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NEWSLETTER 21
WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents/carers and children,

AGAPE MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE – WEDNESDAY 7th MARCH

On Wednesday 7th March 2pm, the whole school will be gathering together at St Andrew's Church to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Our service will be led by the children from Avon and Sheppey classes. Parents are very welcome to attend, however as this will be a reflective service, there will not be the facilities for pre-school children. On this occasion, we would ask that pre-school children be looked after elsewhere, if you wish to join us. Thank you.

EASTER SERVICE – THURSDAY 22ND MARCH and MR SHEEHAN'S FAREWELL

The Easter Service will take place in Church at 2pm, refreshments will be served from 1pm. This will also be whole school's opportunity to say a fond farewell to Mr Sheehan and to thank him for his 11 years of dedicated service to the family of St Andrew's Church School. All are very welcome to join us.



LEAVING GIFT

As you are aware, Mr Sheehan will be leaving us at the end of term. As is customary, we will be organising a collection towards a leaving gift. If any parents would like to donate, please put your donation in a sealed envelope, marked clearly and hand it to the School Office. Many thanks

NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER

As the weather is forecast to be extremely cold but sunny, could I remind parents to ensure that their children have a warm coat, hat and gloves with them. We want the children to enjoy outside playtimes, but they need to be warm too!

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Ms Doherty
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Football Practice	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

NEWS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

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.

CANCELLED CLUBS

There will be NO Boys' Year 3 & 4 Football on Thursday 1st March and NO Multiskills on Friday 2nd March due to fixtures. Apologies for any inconvenience.

DJ CLUB

There will be no DJ Club on Thursday 1st March. The club will start again on Thursday 8th March. Please note there are only 2 DJ club sessions this term: 8th & 15th March

SCHOOL KIT

Could ALL school kit please be returned to the School Office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School meals are available to order via ParentPay, for ALL weeks, right up to the Easter holidays. Please keep track of your orders to 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.** 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 also advisable to make a note of the meal choices you have made.



YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

The Year 6 SATS will take place during the week commencing 14th May 2018. Please do not book any appointments for your child during school hours that week.

LEAVERS' POLO SHIRTS



Letters have been sent home this week regarding the Leavers' Polo shirts which are now available to order via ParentPay. Please note the deadline is 8th March 2018.

WORLD BOOK DAY – March 1st 2018

Each child will be bringing home a World Book Day voucher to either claim a free World Book Day book or to use as a voucher giving them £1 off a book of their choice. As a school we will be spending the 2 weeks after half term looking at the author Lauren Child who is currently Children's Laureate. We will look at her books and learn about her life and style of writing. Each class will contribute to a sharing assembly for the rest of the school Friday 2nd March. **Please note that this year, we will not be dressing up.**



BOOK SWAP

Mrs. Barmby-King will be in the hall from 8.45am on World Book Day (Thursday 1st March) to receive contributions of books. Please bring ANY age-appropriate books, comics/magazines and also any age-appropriate DVDs (U ratings only please) ready to be swapped. Once they are sorted, each class will come to the hall to choose/ swap to take home.

MRS HIGHAM NEEDS HELP WITH LIBRARY

Our School Library has been out of bounds due to book sorting. We now have lots of boxes of new books, borrowed from the School Library Service which we subscribe to each year. There are plenty of new fiction and nonfiction books, which we hope will provide the children with exciting new reading opportunities. However, all these new books need to be entered into our library computer system in order that we can keep track of what has been borrowed and then return the books before we order new ones from the School Library Service. This involves scanning the books, checking the details and then placing books in the correct section of the library. **For this job, we are looking for some parent helpers. If you would be willing to help during school hours with this, please could you see Mrs Higham to arrange a time to show you what needs doing and agree a suitable time to start the process.** A team of 2 or 3 would be great and your help much appreciated so that we can start using the library again.

PTFA

Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme

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. 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.

KS2 Cinema Night

Our KS2 cinema night this week was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the staff and parents who kindly helped make this event a great success. We raised £239 – brilliant!

KS1 PJ Storytime

Letters have been sent home. **Please note the time for this event is 4.30-5.30pm.** Lucy Morris will be in the Vicarage playground, outside the PTFA shed both before and after school on Monday 26th February to collect permission slips and monies.



PTFA Diary Dates:

Thursday 1st March ~ Reception & KS1 Pyjama Storytime 4.30-5.30pm

Tuesday 20th March ~ Sports Relief Cake Sale

MUSICIANS

School has an electronic keyboard and stand which is no longer needed and taking up valuable space. It is in good working order, and needs a new home. If you are interested, and happy to give St Andrew's a donation for it, please come to the School Office.

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY	
Monday 26th	Cross-country Relays at King's College 3.45 - 4.30pm
MARCH	
Thursday 1st	World Book Day Yr 3/4 Catchball Tournament at Castle School 3.50-5.30pm PTFA Reception & KS1 PJ Storytime
Friday 2nd	Grass track cycling at Bishop Foxes School 1 – 4pm (selected team)
Wednesday 7th	Mother's Day Agape Service 2.15pm in Church Yr 5/6 Modified Netball at Taunton Vale 3.50-5.30pm
Monday 12th	Yr 5/6 Boys'/Mixed Football at Heathfield 3.50-5.30pm
Tuesday 13th	Easter Cracked Yr 4 Trip to Museum Choir at The Big Sing at Mary Magdalene Church, Taunton
Wednesday 14th	Yr 3 Trip to the Museum
Tuesday 20th	Sports Relief
Thursday 22nd	Easter Service 2pm in Church LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 23rd	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Monday 26th	EASTER HOLIDAYS

APRIL	
Thursday 12th	School Photographer (Class photos & Leaver's photos)

Yours sincerely,
PJ Sheehan
Paul Sheehan,
Headteacher

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



Rotary Club 50/50 Cycle Ride and Walk
Sunday 6th May 2018
A great challenge for all the family which puts the fun in fundraising!
Please see poster by School Office for more information