



Newsletter 17



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

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 1st January 2021

Happy New Year!

I would like to warmly welcome you to 2021. I hope you have enjoyed a peaceful and happy Christmas break. I just wanted to take the opportunity to explain what is happening when we return to school next week. You may have heard in the media that some children are not going straight back to school in the first week in January. This will not be the case for Staffordshire primary school children. Primary school children in Staffordshire will start the term normally.

School will open to the children on Tuesday 5th January at the normal time. CHILL will open at 7.45am as usual (see below for link to latest booking forms). Please remember to make a booking by the end of Friday 1st January for the week commencing Monday 4th January.

Staggered arrival times are still in place. Just to remind you, the times are:

Reception: 8:50am

Year One: 8:50am (Children to enter through Year 1 outside area.)

Year Six: 8:50am

Reception Class and Classes One and Six to be in school by 9.00am.

Year Two: 9:00am

Year Three: 9:00am

Year Four: 9:00am

Year Five: 9:00am

Classes Two, Three, Four and Five to be in school by 9.10am. **9.10am gates close.**

Guitar Lessons Expression of Interest Form

Before lockdown there was a thriving guitar club in school. I would like to revive the club and offer the children a chance to learn such a wonderful instrument. At the moment, I am seeking expressions of interest. The club is open to children in KS2 (Classes 3 – 6). Sessions are usually in groups of 5 or 6 children and last around 30 minutes. This brings the cost of each lesson down to around £5.00 a week. If your child is seriously interested in learning to play the guitar then please complete the form by clicking on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yJsUsLaZAUi9k-FL3HbxhbgqihLEmdHvflgySYXWqRURU5HU1k3S1E4UIBZTEtOWjFQNE5WRzRJC4u>



Expression of Interest Forms will be available until Friday 8th January 2021

School Values Review

When I was appointed Headteacher at St Andrew's, over 9 years ago, I asked the question, "What makes St Andrew's so special?" Five words, that we call values, came out of the discussions:

- Respect
- Happiness
- Confidence
- Family
- Achievement

It is good to reflect upon and review the things we value from time to time and so I would like to ask a similar question again. "What makes St Andrew's special to you as a family?" I would value your thoughts and responses. I have prepared a short form that will only take a few minutes to complete. Please feel free to share your thoughts. Please click on the link below to access a form. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yJsUsLaZAUi9k-FL3HbxbqiqhLEmdHvflgySYXWqRUOFYxWk9LUVFZQVYwNTZZQzMxRVM4WUVCTy4u>

Please return your form by no later than Friday 8th January 2021.

Prayer Space – For 2021

God, we are sure You understand our trepidation as we anticipate the New Year.
So little in 2020 went according to plan.
As the New Year unfolds before us,
Let this New Year mark the beginning of newness of life for us;
Let this year dawn in hope and proceed in hope;
Let the "deferred" hope of 2020 blossom into fruitful fulfilment in 2021.
Give us hope for our school.
Let this year deepen and strengthen our faith in You;
And let 2021 be a year in which Your love is in our hearts.
Amen.

CHILL BOOKINGS

To book a place for your child in CHILL please click on the link below. Thank you.

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

And finally...

In my newsletter, from this time last year, I noticed we had over 20 key events for children and their families planned and listed below in the dates section. Things are looking pretty sparse at the moment! It would be lovely to return to our full offer of visits and events in school. My hope is that the measures we are all taking today and the effective administering of vaccines will, once again, enable us to enjoy the many things we may have taken for granted in the past. Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday. Mr Hayward.

Dates for the academic year 2020 – 2021

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