



## Newsletter 2



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

**Mr P Hayward: Headteacher**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

### **A Reminder About Arrival Times From Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

- Reception:** 8:50 arrival down the side of the kitchen and be dropped off at the Reception classroom and then go out of the car park gate.
- Year One:** 8:50 arrival in through the main gate and out through the car park (parents). Children to enter through Year 1 outside area.
- Year Six:** 8:50 arrival in through the pupil entrance and straight into class
- Year Two:** 9:00 arrival in through the pupil entrance and straight into class
- Year Three:** 9:00 arrival in through the pupil entrance and straight into class
- Year Four:** 9:00 arrival in through the pupil entrance and straight into class
- Year Five:** 9:00 arrival in through the pupil entrance and straight into class

Please note that children in Years Two, Three, Four and Five may arrive at 8.50am with their younger siblings

#### **Notes for arrival at start of the school:**

- \*The little blue gate by the Reception classroom will be manned by one of the Reception team to receive children from parents and by a member of the CHILL team.
  - \*The Year 1 outdoor area gate will be manned by a member of the Year 1 team who will receive the children from parents.
  - \*The main pupil gate to be manned by Mrs Barwell each morning – pupils from Y2-Y6 will walk through the gate after receiving hand sanitiser and will walk straight into their classrooms.
  - \*Once the last classes have entered at 9:00, the pupil gate will be locked and the cones collected in.
  - \*All children's hands will be sanitised as they enter through the pupil gate.
- NB** \*Year 1 children's hands will be sanitised by Year 1 staff (as they enter through the Year 1 outside area).
- \*Reception children's hands will be sanitised by a member of the Reception team (as they enter through the Reception gate).

#### **Finish time:**

**This will be 3:20pm as usual.** Parents will come onto the playground to collect their children in the usual way, strictly adhering to the one-way system. Teachers will line up their classes in their designated area of the outside space ready for parents to collect them. Parents are politely asked to leave the school premises as quickly as possible and not congregate in crowds outside the school gates. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Morning Snacks

Until further notice, Mrs Conway, our school cook, will not be selling morning snacks (toast, crumpets etc). Healthy snacks (eg fruit, carrots) will be provided free of charge to children in Reception Class and KS1. Children may also bring their own fruit or healthy snack for morning break.

### Clubs

Until the children are fully settled in school, there will be no extra -curricular clubs. We can no longer freely move children around school without thoroughly cleaning each area before use. CHILL, in the past, would use a number of classrooms to facilitate the use of the hall. I am looking into alternative ways to offer clubs. I will keep you posted.

### PE Days

Children's PE sessions will start from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Monday	Year 4
Tuesday	Year 1
Wednesday	Year 3 and Year 6
Thursday	Year 2
Friday	Reception Class and Class 5

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit, their school jumper and a pair of trainers. For the foreseeable future, the children will not get changed at school for PE lessons.

#### PE Kit list:

- School PE t-shirt
- School PE shorts
- Trainers
- Optional extras – navy jogging trousers for very cold days

Please also ensure your child has their school jumper/cardigan and their coat with them.



### Attendance

The government has made it very clear that they expect all children to be in school from the start of the Autumn term. The school attendance policy clearly states that school absences will only be authorised for exceptional circumstances. Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances. Please avoid booking medical appointments during school hours, where possible. It is essential that the children have an uninterrupted education from now on so that they can work on recovering any losses made during lockdown. If you have any concerns about planning a term-time absence, please make an appointment to see me so that we can discuss it.

### CHILL – Wrap-around Childcare

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, CHILL bookings are now made online. Please go to the school website to make a booking. Click on the link for the week you would like to make the booking. Fill in your child's details and the days and times you would like to book and then press submit. Below is a link to the school website page where you can make bookings for the weeks commencing 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September.

<https://www.st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk/parents/clubs-activities/1382-2/>

We are working towards all bookings being made via Parent Pay in future but we need to organise a number of things before we can achieve this. I will keep you posted.

