



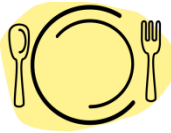
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NEWSLETTER 17

Dear Parents/carers and children,



SCHOOL LUNCHES

After some initial teething problems, the meal ordering system via ParentPay is up and running and proving a success. Please ensure you keep track of your child's lunch orders and ensure you meet the deadline for ordering meals for the following week, which is the Wednesday before the meals are to be taken.

For KS1 children (no payment required), it is advisable to order lunches right up to Easter, to avoid missing a deadline and your child not having lunches provided. **Please note that for KS1 children, your meal choices for the following week are**

only available to view prior to the ordering deadline (Wednesday), so at the time of ordering, it is advisable to make a note of the meal choices you have made.

Big Adventure

Mrs Carol Sheehan - a Year 5 teacher at St James - is currently on a sabbatical to train for a big adventure. The big adventure has been unveiled. As part of a team of four cancer survivors, Mrs Sheehan will ride across America in an event known as RAAM- Race Across America.

The team will be working in relay, 24 hours a day, with the ambition to cover the 3100 miles in 7 days there will also be a colossal 170,000ft of climbing to overcome- as well as heat and fatigue. The charity which has brought this epic adventure together is **cfc - cyclist fighting cancer-** there is a dedicated website to support the ride - www.cfcraam.bike. Please have a look and if you feel that you can make a donation to such an epic adventure and worthy cause- please follow the link on the website. Later this term, Mrs Sheehan will be coming into St Andrew's to talk with our children about her training and the upcoming challenge as part of our Sport Relief week.

DRIVING AND PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL VICINITY

We have had several concerns about parents driving erratically in the vicinity of the school premises. **Please be cautious and drive at a safe speed when driving near school**, especially at drop off and collection times as the roads get busy with children and parents either walking home or walking to their transport. We have requested a PCSO to visit us and monitor traffic activity and identify anyone driving in an unsafe manner. We thank you for your support in this vital matter.

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES/CONCERNS

It has been brought to my attention that there have been recent instances whereby parents are directly approaching children of other families, on school grounds, to resolve a concern. **There is a resolution process in place which must be followed in all instances.** If you have a concern about your child, please speak to your child's class teacher who will endeavour to help. If a more serious concern, a member of the leadership team will be involved by the class teacher in order to get a successful resolution of the issue. In following this process you are far more likely to be successful in securing a long term resolution. Your direct intervention may fuel further disputes or concerns. I look forward to your support with this matter.

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Ms Doherty
Girls' Football	Years 5 & 6	Mr Green
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Football Practice (replaces Tag Rugby)	Years 5 & 6	Mr Green
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Ms Doherty
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Handball/Netball	Years 5 & 6	Ms Doherty
Catchball	Years 3 & 4	Mr Green
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 NEWS

Multiskills – Years1 & 2 is now full on Fridays, however there is a waiting list. Please see a staff member in the School Office.

CANCELLED CLUB NEXT WEEK

Please note there is NO GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB on Monday 22nd January, due to an offsite fixture.

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.

PTFA

Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme

We are very excited that our Playground Renovations Project has been selected for the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has now been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores.

Our project along with two other local projects can be voted on, in the Tesco stores listed below. Customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting takes place between Tuesday 2nd January and Wednesday 28th February 2018. The stores taking part are: GALMINGTON TAUNTON EXPRESS, LISIEUX WAY TAUNTON EXPRESS, EAST REACH TAUNTON EXPRESS, TAUNTON TESCO SUPERSTORE, TAUNTON HIGH STREET EXPRESS, TAUNTON PRIORSWOOD EXPRESS.

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction. Please help us by voting as many times as possible and asking friends and family to also support the project. Please remember to ask for the tokens as they do not always give them out.

Easyfundraising

There is no charge for the Easyfundraising scheme, the school benefits from all your online purchases 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.

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 6th	Charterhouse Meeting 5.30pm in School Hall (current Year 5 pupils & parents)
Thursday 8th	Last day of half term
Friday 9th	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Monday 12th	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 19th	BACK TO SCHOOL

LOST PROPERTY :- THE LOST PROPERTY BOX IS OVERFLOWING, PLEASE HAVE LOOK THROUGH IF YOUR CHILD HAS MISLAID AN ITEM. ALL UNNAMED ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY AT THE END OF THIS HALF TERM.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Sheehan,
Head Teacher

St Andrew's Church
Table Top Sale
Saturday 24th February 2018
10am to 12noon

Tables £5 each, please call the Parish Office on 332531 to book your table or for more info



Huish Tigers FC are starting a new Under 6's football team for boys and girls in Year 1 at school.
If your child is interested in joining the Tigers Family, or would like more information, please email
Huish_Tigers_Gav@outlook.com.