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NEWSLETTER 27

Dear Parents/carers and children,



ROYAL WEDDING 'TEA PARTY' LUNCH

We will be serving a 'Royal Wedding Tea Party' lunch on Thursday 17th May. This will consist of: Ham & cucumber sandwich, sausage roll, fruit & royal wedding sponge cake OR Cheese & cucumber sandwich, cheese pastry, fruit & royal wedding sponge cake. The cost of the meal is £2.50 for KS2 and no charge for KS1. If you wish to order this for your child, please login to ParentPay to make your selections. The deadline for ordering is Wednesday 9th May. **Please note this change to the menu will have over-written any choices already made for this date. Please login again to reselect a meal for this date.**

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Athletics Club	KS2	Ms Doherty & Mr. Green
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Boys' Cricket Club	KS2 Boys	Mr Green
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Ms Doherty
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Rounders Club	KS2	Ms Doherty & Mr. Green
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
DJ Club	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Exell
Girls' Cricket Club	KS2 Girls	Mr Green
FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Ms Doherty
Bat & Ball Club	Years 1 & 2	Mr Green

NEWS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Cancellations:

NO GIRLS CRICKET CLUB on Thursday 3rd May due to a fixture offsite

DJ Club on Thursday 3rd May is cancelled (to allow for Reception & KS1 Pyjama Story-time).

SOMER CLASS LITTER PICK

Service; Serving God through serving others.
 On Monday 23rd April, Somer class, with the help of Ralph from TDBC, went to the Rec to conduct a litter-pick. Ralph brought some equipment and talked to us about how to litter pick safely.

We were really surprised by how much rubbish we collected! Some of the most unusual things we found were a watering can, a mobile phone case, a windscreen wiper, a 'trusty' pole and a half-eaten lunchbox

After the litter-pick, we all felt really good, as the Rec looked so clean! It felt really rewarding to do something positive for our community. We even found it quite fun to see who collected the most. Please have a look at the photos on the school website.



TWITTER

We now have a Twitter account where we will be tweeting about all the exciting things that happen in our classrooms on a daily basis. You can sign up for a Twitter account for free, you then need to search for us @StAndrewTaunton and can click on 'follow' so that you receive notifications of what is happening. Have a look at the 'tweets' which are already on there!

ATTENDANCE

We recognise the importance of regular attendance as a key factor in our pupils' achievement. It is therefore essential that parents work in partnership with the school. A child with 90% attendance at the end of the school year will have missed the equivalent of 4 weeks absence. Greater attention is now paid to overall absence by the Department for Education. Therefore we do not authorise any term time absences for holidays and will only authorise an absence in exceptional circumstances. All such unauthorised absence has to be referred to the Local Authority Education Welfare Department. When a child's absence falls below 90% this may lead to the issuing of a Fixed Penalty fine. Please be reminded that it is a parent's responsibility to notify the school in the event of a child's absence. This needs to be done each day by 9.30am at the very latest either in person, by telephone or via email. If we do not receive notification as to the reason for absence your child will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence.

Congratulations to Sheppey class who have the highest level of attendance this month at 98.67%

The other classes attendance stands at:
 Tone 96.86% Avon 96.28% Cary 94.84% Huntspill 96.66% Somer 96.66% Brue 98.12% Exe 96.56%
 Which class will have the highest attendance next month?



SCOOTERS AND BIKES

Now that spring is here, many more children are cycling or scooting to school. We have had some reports, by parents, of children riding straight across the road without stopping. Please can you remind your child of the measures they need to take to keep themselves safe. Similarly, we strongly advise that all children wear a helmet for protection.

PTFA

KS1 Pyjama Story time

Thursday 3rd May is the new date for KS1 Story time. Children should be brought to the classrooms by 4.30pm and collected at 5.30pm. Hot chocolate and biscuits will be served during the event. Don't forget to come in your pjs! If you need another copy of the permission letter or if you still need to pay, please see Lucy Morris in the playground.

Tuck shop

Tuck shop will be starting after school on Friday 29th June and will run every Friday for 4 weeks. There will be lots of treats for the children to buy!

Diary dates:

Sponsored Bounce for KS1 – 22nd May. Sponsor forms will be sent out soon

Cake Sale - Friday 25th May ~ Donations welcome!

Race Night - Friday 8th June ~ Look out for posters with more info!

Summer Fair - Friday 22nd June 5 - 7pm

Mufti Day - Friday 20th July Children can come to school dressed in appropriate casual clothes (£1 donation)

Summer Discos Reception & KS1 5 - 6pm & KS2 6.30-8pm 23rd July

DIARY DATES

MAY	
Thursday 3rd	Yr 4 Net & Wall Festival Reception & KS1 Pyjama Storytime 4.30-5.30pm
Monday 7th	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed to pupils/staff
Tuesday 8th	Reception & Year 6 Heights & Weights
Friday 18th	2.45pm Forest School Meeting for Reception parents
Monday 21st	Freestyle Workshops – whole school
Wednesday 23rd	Foundation and KS1 Sharing Assembly at 2.15pm in St Andrew's Church.
Friday 25th	Trinity Agape 10am in St Andrew's Church Last day of half term
Monday 28th	HALF TERM WEEK
JUNE	
Monday 4th	Back to school
Friday 22nd	School Fete
JULY	
Tuesday 3rd	New Class afternoon – children will spend time with their new teacher
Wednesday 4th	Foundation Multi skills Festival Open classrooms (after school)
Thursday 5th	KS2 Music Concert 2.15pm
Monday 9th	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 17th	Sports Day
Monday 23rd	Leaver's Service 2pm in St Andrew's Church.
Tuesday 24th	Last day of term

Yours sincerely,

Tamar Warner and Kaye
Frounks
Acting Headteachers



Beetle Drive

St Andrew's Church Hall ~ Saturday 28th April 5pm to 7.30pm.

Adults £5, Children £2.50 For all ages, includes games, hot dogs and cake.

Phone 01823 278571 to book your place.

If you can shake a dice and hold a pencil then this is for you!