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NEWSLETTER 13

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

SPRING TERM 2018 MEAL ORDERS on PARENTPAY



The Spring term menu is now available to order via ParentPay. The menu works on the same rolling rota as previously but for selection purposes you will need to physically choose meals for each week, up to the Easter holidays. KS1 meals are free and KS2 meals are £2.50. Please note when ordering a KS2 meal, you must pay at the time of ordering (or within 2 hours), otherwise the meal order will be automatically cancelled.

ParentPay is a secure and convenient way to pay for school meals, trips and much more online. Parents of all children can now access their ParentPay accounts, by visiting www.parentpay.com and using the unique activation code letters previously sent out. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash may do so using the PayPoint network at local convenience stores – please see a member of the office team who will be able to arrange your access code.

 **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

We are looking forward to our School Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13th December. Please note: **If you have not ordered a Christmas meal for your child, they will need to bring a packed lunch on this day.**

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Ms Doherty
Girls' Football	Years 5&6	Mr Green
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Tag Rugby	Years 5&6	Mr Green/Richard Huish
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Ms Doherty
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Handball/Netball	Years 5&6	Ms Doherty
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
DJ Club	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Exell
Boys' Football	Years 3 & 4	Mr Green
FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Ms Doherty
Multi-skills	Years 1 & 2	Mr Green

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

DJ Club has now **FINISHED** and will resume on Thursday 18th January 2018.

Study Club will finish on Friday 15th December and resume on Tuesday and Friday week commencing 15th January 2018.

All Sports clubs will finish on Friday 15th December and resume week commencing 15th January 2018.

Letters will shortly be going home regarding any new clubs for the Spring term. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Some clubs will remain unchanged and continue into the new term, children who are currently attending will not need to sign up again.

If any child wishes to join a current club, please see the School Office and we will check with the club leader, regarding availability of spaces.

SCHOOL KIT

Could **ALL** school kit please be returned to the School Office as soon as possible. Replacing kit is an unnecessary expense so please help us by returning – thank you



THURSDAY JANUARY 18TH – 'DINER' DAY

On Thursday 18th January we will be serving a special 'Diner Lunch' of hot dogs/veggie hot dogs served with fries and followed by cookies for dessert. If you would like to order a meal for your child, please log on to ParentPay to make your selections.



PTFA



Christmas Fair

It has finally arrived! We are really looking forward to tonight's Christmas Fair. We hope to see you all there!

Christmas Tree Decoration Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the competition, we had some brilliant entries! The winners and runners-up are: TONE – Henry Dimond & Noah Crocker, SHEPPEY – Rose Mann & Conor Sherwin, CARY – Ellie Reed & Liberty Moon, HUNTSPELL – Lottie Mann, SOMER – Brooke Cramman-Rees & Blaise Cramman-Rees, BRUE – George Mann & Alfie Inskip.



Easyfundraising

This year we have been busy collecting donations from Easyfundraising and have so far raised over £120 for the PTFA at no additional cost to our supporters.

Most people will be doing some of their Christmas shopping online and it would be fantastic if the school could benefit even more from the Easyfundraising scheme. We currently only have 18 supporters so we'd love to see more parents join up, with more of you on board we could raise some serious cash! There is no charge for this service and its very easy to use. There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations.

- Download the Easyfundraising App from the App Store
- Search for our cause "St Andrews Church School PTFA – Taunton"
- Click "Join Us" (or visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewschurchsch>)

Once you have registered you simply need to click on the Easyfundraising App which will direct you to all your online suppliers at the click on an icon. It really is very simple and quick. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, eBay, Asda, Argos, Tesco, Boots, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and many more.

Any questions please ask a member of the PTFA or see our step by step guide on our Facebook page.

Dates for the Diary:

Santa's Grotto and Cake Sale 19th December
 Christmas Discos Weds 20th December Reception & KS1 5-6pm, KS2 6:30-8pm

LOST PROPERTY

Our 'Lost Property' box is over-flowing again. If your child has lost any items, please do have a look in the box outside Huntspill Class. Please also remember to label all of your child's belongings as this helps to reunite items with their owners.



MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER- ELIZABETH HERBERT

Elizabeth Herbert (with a little help from Mrs Cairns!) will be raffling some Christmas Hampers, made up from Christmas goodies kindly donated by the staff. The hampers will be ready next week, so look out Elizabeth & Mrs Cairns who will be selling raffle tickets in the playgrounds. Elizabeth is keen to continue fund raising in memory of her mum, Tracie and hope that you will support her in her efforts. Thank you.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Could I remind parents to try to arrange non-emergency medical appointments (dentist, doctors etc.) for their child outside of school hours, whenever possible. We understand this is sometimes unavoidable and therefore we do request a copy of the appointment letter to hold on file, in order to authorise the absence under 'medical reasons'.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 19th Dec

Tuesday 19th December is Christmas Jumper Day at St. Andrew's Church School! Children and staff are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform in exchange for a donation of £1 to go towards Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.



DIARY DATES

DECEMBER	
Saturday 9th	St. Andrew's Church Candlelit Christmas Market 2-4pm
Wednesday 13th	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th	Nativity at St. Andrew's Church
Friday 15th	Deadline for ordering school meals for the 1st week of Spring term 2018 (please see ParentPay)
Sunday 17th	Community Carol Service 6pm in St. Andrew's Church (School Choir singing)
Tuesday 19th	Christmas Jumper Day for £1 donation KS2 Talent Show PTFA Santa's Grotto and Cake Sale
Wednesday 20th	Christmas Discos Reception & KS1 5-6pm, KS2 6:30-8pm
Thursday 21st	Last day of Autumn term (break up for Christmas holidays)
JANUARY 2018	
Monday 8th	First day of Spring term

Yours sincerely,

PJ Sheehan

Paul Sheehan,
Head Teacher

St. Andrew's Church Candlelit Christmas Market
 Tomorrow (Saturday 9th December) 2-4pm

Many stalls including: Books, Eric-a-brac, Games & toys, Bottle tombola, Mystery gifts, Cakes, Fancy Goods, Pickles and jams, Charity stalls, PLUS: Refreshments, grand draw, Father Christmas and the giant Christmas tree!

