

7th September 2018

NEWSLETTER 1 AUTUMN TERM 2018-2019

Dear Parents/carers and children,

WELCOME BACK!!

It has been lovely to welcome back everyone, as well as to meet the new children in Tone class. I have been very humbled by the kind welcome and friendly words from the pupils, parents and staff and I am delighted to have taken up my new post! I think I am just as excited as Exe class about going to Charterhouse next week and I think it will be both a wonderful adventure and a great chance to get to know the Year 6 pupils.

Over the next few weeks, as part of getting to know everyone and finding out their views about our school, I will be running a 'Meet the Head' evening between 2.30pm and 3.15pm on Monday 24th September (so that those who wish to go to the PTFA AGM can do so afterwards) . As well as getting to know the parents better, this will give me an opportunity to outline the priorities the school has identified and the developments we are planning for this year. I hope you will be able to attend and share your views too.

We would like to wish Mrs. Kristie Cable a fond farewell and good luck as she starts her PGCE year to train to be a teacher. We also want to congratulate Miss Doherty, who got married over the summer and is now, Mrs Gerrard.

I want to wish everyone at St. Andrew's a healthy, happy and successful year!

NEW HEAD

I thought I ought to introduce myself properly to the school community and share a little bit about my journey to becoming Headteacher at St. Andrews Church School. I have worked in education for the past 18 years at five different schools in the South West, as a teacher, Deputy Head and Headteacher. I was also a Maths adviser for Somerset as well as being Chair of Governors of Wellsprings Primary School. For the last eight years, I have trained new Somerset primary school teachers on their PGCE programme and I led this course for the past few years.

I like walking in the countryside and I enjoy watching television sitcoms and Tottenham Hotspur FC (which are often closely related!)

Anyway, I hope that gives you all a little bit of background about me and I look forward to getting to know you all better in the weeks ahead.

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL			<u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u> Clubs will start again week commencing 17th September. Letters will be placed in the letter racks by the School Office and allocation is on a 'first come, first served basis'.
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Mrs Gerrard	
			<u>DJ Club</u> DJ Club will be starting again on Thursday 20 th September. Priority will be given to existing members, however there are some spaces available for new members. ALL pupils wishing to attend DJ Club must complete a new form, available from the School Office.
Badminton (Invitation only)	Years 5 & 6	Mr Green	
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL			 <u>GOLD SPORT MARK</u> We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2017/2018 academic year. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. As part of our application we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard at helping us to achieve this prestigious accolade.
Tag Rugby	Years 5 & 6	Mr Green	
			<u>WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL</u>
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	
			<u>THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL</u>
Handball	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	
			<u>FRIDAY LUNCHTIME</u>
Girl's Football	KS2	Mr Green	
			<u>FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL</u>
DJ Club	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Exell	
Dance (around the world!)	KS2	Mrs Gerrard	
Boys' Football	Years 3 & 4	Mr Green	
Choir	Years 4,5 & 6	Miss Sadler	
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	
Football (Girls & Boys)	Years 1 & 2	Mr Green	

HEADLICE

Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly, as we have already had reports of children in school with headlice.



TWITTER

All our classes now have their own individual class page, as follows:-

@StAndrewSports1 @class_exe @BrueClass @ClassSomer @ClassHuntspill @CaryClass @SheppeyClass @ToneClass2.

EDUCATION SUNDAY AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH SCHOOL

This Sunday is 'Education Sunday' and St. Andrew's Church will be holding a service at 10am to celebrate this. Mr. Atkins will be introducing himself to the congregation. All welcome.



PTFA

Hi Everyone, we hope you have had a lovely summer!!

Over the holidays, the next phase of the foundation playground was completed. We are over the moon with the work that has been done and we are sure the children will definitely enjoy their new facilities!!

We are really looking forward to another year of raising money for the school and children. Our next project is already being discussed.

New Parents BBQ Friday 28th September 5.30-7pm

We are holding a BBQ for all new parents of Reception pupils. This will be an opportunity to chat with other parents and teachers and to meet the PTFA Committee, and hear about the work we do. You may wish to join our team!. Children are also very welcome. There will be lots of fun activities to do: a bouncy castle, games to play etc. There will also be a bar so you can also purchase alcoholic drinks . We will be sending out letters with more info, hope you can come.

PTFA meeting / AGM

Monday 24th September in the hall at 3.30 pm~ Letters to follow

Keep a lookout for upcoming dates :

- Race night
- Christmas fair
- Santa's grotto
- Disco's

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER	
Sunday 9th	Education Sunday at St. Andrew's Church 10am
Monday 10th	EXE Class Residential Trip to Charterhouse (all week, return Friday 14th Sept)
Wednesday 12th	New Reception Parents & Pupils Lunch 11.45am
Monday 24th	'Meet the Head' @2.30pm to 3.15pm, followed by PTFA AGM
OCTOBER	
Saturday 6th	King's College Open Day 10am
Friday 26th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Monday 29th	HALF TERM
NOVEMBER	
Monday 5th	Back to school
Thursday 15th	School Photographer
Monday 19th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
DECEMBER	
Friday 21st	Last day of Autumn term
Monday 24th	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Yours sincerely,

Keith Atkins
Head Teacher