

12th October 2018

NEWSLETTER 6 AUTUMN TERM 2018-2019

Dear Parents/carers and children,



SEVEN DAY CHALLENGE FUNDRAISING FOR CHIMBYA, MALAWI

Well done to everyone who took part in our class 'Seven Day Challenges'. We have so far raised a whopping £1,064! Please come along and join us for our Harvest Service on Monday 15th October at St. Andrew's Church at 2pm to learn more about the project and how our fundraising will be helping the children of Chimbya. Please also see the link on our Twitter feed for a short film all about the project.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Our Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings are on Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th October. The sign-up sheets for appointments are now available on the notice board at the top of the yellow steps by Somer Class. Please sign-up for a slot to see your child's teacher. There will also be appointments available to see Mrs. Goddard, our SENCO. Please note the Parent/Teacher Consultations for EYFS will take place in Avon class during the afternoon slots and in the School Hall during the evening.

Please do come along to our Open Classroom sessions, which are being held next week: KS2 Tuesday 16th and KS1 Wednesday 17th, straight after school. This is an opportunity to see your child's work ahead of the Parent/Teacher Consultations the following week.

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL			<u>CANCELLED CLUBS NEXT WEEK (COMMENCING 15th Oct)</u> There will be NO Dance Club on Thursday 18 th October due to a fixture. There will be NO Year 1&2 Football on Friday 19 th October due to the Huntspill sleepover.
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Mrs Gerrard	
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL			<u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u> 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.
Tag Rugby	Years 5 & 6	Mr Green	
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL			
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			
Singing Club	KS1	Miss Brett	
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	

UNIFORM

It is wonderful to see so many children adhering to our uniform policy and looking smart and ready to learn.

As per last week's newsletter, we would like to draw attention to the school PE kit:

- Children in Reception and Year One should wear daps for all PE lessons (NOT trainers)
- Children in Year Two and above should have trainers for PE
- PE tops should be WHITE. (Normal white t-shirts are fine but please be aware when you purchase any new PE tops, that from September 2019, we are requesting that children have a plain white POLO SHIRT for PE.)
- Leggings or jogging bottoms, shorts or skirts should be NAVY BLUE.
- All pupils taking part in after school competitions and events, representing St. Andrew's Church School MUST wear school PE kit. Football shirts or tops of any other colour are NOT permitted.

Thank you with your cooperation with this. We will continue to monitor uniform and PE kit very closely over the next few weeks as we consider it to be a part of our focus on the value of Respect.

TWITTER REMINDER

For general information on whats happening in school, please follow our main Twitter account which is @StAndrewTaunton, however for more class specific information, all our classes have their own individual class page, as follows:-

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

HEADLICE

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

MOBILE PHONES - VISITORS



Due to safeguarding regulations, please be aware that ALL school visitors (volunteers, contractors, agency representatives etc) will now be asked to hand their mobile phone in at the School Office, when coming onto the school site during the school day (8.55am-4.15pm) Phones will be stored in a locker in the School Office in exchange for a key.

MOBILE PHONES – PARENTS/CARERS

We appreciate that when you come onto school site, for drop off and pick up, you will have your mobile phone with you. We 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.

LATE PICK UPS

If a parent or carer is running late and will not be here in time for the end of school day, could they kindly phone the School Office to advise when they will be arriving, as children can become distressed if we have not heard from a parent or cannot contact a parent to ask of their whereabouts. The School Office is usually manned until after 4pm, but there are times when the Office Staff have to leave before this time.

URGENT: STRANGER DANGER

We have had a report of a man approaching two children outside St Saviour's Junior School, Bath yesterday evening (around 4.45pm). He approached the children and offered them free Wifi if they came back to his van. The police have been informed (reference number '20/08/2009-0893') and have advised that if you witness anything of concern to contact them straight away using either 999 or 101 (non-emergency) depending on the level of risk at the time.

HEALTHY SNACKS IN LUNCHBOXES

May I remind parents/carers of the importance of including a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable in their child's packed lunch box. We do not have a supply of free fresh fruit for KS2 pupils as we do for KS1 pupils. However we have found that KS2 pupils are helping themselves to the KS1 supply, which is then leaving KS1 low on supplies.

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.

Current attendance since start of this term:- Reception 96.45%, Year 1 98.36%, Year 2 96.24%, Year 3 95.46%, Year 4 94.95%, Year 5 95.75% and Year 6 98.47%



LIBRARY

I am pleased to say that the library is ready for use again, starting from next week 8th October. It will be open until 3.45pm Mondays and Wednesdays for ALL children who wish to borrow and return books. It will also be open during Golden time on a Friday afternoon at the class teacher's discretion.

There will be end of term rewards for the pupils/classes who have used the library the most!

PARKING

The policy regarding enforcing parking restrictions does not change at school drop off / collection times. Parking on double yellow lines (DYL) is prohibited 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Parking on single yellow lines (SYL) is prohibited between the hours posted on the time plate. In the case of the SYL near St Andrews School, the restriction applies from 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Saturday, including Bank Holidays.

However, drivers **are** permitted to allow passengers to enter or exit a vehicle (boarding and alighting) on yellow lines. It is considered that two minutes is sufficient for this unless it involves the elderly, people with disabilities or young children. Drivers are also permitted to stop on yellow lines if they are loading or unloading heavy or bulky items unless there are kerb markings perpendicular to the yellow line which indicate a loading ban. To check whether a permitted activity is taking place, the Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) will observe a vehicle parked in contravention of a yellow line restriction for up to five minutes. If no permitted activity is observed, a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) may be served. Holders of a Disabled Drivers (Blue) Badge may park on a single or double yellow line for up to 3 hours, provided that they are not causing a hazard or obstruction. Yellow lines apply from the centre of the road to the building line, and therefore vehicles parked solely or partially on the footway adjacent to a yellow line may also be served with a PCN. If a vehicle is parked in one of the resident-only parking spaces and does not have a valid resident permit, the CEO will observe for up to 10 minutes to see if one of the above permitted activities (boarding / alighting, or loading / unloading) is taking place. If no such activity is observed in this period, a PCN may be served. A full description of how parking restrictions are enforced in Somerset may be found at <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?allid=41118> I hope this clarifies the position. If you have any further questions, please email parking@somerset.gov.uk.

LOST PROPERTY

A black North Face coat has gone missing, it is named, so please return to the School Office if your child has picked it up by accident.

PTFA

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.

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 :

PTFA meeting 19th 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

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019 – APPLICATION DEADLINE 31st October 2018

The process for applying for secondary 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/>

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place for our current Year 6 pupils is 31st October 2018.

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Yours sincerely,

Keith Atkins
Head Teacher

TINY FEET PRE SCHOOL BREAKFAST and AFTER SCHOOL CLUB, TAUNTON

Tiny Feet Preschool offers a friendly and homely child care alternative and we have spaces available for children to attend breakfast and after school club.

Breakfast club starts at 8am and costs £4.50. After school includes collection from school and split into full (3pm until 5.30pm costing £9.00) and half sessions (3pm-4.30pm costing £4.50)

These services are available Monday – Thursday during term time.

Please feel free to contact us for more details 01823 617560 or email Tinyfeetpreschoolpartnership@gmail.com.

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER	
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 & Sleepover
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	10am Remembrance Service at St. Andrew's Church
Thursday 15th	School Photographer
Monday 19th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 21st	Flu immunisations Reception Year through to & including Year 5
DECEMBER	
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	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS Crib Service at St. Andrew's Church
JANUARY 2019	
Monday 7th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 8th	Back to school

