



## Newsletter 3



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

**Mr P Hayward: Headteacher**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

### PE Days

Just a reminder, from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, curriculum PE will begin. On their PE day, 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 days are as follows:

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

Reception Class will begin on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September and so will not be required to wear their PE kits until then. Thank you.

#### PE Kit list:

- School PE t-shirt
- School PE shorts
- Trainers
- Optional extras – navy jogging trousers for very cold days. These can be worn over their shorts.

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



### CHILL – Wrap-around Childcare

For CHILL bookings please click on the link below.

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

Please remember to type your child's name on the form.

### Water Bottles

At St Andrew's, we expect every child to bring a water bottle to school every day. Please ensure the bottle is filled at home. We do have water fountains to fill bottles but, during the COVID crisis, we are trying to reduce the number of children relying on the water fountains to fill their bottles. Bottles will be sent home every day to be washed and refilled.





## Reading Books



We are pleased to say that we are now allowed to send home Big Cat Reading Books again and will start doing so from Monday. However, guidelines that are in place mean that there will be several changes to our normal practice.

**Reception (once issued) and Key Stage 1 books** will only be changed **twice a week on a MONDAY and a THURSDAY.**

**Key Stage 2 books** will be changed **once a week** as follows:

**Year 3 – TUESDAYS**

**Year 4 – FRIDAYS**

**Year 5 & 6 – WEDNESDAYS**

This allows for the quarantining of books to take place, separation of bubbles during changing periods and also accommodates for our reduced capacity to change books due to less volunteers and older children currently unable to carry out their usual 'jobs'.

\*This does not mean that children have to read less and our homework guidelines still request that children are heard to read at home at least five times a week for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children and at least three times a week for children in Year 4 upwards.

\*Big Cat Books can be reread and discussed if completed before the change day, 'free choice' readers can be enjoyed and also, all children can now access MyOn e-books using their own logon (details of which were posted on the Dojo School Story just before the summer holidays. These details will be reposted again this week (so keep an eye on the school story). The children will also be introduced to MyOn in school.

\*All children still need to have a 'free reading choice' in addition to their Big Cat Book which may be a book, comic, information text etc

\*Reading Roads will still be used within the children's journals to encourage a breath of reading materials and Reading Logs will still be used to record children's reading at home.

**\*Teachers are currently carrying out individual assessments with children and placing them back onto the Big Cat Scheme at the point which they feel is most appropriate and caters best to your child's needs. This may mean that they are not at exactly the same point as they were before.** The scheme is not designed as a resource to race through and 'finish'. Quality time spent reading, discussing, interpreting and most importantly enjoying text is far more relevant and beneficial for children's learning and progress than what colour band he or she is on.

\*Guided Reading will resume in the next few weeks but may be in a slightly different format than normal in order to comply with guidelines. We will let you know about this soon.



## Spelling



Like with reading, our practice with spelling assessment will have to be adapted over the coming weeks to comply with guidelines and capacity.

\*Children will still be given spellings to learn at home but this may not be in the exactly the same format as before. Spellings will start to be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

\*Over the coming few weeks, teachers will be looking closely at spelling on an individual basis with children and then tailoring the spelling programme to his/her current needs. There will be more detail about spelling in following newsletters.

**As always, thank you for your ongoing support and understanding at this time as we negotiate through and unprecedented situation and work together to ensure the best for the children.**

### This Week's Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> September

Please discuss menu choices with your children if they are having a school dinner. Sandwiches are only available to Reception children this week while they are on half days. From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, sandwiches will no longer be offered.

Staffordshire FFL Spring Summer 2020 Menu Week 2					
W/C 27/04, 18/05, 15/06, 06/07, 07/09, 28/09, 19/10					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Main Dish	Vegetable Supreme Pizza ** <i>with Dough Balls (V)</i> Cheesy tomato topped pizza slice	Chicken Tikka Masala <i>with Rice **</i> Succulent chicken in a mild curry sauce	Roast Gammon <i>with Roast Potatoes and Gravy</i> Crispy roast gammon with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Cottage Pie A classic British dish made with beef mince and topped with mashed potato	Southern Fried Chicken Bites Lightly seasoned crispy chicken strips and scrummy chips
Alternative Dish	Sausages and Mashed Potato <i>with Rich Gravy (V)</i> Fluffy mashed potato with vegetarian sausages and rich gravy	Mac 'N' Cheese (V) Traditional baked macaroni in a creamy cheese sauce	Pastry Slice <i>with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (V)</i> Butternut squash and potatoes wrapped in flaky pastry with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Vegetable Style Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (V) <i>with Pasta**</i> Vegetarian meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta	Soft Taco and Chips (V) A soft taco shell filled with a yummy vegetable and tomato chilli
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich or Daily Special Wrap or Baguette served with Veg Sticks and Fresh Fruit or Dessert of the Day				
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings				
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Fresh Broccoli	Fresh Cauliflower Peas	Fresh Cabbage Fresh Carrots	Sweetcorn Fresh Broccoli	Baked Beans Fresh Carrots Peas
Desserts	Creamy Rice Pudding <i>with Peach Slices*</i>	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin*	Oatie Biscuit <i>with Fruit Slices*</i>	Chocolate Cake <i>with Fruit Slices*</i>	Strawberry Ice Cream <i>with Fruit Slices*</i>
Cool Water, Fruit Juice, Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Milk and Yoghurt available daily					
*Fruit Based **Wholegrain ***Oily Fish (V) Vegetarian					

### Prayer Space

Walk with the wise and become wise,  
associate with fools and get in trouble.  
Proverbs 13:20

Father, I thank you for the gift of friendships.  
You know my child better than anyone.  
Allow my child to spread truth and love, like a city on a hill.  
God, place my child in the right paths, with the right teacher and peers.  
Father, allow my child to learn in a healthy environment and to show others the  
hope that You give them.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

### And finally...

I wanted to say how proud I am of the children. They have been brilliant this week. They are adapting very quickly to the new routines in school, listening well to their teachers and enjoying the company of their classmates.

Coming into school on Friday morning was much quicker because the children knew where to go. Thank you for observing the one-way routes around school.

As you can see from this week's newsletter, teachers will begin to introduce homework tasks eg reading. Please be patient while we get this up and running. Thank you.

Mr Hayward.

### Dates for the academic year 2020 – 2021

#### Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7 September	CHILL Opens – 7.45am
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