels will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Thank you.

### Christmas Fair and STAA Raffle

Everyone at school would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair and STAA raffle. The fair raised over £750 and the raffle raised over £1000. Wow! Thank you for your generosity, time and great commitment to supporting your children.

### Prayer Space

Dear God,

At Christmas time there are so many pressures. Pressure to visit family and friends. Pressure on finances. Pressure to provide and have a good time. Pressure to buy the right gifts.

Lord, please help us to take a step back and look at the wonderful gifts we already have: clean running water, toilet facilities, access to free high quality medical care, access to free high quality education, public services working hard to keep us safe and enabling us to enjoy freedoms.

In a stable, over 2000 years ago, you gave us a gift; a child who would change the world. Help us Lord, to see our children for the gifts they are. Gifts that change our lives.

Amen

### And Finally...

I have been approached by a parent, willing to join a team to organise a walking bus. In the past, St Andrew's had a very successful walking bus but due to time commitments of the organisers, the bus could no longer be supported. This approach coincides nicely with the number of complaints I have had from neighbours of the school about parking. Five or six willing volunteers could set up a walking bus. This would mean that each volunteer would cover a couple of days a week. The local authority will come to school to train volunteers and supply you with equipment e.g high viz vests, umbrellas. The more children we can get on the bus, the fewer cars we have around school.

There are also the benefits to consider

- The children walk to school – a healthy thing to do.
- The children enjoy quality time to talk to friends and adults.
- Parents can avoid the morning rush. Drop off times at Weston Village Hall would usually be between 8.20am and 8.30am.
- Fewer cars on Ferrers Road reduces the risks to children and their families.
- It is a free service.



If you are able and willing to support a walking bus, please leave your details with the school office. The school is eager to support this initiative. Thank you.

Mr Hayward.

## Term Dates and Events

### Autumn Term 2019

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	Book Fair Arrives
Thursday 5 March	Children's World Book Day – dressing up day!
Thursday 7 March	Book Fair Leaves
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

### 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

**Autumn Term 2020**

Inset day: Tuesday 1 September  
Inset day: Wednesday 2 September  
Term starts: Thursday 3 September

**Half term: Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October**

INSET day: Monday 2 November  
Term ends: Friday 18 December

**Holiday: Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January**

**Spring Term 2021**

INSET day: Monday 4 January  
Term starts: Tuesday 5 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**

INSET day: Monday 7 June  
Term ends: Wednesday 21 July

**Holiday: Thursday 22 July - Tuesday 31 August 2021**