

28th September 2018

**NEWSLETTER 4 AUTUMN TERM 2018-2019**

Dear Parents/carers and children,

We are well and truly into the new school year now and I have been very impressed with how smartly turned out the children look. We have been focusing on three core values: show respect, aim high and make a difference. To help ensure that we all take pride in our school and ourselves and live the three values, we are introducing three new awards which will be presented each week in Gold Book Assembly.



- The Tidiest Class is awarded the Golden Dustbin (pictured here and designed and made by the talented Mrs. Jolly)
- The Best Attendance award is a Golden Register and will be given to the class that has the fewest absences each week.
- The Smartest Class is awarded to the class that consistently lines up in an orderly manner in the mornings, moves quietly and carefully around the school and has the neatest uniform.

We can't wait to find out who will be the first winners of these special prizes! If you are unclear on any aspects of our uniform policy, please see the reminder below.

**UNIFORM**

- ALL hair accessories should be small, discreet and in school colours. Children will be asked to remove any hair accessories which do not fit this description
- Girls' skirts should be at least knee length, and in school colours, black, navy blue or grey.
- School shoes should be black lace ups or velcro/buckle fastening. Trainers and casual 'Van' style shoes are NOT permitted to be worn
- Earrings should be a single small, discreet metal stud. Larger coloured 'stones' are not acceptable
- NO make up is to be worn in school, including nail varnish
- Children must have a plain, navy blue jumper or cardigan. We do not insist on a jumper with the school logo, but hoodies, fluffy cardigans etc are NOT appropriate.
- Socks & tights should be plain grey, navy, black or white

<b>MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>			<b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b> If your child is unable to attend their after-school club for any reason, please ensure you inform the member of staff running the club.
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Mrs Gerrard	
Badminton (Invitation only)	Years 5 & 6	Mr Green	<b>CANCELLED CLUBS NEXT WEEK COMM 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b> NO Tag Rugby on Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October due to a fixture.
<b>TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>			
Tag Rugby	Years 5 & 6	Mr Green	
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	
<b>WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>			
Handball	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	
Girl's Football	KS2	Mr Green	
<b>THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>			
DJ Club	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Exell	
Dance (around the world!)	KS2	Mrs Gerrard	
Boys' Football	Years 3 & 4	Mr Green	
<b>FRIDAY LUNCHTIME</b>			
Choir	Years 4,5 & 6	Miss Sadler	
<b>FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>			
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	
Football (Girls & Boys)	Years 1 & 2	Mr Green	

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**



Congratulations to all the children who have been elected to this year's School Council. **Cary:** Lili Turner & Sonny John, **Huntspill:** Esme Humphreys & Abigail Owen, **Somer:** Lottie Mann & Rupert Jones, **Brue:** Jessica Housego & Blaise Cramman-Rees, **Exe:** Eliza Rowles, Alaia Stephens, William Rowles & Alfie Inskip. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward for the roles.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

Well done to everyone who stood for the House Captain elections this year. I understand the voting was very close in Year Six and it is good to see so many pupils wanting to take on the role. Congratulations to the House Captains: **Bagborough:** Rosie Mann & George Mann, **Cothelstone:** Reece Denham & Emma Clark, **Lydeard:** Jasmine Pollard & Marcus Peet, **Triscombe:** Mason Davis & Jack Fisk.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL



Next week we will be completing our Harvest Challenge. All classes should have brought home their sponsor forms this week. 'Together we can make a difference' for the children of Chimbya, Malawi. Please also join us for the Harvest Service on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in St. Andrew's Church, to learn more about the project.

## FLU VACCINATIONS FOR RECEPTION AND YEARS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

The SAINT team (School Aged Immunisation Team for Somerset) will be in school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November to deliver the vaccination programme. Information packs including the consent form have been sent home today. **Please fully complete and return the consent form to school, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT CONSENT, NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.** The SAINT team will then collect consent forms from us in order for them to be checked in advance of the scheduled programme.



## CHARTERHOUSE RESIDENTIAL – LOST PROPERTY

There are a few clothing items which haven't managed to go home with the correct owners! Could all Year 6 parents check at home to see if you have any clothing items which do not belong to your child. If so, please return to the School Office. Many thanks



## RACE FOR LIFE

We have received a letter from Cancer Research UK thanking us for our donation of £173.00 following our pupils taking part in 'Race for Life'. Thank you and well done to all who took part.

## STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019 – APPLICATION DEADLINE 15<sup>th</sup> 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/>

## 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.

## SAFEGUARDING

Our 2018 Safeguarding Policies have now been updated on our School Website.



## CRAFT RESOURCES WANTED!

Next week, Somer Class are going to create our own marble maze games. We would welcome any donations of cereal boxes, egg boxes, bottle tops, straws, lolly sticks and corks. Please drop off to Somer Class any time between now and next Tuesday morning! Thank you!

## PTFA

**Race Night** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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.

## Keep a lookout for upcoming dates :

**PTFA meeting** 19<sup>th</sup> October in the staff room at 2pm to discuss forthcoming events. Everyone welcome. It would be great if you can come.

**Meet Santa** Tuesday 11th December 3.15pm (We shall be selling our famous marshmallow snowmen too!)

**Xmas fair** 5-7pm Friday 14th December more info to follow

**School discos** EYFS/KS1 & KS2 Thursday 20th December ~ More info to follow

## DIARY DATES

OCTOBER	
Tuesday 2nd	Year 3 Forest School
Friday 12th	Year 3 Forest School
Monday 15th	Harvest Festival 2.00pm at St. Andrew's Church (please note amended time)

Tuesday 16th	Year 5/6 Museum Workshops – in school, Y4 Visit Kilkenny 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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
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 through to & including Year 5
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Thursday 6th	Pantomime
Wednesday 19th	Nativity Service Christmas Dinner (Details TBC)
Friday 21st	Last day of Autumn term Christmas Jumper Day (Come to school in your festive jumper for a donation of £1)
Monday 24th	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b> Crib Service at St. Andrew's Church
<b>JANUARY 2019</b>	
Monday 7th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 8th	Back to school

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher