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NEWSLETTER 31

Dear Parents/carers and children,

Wow! I cannot believe we are at the end of this half term already – what a busy half term we have had here at St Andrew's and what a wonderful way to end our half term with our fabulous 'Sport and Health Week'. It has been brilliant to see all our children so excited, enthusiastic and supportive of each other in trying lots of new sports activities and new fruits. A big thank you to all the staff for leading and organising a range of activities and in particular, Mrs Cook for organising all the wonderful activities this week including: Freestyle BMX, Basketball, 1610 Climbing Wall, KS2 Sports Morning at Taunton Vale with Handball, Badminton, Athletics and Cricket, Zumba, Judo and KS2 Race for Life and the PTFA for the KS1 Sponsored Bounce. Definitely time for a well earned break for all our children and staff – let's hope we see some more lovely sunshine over the half term break and return refreshed and ready to embark upon our final half term of this school year with lots more exciting learning planned for the weeks ahead.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The deadline for ordering meals for the first week back after half term has now passed. Please ensure you send your child to school with a packed lunch if you have not already placed an order.



TWITTER

Please also ensure you complete and return the Image Consent Forms which were sent home. If you need another copy, please see the School Office. Our Twitter account has been very busy this week with all the tweets about what the children have been being as part of Health week ~ make sure you take a look. Reminder - if you have not already done so, 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. This is being updated on a daily basis so make sure that you follow us!

MR & MRS GREEN (to be)

Tomorrow is going to be a very special day as St Andrew's celebrate their own 'royal wedding' as Mr Green and Mrs Harris 'tie the knot'. I am sure that you will join us in wishing them a fantastic day and a long and happy life together.

BRUE CLASS / YEAR 5 CHARTERHOUSE RESIDENTIAL

Parents of Brue Class pupils please remember that the deadline for paying the balance for this year's Charterhouse residential trip (in September 2018) is **20th July 2018**. Please login to ParentPay to pay instalments/settle the balance. Please see the School Office as soon as possible if you have any problems.



STAFFING

Last week, we explained what would be happening after half term as Mrs Frounks returns to class and Mrs Warner steps out to be office based. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, Mr Leveigh is unable to take up the position as Year 5 teacher for Monday to Wednesday in place of Mrs Evans. Instead, Miss Laura Hilton is delighted to be joining us and has already been in to meet and plan with Mrs Cook for the half term ahead.

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:

Athletics Club is cancelled on Monday 4th June, (first day back) due to a fixture

DJ CLUB will start again on Thursday 14th June

TOURNAMENT SELECTION

If your child has been selected to play in a sports tournament, please can you ensure they wear their PE kit, which should be a white t-shirt and navy shorts/joggers.

We sometimes have to ask parents to help with transport to and from the event, if we do not have enough help, unfortunately we may have to cancel our participation in a tournament.

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 Avon class who have the highest level of attendance this month at 98.44%

The other classes attendance stands at:

Tone 98.36% Sheppey 95.62% Cary 97.02% Huntspill 97.32% Somer 91.34% Brue 98.32% Exe 96.97%

Which class will have the highest attendance next month?

INSET DATES FOR 2018/2019

Inset dates have now been set as follows:- Monday 3rd September, Friday 26th October, Monday 19th November 2018 and Monday 7th January, Monday 8th July 2019

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

A letter has been sent out today to all parents regarding a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

PTFA

We had a lovely morning watching KS1 participate in the Sponsored Bounce. The children really enjoyed it and everyone was given a well deserved ice pole for taking part. We would like to thank Tiny Feet for participating and donating towards this event too. If all sponsor forms and money could be returned to the School Office by the 8th June, that would be much appreciated. Thank you

Diary dates:

***Race Night** - Friday 8th June 7pm in the School Hall ~ Tickets are £5 each, available from PTFA Committee members, to include food & raffle entry. BYOB and bring your friends and family (Adults only)

***Summer Fair** - Friday 22nd June 5 - 7pm ~ This exciting event is fast approaching! We will soon announce dates for bringing in donations of jars/bottles & teddies. Watch this space!

***KS2 Sponsored Football Event** with Mr. Green – Sunday 1st July ~ Staplegrave football pitch on Corkscrew Lane. The children will be taking part in team games to help raise money for the school, this will be held from 1 - 5pm, BBQ & refreshments afterwards . Letters & sponsor forms to follow!

***The Somerset Show** – Sunday 8th July ~ The PTFA have been asked to run a stall. We are asking if anyone would be interested in helping with face painting at this event please. This is a great opportunity for us to raise funds for the school. If you are able to volunteer, please let us know ASAP. Thank you!

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

***Rock on the Green** – Saturday 21st July ~ The PTFA have been asked to run a stall at this fantastic, annual event. We hope to see lots of St. Andrew's families there!

***Summer Discos** - Monday 23rd July (Reception & KS1 5 - 6pm & KS2 6.30 - 8pm) More info to follow

DIARY DATES

JUNE	
Monday 4th	BACK TO SCHOOL
Thurs 7 th and Fri 8 th	Year 6 Bikeability course
Friday 8th	Reception pupils' Forest School sessions begin
Thursday 14th	Whole School NSPCC Assemblies
Tuesday 19th	Year 6 Leavers' Day at Wells Cathedral – letters to follow
Thursday 21st	Year 5 and Year 6 – NSPCC workshops
Monday 25th	'Together in voice' – choir event at Wells Cathedral
Tuesday 26th	Year 6 Workshop – Stand Against Violence
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
Wednesday 11th	Year 3 & 4 Performance 2pm
Thursday 12th	Year 3 & 4 Performance to parents 6pm
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 & Kaye
Frounks
Acting Headteachers

St Andrew's Church "Fete on the Green"

Saturday 9th June 2.00 – 4.00pm

There are limited tables available for people wishing to sell home-made craft items at the event.

Please call Alison Perry on 01523 278571

ENJOY YOUR HALF TERM – See you on Monday 4th June 2018