

"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 10th September 2021



This week in school...

What a fantastic week in **Willow Class**! The Reception children have settled in beautifully and the Year One children have loved using their new library and maths suite!

In art lessons this week, **Oak Class** has been learning about primary colours and has experimented with different patterns, using red, yellow and blue. The children have really enjoyed learning about 'The Great Fire of London' during history.

This week, the children in **Beech Class** have made a great start to their first English unit. They have enjoyed reading a story called *'The Wonder'* and have let their imaginations run wild!

The children in **Elm Class** have been studying a new book called *'Leon And The Place Between'*. They have enjoyed using their senses to create a wonderful setting description. The class has also been learning all about the digestive system in science and comparing the human digestive system to a cow's.

This week, **Sycamore Class** has been learning about the artist William Morris. The children have studied his textile and wallpaper designs to create their own ideas. They have taken their time and effort to create beautiful sketches. Well done children.

The children in **Maple Class** have settled in well and are coping well with the accelerated pace of things in Year 6! The highlight of the week so far would have to be their PE lesson where they practised netball skills in the pouring rain! The children carried on for so long, but when the rain reached monsoon levels, they finally admitted defeat and retreated inside for some Jump Start Johnny!



Secondary School Applications Now Open

This week, Year 6 children have received letters and information about applying for high school places in September 2022. The application process is now open and applications must be made online to be submitted. Guidance on how to apply is contained within the letters.

School Start Times – Important update

In an effort to return to some normality, I would like children to arrive in school by 8.50am please. The gate will open at 8.40am and then be locked at 8.50am. Children arriving after this time may be marked as arriving late. Standing on the gate this week, I noticed a number of families regularly arriving around 9.00am. That has been fine this week but from next week please leave home 10 minutes earlier to ensure the children are in school before 8.50am. Thank you.

Booking Places For CHILL

So that the correct staffing ratios can be organised, it is important we know in advance the numbers of children booked into CHILL. Please make your booking no later than 6.00pm on a Friday night for the following week. Booking forms will be removed from the website to close the bookings. As you can see from the advert below, we are recruiting new staff and so until we recruit, some sessions may be limited to 30 places. Unless it is an emergency, last minute and phone bookings will no longer be accepted. Thank you for your support regarding this matter.

Additional CHILL Staff Needed

We are looking to recruit at least two new staff to join the CHILL team. We need staff to cover the morning sessions. The sessions are as follows:

Monday 7.45am until 8.45am 1 hour

Tuesday 7.45am until 8.45am 1 hour

Tuesday 7.45am until 9.00am - 1.25 hours

Friday 7.45am until 8.45am 1 hour

Friday 7.45am until 9.00am - 1.25 hours

The positions will be advertised next week. The advert will include the job description, annual salary and how to apply. I just wanted to make you aware that this lovely opportunity to look after our children in the morning has become available.

Musical Instrument Lessons

For the past two years, we have been fortunate enough to have had the services of Mr Lamplough, the musical director from Stafford Grammar School and Mr Milgate-Scarrott, a music teacher from Entrust, leading a class orchestra. Children, who were in Class 3 (2019 – 2020) and then Class 4 (2020 – 2021), were taught to play musical instruments to form a class orchestra, free of charge. Unfortunately, the class orchestra will no longer be taking place, as it has been replaced by extra-curricular music lessons. Of the 101 children in Key Stage 2, 43 children have opted to learn a musical instrument. This is an incredible number and I am really pleased. There may be one or two children who were given musical instruments for the class orchestra who have not opted to continue to learn a musical instrument and so may have instruments at home that were not returned. If this is the case, could I request that the instruments are returned to school. Thank you.

CHILL

To book places at CHILL, please click on the link below. This will take you to the CHILL page on the school website. Please make your booking no later than 6.00pm on a Friday to secure your place for the following week. Thank you

[CLICK HERE to access CHILL booking forms](#)

Lunchtime Menu For The Week Commencing Monday 13th September

Please note that roast chicken will be offered on Wednesday instead of roast pork as advertised on the school website.

