



Newsletter 8



"Following God's path to flourish in life"

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Friday 15th October 2021

This week in school...

This week, the children in **Willow Class** have been using their five senses to plan and write a class poem. They have also completed their artist study by recreating a very famous Van Gogh masterpiece.



In **Oak Class** this week, the children have been carefully considering different materials within their DT lesson. They have then used this knowledge to design their own model of a fire engine. The children have also been working hard on number and letter formation and there has been some really big improvements. Well done children!

Beech Class has had a very busy week! In history, the children have started to learn about the Iron Age; they completed their first timeline and learnt what 'BC' and 'AD' mean. In computing, the children found out about 'spoo' websites and learnt that not everything they read on the internet is necessarily true. In PE, the children have continued to build on their tennis skills and have started to learn how to do a two-handed backhand hit... to be continued next week!

The children in **Elm Class** have been watching and learning some magic tricks this week. This is part of the English work based on the book, 'Leon and the Place Between'. They will follow up this learning by writing a set of instructions in their Wonderful Writing books to tell people how to perform a magic trick.



The children in **Sycamore Class** have performed their first 'Open the Book' assembly this week where they told the story of 'In the beginning'. They had a great time and performed the story beautifully, using different props. Over the past 2 weeks, the children have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians and the process of mummification. The children have mummified their own oranges and are excited to see the results of how well preserved the oranges are in a few weeks' time.



It has been a relief for the children to get back into their classroom this week! In maths, the children in **Maple Class** have been working on getting to grips with long division. It may take a bit more work but the children have worked really hard on it. Their history, this week, was about the Second World War. The children shared their already impressive knowledge and added to it as well. Maple Class have two completed Mr Men books so keep an eye on the Class Story and you might spot some authors giving readings!

This Week's Lunchtime Menu

Lunchtime Menu – Week 2 (Weeks commencing: 06/09, 27/09, 18/10, 08/11, 29/11, 20/12, 10/01, 31/01, 21/02, 14/03, 14/04)					
Day	Dailies	Hot Specials		Sides	Puddings
Monday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Veggie Bolognese Yummy veggie Bolognese with pasta	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Dough Balls Cheese and tomato pizza with dough balls	Fresh carrots and sweetcorn	Flapjack with fruit slices
Tuesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sausage and Mash with Gravy Sausage and mash with rich gravy	Allegra's Oodles of Noodles Delicious noodles with veggies	Peas and Fresh Broccoli	Peach Shortbread Pudding With Custard
Wednesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Succulent roast chicken with fluffy roasties	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy A veggie Quorn roast with fluffy roasties	Fresh Carrots and Fresh Cabbage	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake
Thursday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cottage Pie Home cooked minced beef with a crispy potato topping	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry A tasty mild chickpea and potato curry	Fresh Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Fruity Chocolate Brownie
Friday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers with scrummy chips	Tomato Veggie Burger and Chips A scrummy tomato veggie burger in a soft bap	Baked Beans, Fresh Carrots and Peas	Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Slices

Available every day: Cool water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt and fresh fruit

High School Places for September 2022

A reminder for Year 6 parents. The closing date to apply for high school places for September 2022 is Sunday 31st October 2021. The link below takes you to the website to apply.

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

STAA AGM – Thursday 21st Oct 2021 – 8.00pm

The arrangement for STAA's AGM have been finalised. The meeting will take place in Weston village hall. The hall is spacious and can be well ventilated. The meeting will begin at 8.00pm to allow families to have their tea and put the children to bed. At this meeting, the committee will be re-elected and positions filled. STAA are eager for any parents to attend. STAA offers a chance for you to meet other parents and to have your say about some of the things going on in school. STAA will also be setting out plans for the year ahead. If you can, please come and join us – you will be made very welcome.



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](#)

Parent Governor Elections

There have been a number of changes to the Local Academy Committee which parents and carers should be aware of. Firstly, Mrs Jenny Calvert has ended her term as a parent governor and therefore as chair of the governors. I would like to express my thanks to Jenny for her time and commitment to the school in her role as governor. She was chair of governors at our last OFSTED inspection and did a fantastic job celebrating the successes of the school with OFSTED inspectors. On Monday 11th October, governors voted for Mr Graham Tague to follow on from Jenny as chair of the local academy committee. They also voted in Mr Jan Griffiths to be vice chair. As a consequence, that opens up two parent governor places. I have received three expressions of interest from parents wishing to join the local governors. Under the rules of school governance, parents will have to vote for the two representatives they would like on the board. Parents who have children in school currently can each vote for the parents they would like to represent them on the Local Academy Committee. Below are three pen portraits from parents who have put themselves forward. I would appreciate it if parents could read their portraits and then click on the link below to cast your votes for the two parents you would like to see join the governors. Voting closes on Thursday 21st October at 6.00pm. The results will be announced in the next newsletter. Good luck to all three candidates who have generously offered their time and expertise.

