

19th October 2018

NEWSLETTER 7 AUTUMN TERM 2018-2019

Dear Parents/carers and children,



MOBILE PHONES

I would like to thank everyone for sticking to our new Mobile Phone policy – and for your good-humored understanding if and when I have had to remind you! It just goes to show how reliant we have become on these devices in our every day lives. This policy is something that is now increasingly seen in schools across the country. It has been really lovely to hear how many parents are in support of this approach and actually like the fact that our school is now something of a haven from calls and texts. It is also an opportunity for you to give your children your full, undivided attention and find out how their day has gone. We do really appreciate your support with this and hope you agree that it is well-motivated.

HARVEST

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Service this week and to everyone who helped raise funds for the children of Chimbya. Take a look at the the St. Peter's Malawi Education Trust Facebook page.



PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Our Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings are this week, Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th October. The sign-up sheets for appointments are 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 are also 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.

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

We have been contacted by School Admissions that a number of parents of Year 6 children have not yet applied for their child's Secondary School place. The deadline is fast approaching (31st October, during half term) For more information and to apply, please visit:- <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.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - Monday 12th November

This will take place in St Andrew's Church at 10am, refreshments will be served beforehand. All welcome

YEAR 6 INVASION FESTIVAL

We would like to say how proud we are of Exe class who attended the Invasion Festival this week. The adults commented on how our children were great sports, cheering each other on, remembering to thank the adults involved and looking smart in their PE kits. Well done Exe class



DONATION FROM ST ANDREW'S MEN'S CLUB

The PTFA were presented with a cheque of £1300, donated by Sarah on behalf of St Andrew's Mens Club, which they had kindly fundraised for St Andrew's Church School.



MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Mrs Gerrard
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Tag Rugby	Years 5 & 6	Mr Green
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Handball	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard

CANCELLED CLUBS NEXT WEEK (COMMENCING 22nd Oct)

NO Running Club on Monday 22nd October.
 NO Handball on Wednesday 24th October.
 NO Dance Club or Boy's Football on Thursday 25th October, due to fixtures.
 NO DJ Club on Thursday 25th October. The next DJ meeting will be on Thursday 15th November.
 NO Study Club on Tuesday or Friday.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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
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. However, I'd like to draw your attention to the following recurring issues:

- There are still a number of children wearing non-uniform footwear. Girls should have black school SHOES - boots are not part of our school uniform.
- Children may ONE earring in each ear. The earring must be small and discreet.

Also, as per last week's newsletter, can I please remind all parents that children taking part in after school competitions and events MUST wear school PE kit. Football shirts or tops of any other colour are NOT permitted.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



TWITTER

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](#).

LIBRARY

The library is open until 3.45pm Mondays and Wednesdays for ALL children who wish to borrow and return books. It is also open during Golden time on a Friday afternoon at the class teacher's discretion. Please encourage your children to make the most of our library. There will be end of term rewards for the pupils/classes who have used the library the most!



PTFA

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



DOGS

Please remember we are a dog-free zone. No dogs should be brought onto the school premises, whether walking or carried. Owners should also not be waiting immediately outside the school gates with their dog. Some of our children are frightened of dogs and it causes congestion on the pavement.

REMEMBER OUR INSET DAY NEXT FRIDAY – 26th OCTOBER 2018 (School closed to pupils)

Yours sincerely,

Keith Atkins
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER	
Tuesday 23rd	Parents' Evening
Thursday 25th	Parents' Evening
Friday 26th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

Monday 29th	HALF TERM
Wednesday 31st	Deadline for applying for your child's secondary school (current Year 6)
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
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