

14th September 2018

NEWSLETTER 2 AUTUMN TERM 2018-2019

Dear Parents/carers and children,

WELCOME & COMMISSIONING SERVICE

We would like to invite you to attend our Welcome & Commissioning Service at St. Andrew's Church on Friday 21st September 2018 at 10am. During the service we welcome new families and staff to our school community. We will also be officially welcoming Mr. Keith Atkins as our new Head Teacher. Teas and coffees will be available in the church from 9.15am. We hope you will be able to attend.

CHARTERHOUSE

Exe Class have been away at Charterhouse this week and what a wonderful week they have had! The children have been an absolute asset to yourselves and to St Andrew's and have fully embraced the exciting challenges and experiences which they have had from archery and night walking to sailing and kayaking. It has been lovely to see them working together in a new environment, supporting and encouraging each other as a team.

A huge thank you to all the team who have been at Charterhouse this week - we couldn't run it without all your hard work, support and TLC which you have shown the children throughout the week.

STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019 – APPLICATION DEADLINE 15th January 2019



The process for applying for primary school has changed in Somerset. The Local Authority will not be sending letters to parents of children due to start in 2019.

The application portal on the LA website is now open and parents can apply on line <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/> or they can phone Somerset Direct for a paper copy of the application 0300 123 2224.

Parent information is now available on the Local Authority Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Somersetschooladmissions/>

PARENT PARTY & BBQ – FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER – please see info below

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL			<u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u> Clubs will start again next week. Letters have been 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 start 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	
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL			<u>GYMNASTIC STARS</u> Well done to all of our pupils who took part in the Tone Gymnastics Invitational Competition on Sunday 9 th September: Scarlett Coe, Lottie Eggbeer, Max Gallagher, Tilly Hubbard, Lottie Mann and Amanda Mlotshwa. The gymnasts competed on the vault and had to perform a floor routine. They all worked really hard and were rewarded with two gold medals, one silver and one bronze between them. Fantastic! 
Handball	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	
Girl's Football	KS2	Mr Green	
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL			
DJ Club	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Exell	
Dance (around the world!)	KS2	Mrs Gerrard	
Boys' Football	Years 3 & 4	Mr Green	
FRIDAY LUNCHTIME			
Choir	Years 4,5 & 6	Miss Sadler	
FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL			
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	
Football (Girls & Boys)	Years 1 & 2	Mr Green	



TWITTER

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

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

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.

Parent Party & BBQ Friday 28th September 5.30-7pm

We are holding a BBQ **for all parents** . This will be an opportunity for new reception parents to meet and chat with other parents 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 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

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.

100 club

If existing members wish to continue, the deadline for renewal is Monday 17th September. Please contact Fiona Kingston via email.

Race Night - Friday 30th November. £5 per ticket to include food and free raffle ticket. Bring your own drinks! Please see a member of the PTFA for your ticket!

Keep a lookout for upcoming dates :

Christmas fair, Santa's grotto, Disco's

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place for our current Year 6 pupils is 31st October 2018. Our local secondary schools are holding open days over the coming weeks. Please see details below. Please ensure you inform the school office if your child will be missing any school sessions in order to attend a secondary school open day.

The Taunton Academy - Open Mornings Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th October PLEASE CALL TAUNTON ACADEMY ON 348200 to book an appointment

Heathfield Community School - Open Evening - Thursday 27th September 6-8.30pm

Bishop Fox's - Open Evening - Thursday 20th September 6-8pm, Open Mornings (by appointment only) – Thursday 20th & Friday 21st September

The Castle School - Open Days - Tuesday 18th Sept & Thursday 20th September 9.30am -11.30am

Brymore Open Mornings - Friday 21st September 9.30am-12pm, Friday 5th October 9.30am-12pm, Saturday 6th October 10am-12pm (Boarder specific)

King's College - Open Day - Saturday 6th October 10am

Queen's College - Open Morning - Saturday 6th October 9.30am-12noon

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER	
Friday 21st	Welcome & Commissioning Service, 10am at St. Andrew's Church
Monday 24th	'Meet the Head' @2.30pm to 3.15pm, followed by PTFA AGM
Tuesday 25th	Year 3 Forest School
Friday 28th	New Parents BBQ 5.30-7pm
OCTOBER	
Tuesday 2nd	Year 3 Forest School
Friday 12th	Year 3 Forest School
Monday 15th	Harvest Festival 2.15pm at St. Andrew's Church
Tuesday 16th	Year 5/6 Museum Workshops – in school, Y4 Visit Kilkeny House – Dementia Project
Tuesday 16th	Open Classrooms KS2 only
Wednesday 17th	Open Classrooms KS1 only
Friday 19th	Year 3 Forest School
Tuesday 23rd	Parents' Evening

Thursday 25th	Parents' Evening
Friday 26th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Monday 29th	HALF TERM
NOVEMBER	
Monday 5th	Back to school
Monday 12th	Remembrance Service
Thursday 15th	School Photographer
Monday 19th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Thursday 21st	Flu immunisations Reception-Year 5
DECEMBER	
Thursday 6th	Visiting production – whole school
Wednesday 19th	Nativity Service Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st	Last day of Autumn term Christmas Jumper Day (Come to school in your festive jumper for a donation of £1)
Monday 24th	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS Crib Service at St. Andrew's Church

Yours sincerely,

Keith Atkins
Head Teacher