Lunchtime Menu – Week 3 (Weeks commencing 13/09, 04/10, 25/10, 15/11, 06/12, 27/12, 17/01, 07/02, 28/02, 21/03, 11/04)					
Day	Dailies	Hot Specials		Sides	Puddings
Monday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Vegetable Supreme Pizza with dough balls Cheesy tomato pizza slice with sweetcorn and peppers	Veggie Sausage and Mash with Gravy Veggie sausage and mash with gravy	Fresh carrots and peas	Oatie Biscuit With Fruit Slices
Tuesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Allegra's Garlicky Chicken and Spanish Spuds Garlic seasoned chicken, served with Spanish style potatoes	Allegra's Cheesy Peasy Risotto Bake A delicious baked cheesy, pea risotto	Sweetcorn and Fresh Broccoli	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin
Wednesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Roast chicken with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy A veggie Quorn roast with fluffy roasties	Fresh Carrots and Fresh Cabbage	Strawberry Ice Cream With Fruit Slices
Thursday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Delicious beef meatballs in a tasty tomato sauce with pasta	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Delicious veggie balls in a tasty tomato sauce with pasta	Fresh Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Chocolate Sponge Cake With Fruit Slices
Friday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers with scrummy chips	Soft Taco and Chips A soft taco shell filled with a yummy veggie tomato chilli	Baked Beans, Fresh Carrots and Peas	Creamy Peach Rice Pudding
Available every day: Cool water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt and fresh fruit					

A New School Governor Required

St Andrew's Local Academy Committee (formerly known as a Local Governing Board) is looking to recruit a new governor. Governors do important work to ensure the children are safe, happy and are receiving the best education possible. To be a governor does require some time commitment. In terms of expectations, you will:

- Attend one meeting each half term (6 meetings a year). Meetings usually start at 6.00pm and last approximately two hours.
- Read the papers prior to attending meetings which are usually released one week in advance of meetings.
- Attend a welcome to being a governor course, usually spread over two evenings. They may be face-to-face courses but have been online during lockdown.
- Agree to visit school during a school day, at least once a year, in your capacity as a governor.
- Complete a skills audit.
- Familiarise yourself with the practices and policies of the Mid-Trent Multi Academy Trust.
- Attend Level 1 Safeguarding training.

In return, you will be supporting the school leadership to offer the best possible education for our children. If you feel you can offer your time, energy and skills to the St Andrew's LAC then please click on the link and complete an expression of interest form. [CLICK HERE](#)
Thank you.

Prayer Space – A New School Prayer

St Andrew's School Prayer

Thank you God for St Andrew's school and our friends,
Help us to value the importance of **fellowship** and the friendship it brings,
Give us the strength to show **compassion** and forgiveness,
Show us how to **respect** you, others and ourselves,
Encourage us to **persevere** when we find things difficult, to make the right choices, so we can be the best we can be,
Help us to be **thankful** for the fruits you provide,
Guide us so that we may **serve** you and **serve** others,
Lead us so that we **follow your path to flourish in life**.
Amen.

And finally...

A photographer will be in school on Friday to take the children's photographs. Could I request that the children in Willow Class and the children in Maple Class do not wear their PE kits on Friday. The children will still do PE but the activities will be able to be done in their school uniforms. A reminder will be sent out on Thursday via ClassDojo and text.
Mr Hayward.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Friday 17 September Children's photographs to be taken by Tempest

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Monday 1 November INSET Day – school closed to children

Thursday 11 November Remembrance Day Service 10.45am

Friday 17 December Last day of the Autumn term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January INSET Day – school closed to children

Wednesday 5 January School opens

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Friday 8 April Last day of the Spring term

Easter Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25 April	School opens
Monday 2 May	School closed due to May Bank Holiday

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Monday 6 June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 7 June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 20 July	Last day of the school year

Summer Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September 2022