

16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**NEWSLETTER 10 AUTUMN TERM 2018-2019**

**REMEMBER OUR INSET DAY NEXT MONDAY (19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER) ~ SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.**

Dear Parents/carers and children,



**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Remembrance Day Service at St. Andrew's Church on Monday this week.

**CHILDREN IN NEED**

Well done to everyone who supported the BBC Children in Need event today. We have raised £220.00, so thanks to all who donated to this very worthwhile cause. The winners of the knitted Pudseys were: Year reception: Amelie, Year 1: Mason, Year 2: Sonny, Year 3: to be announced, Year4: Scarlett, Year 5: Aidan and Year 6: Eliza



**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**

Tempest Photography visited the school this week. All children should have brought home a 'proof' with instructions on how to order. Online orders are preferred and offer a wider range of packages/discounts. **The deadline for ordering is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.** If you opt to have your photographs delivered to school, you will benefit from free delivery, however if you wish your photographs to be delivered to your own address, there is a postage fee to pay. Please see the following website for more information. [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

**TIMES TABLES**

We are excited to announce that we are using Times Table Rockstars in KS2 to support the learning of times tables. Your child will be bringing home a separate letter with details about how to access the website at home and log on information. Should you have access to a tablet as well, the app can be downloaded for free.

Please visit the website for more information: <https://trockstars.com/org> and please be aware that to ensure your logon works, you need to enter the **schools postcode** (TA2 6HA) or click on the **second** St Andrew's Church School on the drop down list.

We have been trialing this in school and the children have really enjoyed using it. We are confident that it will help children's speed and recall of the times tables and we are hoping that they will take opportunities to practice at home too! Should you encounter a problem logging on for the first time, please see your child's class teacher.

**TRULL POETRY EVENING**

Two Year six pupils represented St. Andrew's at the Trull Poetry Reading Evening last weekend. Thank you to Jack Mercer, one of our Beanstalk reading volunteers who invited us along to the event. Mrs. Goddard attended and was thrilled when George and Sam received such praise for not only their poetry reading, but also for being such well-mannered young men. They were great ambassadors for our school. Well done, boys.

**STRANGER DANGER**

One of the pupils from Norton Fitzwarren Church School was approached by an unknown male yesterday morning on the main road through Norton (B3227) going out of the village towards Milverton. A white car pulled into the junction by the Co-Op and a man asked the pupil to get in. The pupil did exactly the right thing and ran away, but it highlights the importance of ensuring our children know how to keep themselves safe. The police have been informed and are investigating the situation.

Could parents please remind their children of the importance of not speaking to strangers.

<b>MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>			<b><u>CANCELLED CLUBS (COMMENCING 12th November)</u></b>
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Mrs Gerrard	NO Tag rugby on Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November and NO Handball on Wednesday 21st, due to fixtures.
<b>TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>			<b><u>HANDBALL</u></b>
Tag Rugby	Years 5 & 6	Mr Green	Handball club is changing to Netball club from Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November. All children who currently attend Handball, automatically have a place allocated at Netball (there is no need to complete a new form). However, if you do not wish to come to Netball club, please let Mrs. Gerrard know. All new members will need to complete a form to join Netball club.
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	
<b>WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>			<b><u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u></b>
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	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.
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>		
Singing Club	KS1	Miss Brett
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

### ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Could I please remind parents that children should not be arriving at school before 8.45am. Gates and doors are kept shut until this time. Children attending Breakfast Club will need to press the hall buzzer, and not the school office buzzer, so staff know that they are at the gate and need to be let in, as the School Office is not manned until 8.30am.



### CHRISTMAS DINNER – order deadline Dec 12th

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, we will be serving our traditional Christmas dinner at lunchtime **instead of the normal menu, WHICH IS NOW NOT AVAILABLE.** Christmas dinner is available for the whole school. If your child is entitled to free school meals or is in EYFS/Key Stage 1 the meal will be free, otherwise the cost of the meal is £2.50.

Christmas dinner will be served with a Christmas cracker and the choices are as follows:

*Traditional Christmas Dinner (Roast turkey, pigs in blankets, stuffing, roast potatoes and veg)*

*Vegetarian Christmas Dinner (Roast Quorn, roast potatoes and veg)*

To order a meal, please login to the ParentPay system. **The final deadline for ordering a Christmas dinner is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.** Please note if you have already ordered a meal for this day, **your order will be cancelled** and any monies paid will be reimbursed via a credit to your ParentPay account. **If your child wishes to have a school Christmas dinner on this day, you will need to log on and re-order via ParentPay.**

### 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.

### NITS

We have been made aware of several cases of headlice within the school. Please check your child's hair carefully over the weekend and treat accordingly.

### PAST PUPILS PARTY

This year's WWII-themed Past Pupils' Party is being held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the School Hall. We look forward to welcoming past pupils from 16 – 160 who will be able to peruse the school registers and log books, be entertained with tea and songs by our older pupils and have a tour of the school. Please tell any past pupils who you know about this event.



### MOBILE PHONE-FREE ZONE

Thank you for continuing to respect our 'Mobile-free' policy. We appreciate that when you come onto school site, for drop off and pick up, you will have your mobile phone with you, but we do ask that you do not have your mobile phone out **UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY.** Should you need to use your mobile phone, we ask that you step outside of the school premises.

### PTFA



#### Christmas Fair Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 5-7pm

We will be in both playgrounds, **every** Wednesday morning before school to collect your donations of teddies, chocolate, filled jars, bottles (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic). Each child bringing in a donation will receive team points and a lolly. Please give generously!

Race Night Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. **SOLD OUT.**

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Keith Atkins  
Head Teacher

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INDOOR CHRISTMAS MARKET ~ FOOD VILLAGE & BAR ~ FUNFAIR

*Santa South West*  
CHRISTMAS VILLAGE  
BATH & WEST SHOWGROUND

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MOTHER GOOSE PANTO  
**SANTA'S ENCHANTED ADVENTURE**  
LIVE 'UNICORN' STORY TIME  
**REAL REINDEER**

*Festive family fun*

ACTIVITIES CHARGED SEPARATELY. TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE OR ON THE DAY SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

£1 entry

Free PARKING

SAT 1ST - SUN 2ND DEC  
THURS 6TH - SUN 9TH DEC  
THURS 13TH - SUN 16TH DEC

THE ROYAL BATH AND WEST SHOWGROUND  
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#### DIARY DATES

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Monday 19th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 21st	Flu immunisations Reception Year through to & including Year 5
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Thursday 6th	Pantomime
Wednesday 12th	Deadline for ordering Christmas Dinner on ParentPay Past Pupils' Party 2pm in the School Hall
Wednesday 19th	Nativity Service 10am in St Andrew's Church Christmas Dinner
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