



Newsletter 16



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

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 10th January 2020

Happy New Year!

I would like to warmly welcome every back to school after the Christmas break. The children have really enjoyed coming back to school. As you may know, this week has been Science Week. The focus this year has been Endangered Animals. The children have been thinking about how and why animals become endangered and what this means moving forward. I'd like to thank Miss Barnacle for planning the week and leading assemblies.

STAA (St Andrew's PTFA) – Next meeting Thursday 16th January

STAA will be holding their next meeting in school on Thursday 16th January at 6.00pm. All parents and carers are welcome. Tea and coffee will be served with a biscuit or two. Come along to find out what is planned for the rest of the year and join a friendly group of parents who want to make a difference.

Walking Bus – Update

Brilliant news! I have received expressions of interest from 3 parents and a volunteer who have all said they are happy to consider being a regular "driver." The bus requires a minimum of two adults per journey. It would be great if a few more parents could commit to a journey or two. This would mean less journeys for everyone. The plan is for the bus to run each morning between 8.30am and 8.45am. If you have a little time to spare then I can contact the Local Authority, who will be delighted to help us set up the bus. Two or three more volunteers will make the Walking Bus a real prospect. Please let the school office know if you can you commit. Thank you.



Menu Change – Thursday 16th January

Please note that fish fingers and chips will be served on Thursday this week instead of Friday. Thursday's spaghetti Bolognese will be served on Friday.

Gymnastics Club – Now Open To Class 1 Children

Gymnastics Club invitation letters will be sent home with Class 1 children on Monday. There are spaces available at Friday's after-school gymnastics club. The club runs every Friday from 3.20pm until 4.30pm. Please follow the instructions on the form to complete payment.

Water Bottles and PE Kits

A number of thirsty children have been in school this week without water bottles. Could I politely remind parents that your children need water bottles in school so that they have access to water when they want to have a drink.

Also, please provide your child with a PE kit suitable to wear indoors (pale blue t-shirt, school PE shorts and trainers.) Class teachers will let parents know if outdoor clothing is required this term.

Thank you.

KS2 Football Starts – Monday 13th January 2020

Another reminder, Mr Cranson's football club begins on Monday 13th January, after school, from 3.20pm until 4.30pm. Children from Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to attend. The club will only be cancelled in the most severe down pour, so please make sure your children are equipped to enjoy football in chilly wet weather.

JC Academy Holiday Club During Half-Term At St Andrew's

JC Academy Holiday Club will be returning to St Andrew's during the Spring half-term break. They offer childcare with a broad range of activities. The half-term break is from Monday 17 February until Friday 21 February. Payment details and offers will be published in a later newsletter. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more information you can contact Tom on 01543 651894.



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Prayer Space

May the Lord make my New Year a happy one. . .

Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes.

Not by making my path easy, but by making me sturdy enough to tread any path.

Not by taking hardship from me, but by taking all cowardice and fear from my heart as I meet hardships.

Not by granting me unbroken sunshine, but by keeping my face bright even in the shadows.

God, help me to be strong so that I can help and serve others in your name.

Amen

And Finally...

If you have a child who will start school from September 2020, online school applications are only open until Wednesday 15th January. Late applications may result in your child not being offered the school of your choice. To complete an online application, go to <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Application-forms-for-admission-to-school.aspx>

Mr Hayward.

Term Dates and Events

Spring Term 2020

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 – TBC
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
Monday 11 May	Year 6 SATs begin

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

Monday 1 June	Inset day:
Monday 22 June	Year 6 visit to Isle of Man
Monday 29 June	Values Week begins
Friday 3 July	Family Picnic, Sports Day, Summer Fair
Tuesday 7 July	KS2 performance 1.15pm and 6.30pm
Wednesday 8 July	KS2 performances 1.15pm and 6.30pm
Friday 17 July	Leavers assembly 1.00pm
Friday 17 July	Term ends:
Monday 20 July	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

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