



Newsletter 18



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

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 8th January 2021

What A Week!

I would like to begin by thanking all the parents and carers who have offered their support during this week by expressing their gratitude and sending in positive comments. Staff have spent many hours on the phone and online helping families to get set up on Microsoft Teams. We have almost set up nearly 170 Teams accounts that are running on mobile phones, tablets and laptops.

Moving forward we will use Microsoft Teams in the following way. All “live” teaching sessions and assemblies will be carried out on Microsoft Teams. Learning materials (pdfs, presentations, worksheets etc), links to other websites and staff recordings will be posted on ClassDojo. Teachers may post Microsoft Teams links on ClassDojo class stories. It is important to know that if you are accessing Teams from the ClassDojo link, Microsoft Teams needs to be installed on the same device you are using ClassDojo on. Otherwise, “live” teaching sessions can be accessed from your child’s Microsoft Teams account.



If you have more than one child using the same device and both need to access Microsoft Teams, you will need to sign out of one account before you can access the other account. If you don’t sign out of an account, Microsoft Teams will remember the last person to sign in when the device is switched off and on again.

I have asked our technical support team to convert a small number (6) of the school laptops for home use. If you are really struggling with remote learning because of the limitations of your home devices, I am happy to loan out a machine for home use. Parents and pupils will need to sign a contract.

Important Changes To CHILL

Could I ask parents and carers to rebook their CHILL bookings, please. We have a number of bookings that were made before lockdown. New forms have been created to facilitate this. **Also, CHILL will be closed on a Friday afternoon for the foreseeable future because of an unforeseen staffing issue. As you will see, Friday PM places will not be available on the new booking forms.**

The booking form for the week beginning Monday 11th January is:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yJsUsLaZAUi9k-FL3HbxnIREbIPO7VNthOU5Z83ZNUNEGxUIY5Q1pNNk1TSINFV0RZR5XQjJMMS4u>

It would help us greatly if bookings were made no later than Sunday 10th January at 6.00pm. Thank you for your support.

School Values Review

A last minute reminder. If you would like to have your say about St Andrew's school values, please click on the link below.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yJsUsLaZAUi9k - FL3HbxhbqighLEmdHvflgySYXWqRUOFYxWk9LUVFZQVYwNTZZQzMxRVM4WUVCTy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yJsUsLaZAUi9k-FL3HbxhbqighLEmdHvflgySYXWqRUOFYxWk9LUVFZQVYwNTZZQzMxRVM4WUVCTy4u)

Please return your form by no later than Sunday 10th January 2021.

School Meals

School meals for children in school this week will be as follows:

Monday 11th January – Pizza or jacket potato

Tuesday 12th January – Mac'n'cheese or jacket potato

Wednesday 13th January – Roast dinner or jacket potato

Thursday 14th January – Cottage pie or jacket potato

Friday 15th January – Fish fingers or Quorn dippers

Prayer Space – For 2021

Lord my God, You are good, all the time.

All the time, you are good.

Thank you for this moment;

Thank you for my senses - all I can see, hear, touch, smell, taste;

Thank you for where I am – my home, my work, my street, your presence;

Thank you for how I am – for the strength in my muscles, the blood in my veins, the breath in my lungs, the thoughts in my head;

Thank you for who I am – for my family, my friends, my neighbours, for being your child;

Thank you for when I am – for now, this day, this time in history.

Thank you for it all.

Thank you that you know, you see, you hear, you act, you hold, you love.

Thank you. I will never get to the end of all there is to thank you for.

You are good, all the time. 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...

I must admit that the announcement on Monday came as a surprise, especially because, over the weekend government ministers were saying primary schools would remain open. Much of Monday was spent preparing for a full opening. The staff and I spent hours thinking about how to maintain safe spaces and reminding ourselves of best practices and guidance and putting together a lovely well-being week for the children. Thankfully, a lot of time and effort has gone into preparing for a lockdown during the Autumn term.

I know this week has been really challenging for everyone, whether at home, working from home or going to work. Families with children in education are particularly stretched. Thankfully, numbers of children in school are manageable which has allowed me to release the teachers to focus on remote learning. Just to give you a measure of the scale of ClassDojo alone, in three days 911 messages were sent to parents and 1,380 videos and photos were shared.

Mrs Beardmore has posted a message on ClassDojo reminding parents about the MyOn library. This library gives you free access to thousands of quality reading books, all age appropriate. Please remember to read regularly with your children.

There are going to be further challenges in the weeks ahead, working together, listening to each other and by being supportive, we can get through this.

Mr Hayward.

Dates for the academic year 2020 – 2021

Spring Term 2021

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