Jon Heathcote

I am a married father of two children, one current St Andrew's student in Year Three and one due to start in September 2022. We have lived in the village since 2013 and both children were born here and have grown up in the community. I work in law enforcement within a child safeguarding and digital investigation environment. I have an interest in all sports, particularly football, motorsports, hiking and rugby. I am a first aider at Stafford Rugby Club, where my son plays. My parents, grand parents and great grand parents were all teachers and I therefore understand the importance of a good education, in a happy and stimulating environment and the positive effect this has on children's development as a whole.

I wish to volunteer to be a school governor at St Andrew's as I want to help to ensure that the school provides the best and most enriching educational environment possible for children. I also would like to ensure that the school remains reflective of the community it is in and gives value back to Weston and the surrounding villages, where children travel from to take their first steps on their educational journey.

Matthew Keates

My name is Matthew Keates and my son William has started at St Andrew's Church of England Primary School in the Willow Reception Class.

I would like to put myself forward as a candidate for the governor's position. My background is in education and I am a deputy headteacher in a Staffordshire High school. I am in my 23rd year of teaching and have been a member of a leadership team for the last 10 years. This role has allowed me to be part of numerous Ofsted inspections and also work closely with school governing bodies. I would like to think that my experiences would allow me to support St Andrew's on its journey. I believe that every pupil should be given the very best opportunities each and every day at school and doing this, whilst achieving the school ethos of "developing the whole child through a strong commitment to Christian values" is

one that I fully support. The last Ofsted report from January 2019, recognised that St Andrew's continued to be a good school. This was a fantastic endorsement of the wonderful job the staff are doing to nurture and inspire the children.

If I was successful in becoming a governor, I would provide my full support to the school in continuing to allow all children to achieve their full potential.

Kerry Reynolds

My name is Kerry Reynolds. I have two children at St. Andrews Church of England Primary School; a daughter, in Year Two, and a son, who has just started in Reception. Clearly this means I have a vested interest in the success of the school and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Whilst researching the role, I found that governors are often described as being a "critical friend" to the school. When I heard this, I knew I had to apply as this summarised my career history in two words.

Here are three reasons why I feel I would be suited to the role:

1. As a Qualified Accountant, I have spent years overseeing the financial performance of many types of businesses and making sure they were utilising their money and resources as effectively as possible.
2. With 20 years experience working with senior business leaders, I have developed skills to enable me to develop mutual trust, unite teams and hold leaders to account to ensure the best outcomes are achieved.
3. Clarity on the vision, ethos and strategic direction are imperative to ensure the school succeeds. I have experience in setting, communicating and delivering these aspects within several businesses. I recently undertook a course to understand School Business Management. This provided invaluable insights into how schools function and highlighted the many ways in which I can apply my experience to benefit a school.

I appreciate that, if appointed, I would be taking on a big responsibility but it is one I would relish. I would feel very privileged to take on such a valuable role and use my strategic and financial management experience to support the school in delivering the best possible environment and outcomes for all of our children.

[TO CAST YOUR VOTE PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

Prayer Space

Autumn

O God of Creation,

You have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

Remind us to take time to rest.

Remind us of the wonder of your creation.

Remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

And finally...

I would like to finish by saying a fond farewell to Mrs Brunton who spent her last day with us in school on Thursday. She has worked as a lunchtime supervisor at St Andrew's for the past two years. We wish her well for the future as she moves to another area. I would like to welcome Miss Sharp who has joined the lunchtime team.

The children from Beech Class will be leading Friday's assembly. Usually, parents would be invited into school to enjoy the assembly. At the moment this is not possible. Therefore, the assembly will be streamed live via Teams. Links will be sent to the children's families on Thursday.

Mr Hayward.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Thursday 21 October	Parent Governor Voting ends at 6.00pm
Thursday 21 October	STAA (St Andrew's PTFA) AGM – 8.00pm
Friday 22 October	Beech Class Assembly

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
Wednesday 24 November	Flu immunisations for the children
Friday 17 December	Last day of the Autumn term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4 January	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 5 January	School opens
Thursday 6 January	City 7s Assembly 10.30am

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Monday 4 April	Parents' evening – Face to face
Tuesday 5 April	Parents' evening – Face to face
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