### September 2020 – Virtual Welcome To Class Meetings

For many years, during the first fortnight of the Autumn term, St Andrew's has hosted 'Welcome To Class Meetings.' At these meetings, parents are shown presentations which go into detail about what to expect for the forthcoming year. As your child progresses through St Andrew's, things may change. This year, class teachers will be holding virtual meetings via ClassDojo. Each teacher will guide parents through the things that will be relevant to their child's class for the forthcoming year. Many things are still uncertain, such as whether school visits can take place or whether we can organise school celebrations such as Harvest Festival and the Christmas show. As ever, I will keep you posted once it is clear what we can do.

### Photographs

Just a note for your diary. Children's individual photographs will be taken on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, in school. There will be no need for PE kits that day. So that the children are photographed in their school uniforms, children in Reception Class and Class 5 do not need to wear their PE kits. Reminders will be sent via ClassDojo.

### ClassDojo

ClassDojo has turned out to be a wonderful tool. For parents new to St Andrew's, it was introduced, by the school, at the beginning of lockdown as a way of communicating between home and school, linking parents with their children's teachers. During these uncertain times, we will continue to use ClassDojo. Instead of rewarding children with merits and house points, teachers will now award Dojos. Children can earn these for actions, attitudes and work produced. As parents, you will be notified when your child receives a Dojo via the ClassDojo app.



As well as recording Dojos, ClassDojo gives parents direct access to their child's class teacher via 'Messages'. Just for the record, teachers will not be expected to respond to parent enquiries out of usual working hours (eg weekends, holidays and evenings). Teachers will keep an eye on messages from parents but will only respond between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm. Please be aware that messages, from one parent, cannot be viewed by another parent, even if they are the parents of the same child. This is to protect the privacy of parents who may no longer live together.

### Prayer Space

Loving Lord ,I give my child into Your hands today,  
As they set off on this new journey of discovery on their first day at school.  
Father, may all go smoothly for them,  
And indeed for all who will be returning or starting a new class today.  
I pray that You will undertake for the little things,  
that can so often go wrong or cause problems or worries.  
Please make the children's first day back at school,  
A happy one.  
Amen

### And finally...

I have added the holiday dates, below in blue, for the next school year (2021 – 2022), so that you may plan future holidays out of term time.

I must say, it was an absolute pleasure and a delight to see our new Reception children (and their parents), on Thursday this week, dropping in for an informal visit to Reception class. The children were inquisitive, talkative and a little bit nervous. It is heartening and a privilege that parents and children put so much trust in the school. Thank you.

I know that parents, staff and maybe some children may be a little apprehensive about starting school on Thursday. But, can I just say, the governors and directors of the Mid-Trent MAT are committed to the well-being and safety of the children in our care. If you have any concerns, please contact me by email at [headteacher@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk) In the meantime, I hope you enjoy a peaceful and happy bank holiday break.

Mr Hayward.

### Dates for the academic year 2020 – 2021

#### Autumn Term 2020

Tuesday 1 September	INSET day
Wednesday 2 September	INSET day
Thursday 3 September	School open for all children
Monday 7 September	CHILL Opens
Friday 18 September	Tempest Photographers in school – Pupil photos
Monday 5 October	Bikeability
Tuesday 6 October	Bikeability

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

Monday 2 November	INSET Day – School closed for pupils
Monday 23 November	Years 1 – 6 Flu Immunisations
Friday 18 December	Term ends

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

**Spring Term 2021**

Monday 4 January INSET Day – School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 5 January School opens

**Half term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2021**

Thursday 1 April Term ends

**Holiday: Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April 2021**

**Easter Sunday: Sunday 4 April 2021**

**Summer Term 2021**

Monday 19 April School opens  
Monday 3 May School closed

**Half term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2021**

Monday 7 June INSET Day  
Wednesday 21 July Term ends

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

**TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022**

Please note, INSET days are yet to be confirmed.

**AUTUMN TERM 2021**

**Inset day:** Wednesday 1 September

**Term Starts:** Thursday 2 September

**Half Term:** Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

**Term ends:** Friday 17 December

**Holiday:** Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

**SPRING TERM 2022**

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 4 January

**Half Term:** Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

**Term ends:** Friday 8 April

**Holiday:** Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 17 April

**SUMMER TERM 2022**

**Term starts:** Monday 25 April

**May Day:** Monday 2 May

**Half Term:** Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

**Term ends:** Thursday 21 July

**Holiday:** Friday 22 July – Friday 2 September