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Tone Class Newsletter Autumn 2018

Dear Parents,

The children are settling well into school and their new routines. We have put together some more information that you might find helpful.

From Monday 17th September, children will be lining up with their class in the Vicarage playground. Please bring your child to the line and wait with them until a member of staff arrives. School begins at 8.55am

Our PE/music and dance time is on a Tuesday and Friday morning, beginning on Tuesday 18th September. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school with each item clearly from that first session. We suggest that PE kits stay in school all week, as occasionally we will swap days and have extra sessions. We will send PE kits home at the end of each half term for washing.

Please make sure your child has their book bag in school every day with their books inside. Please don't forget to sign their 'Learning to read' books so your child gets their reading points. You don't need to keep their Literacy workshop folder in their bag, that is for you to keep at home.

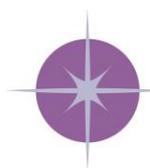
Only one piece of fruit is needed for snack which your child will put in their drawer.

During the year, we will cover a number of topics and following the children's lead on their own interests. This half term we are starting with 'Nursery rhymes and Fairy tales' followed by 'Homes' leading into Christmas. If you have any resources that you think would support our topic please come and talk to us.

In our literacy sessions the children will be learning the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and facts about wolves. Also looking at rhyming and vocabulary extension and understanding stories in guided reading. Phonics will take place daily and children will be bringing home their new sounds to practise. Busy books have gone home today with an activity to follow up at home. These go home on Friday and need to be back by the following Wednesday.

In our maths work, the children will be counting, sorting, measuring, calculating and learning to form their numbers. Our SEAL (social and emotional aspects of learning) topics this half term are 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on and Falling out'. The children will be exploring their emotions and making friends.

We do use our outside learning area every day. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school as we go out in all weathers!



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'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Your child's Tapestry account will be up and running fairly soon. You will be given notification when your account is ready to access. Please comment on your child's learning so that we can partner with you in their developmental journey. Another communication tool to use is Twitter. Please find us on Twitter @ToneClass2.

Each child belongs to a 'House' or 'Team'. They will stay in this house throughout their time at school. Siblings will be allocated the same house. We sit in these groupings in assemblies on a Friday and also have enrichment days where we spend time together working across year groups in houses. Children can earn team points for their houses. Our houses are named after local hills and have a colour attached;

Triscombe – Red
Bagborough – Blue
Cothlestone – Yellow
Lydeard - Green

Useful websites

www.cbeebies.co.uk is always a good source of learning with alphablocks and number blocks and stories, games and things of interest.

www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics

Purple mash you will find on the St Andrew's homepage. The children will be given logon passwords which will be stuck in their blue reading books to access games and activities.

Useful dates for the diary

Welcome and commissioning service for all reception families on Friday 21st September at 10am at St Andrews Church. Refreshments available from 9.15am in the Church.

Harvest Service on Monday 15th October at 2.15pm in the church. Pictures of the children's fundraising activities will be shown.

Open classes on Wednesday 17th October. Parents are invited to come into the classroom at the end of the day to share their child's folder and keep up to date with their learning journey.

Tuesday 23rd October from 1pm to 6pm and Thursday 25th October 1pm to 7pm - parent and teacher meetings to discuss how your child has settled.

Thursday 15th November, our school photographer will be here, so please ensure children have correct school uniform on.

Wednesday 19th December, our Nativity Service will take place in the Church at 10am. The reception children will be in costume which will be provided by the school. Come early to get a seat. Refreshments in the Church from 9.15am.

We are all looking forward to a busy term of learning together.
Thank you for your support.

Jane Exell and the Foundation Stage Team.