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**NEWSLETTER 18 SPRING TERM 2018-2019**

Dear Parents/carers and children,

I have been so pleased to see how hard the children have been working this week as we continue with our focus on Aiming High. Whether they are trying their hardest in lessons, setting themselves new challenges or just trying to be better friends, we can really see the effort the children at St Andrew's have been putting in every day. Well done, everyone!

**EXCITING SCIENCE PROJECT (JANUARY 2019)**



We are pleased to welcome Miss Kathryn Bates, a PhD student from University College London (Department of Neuropsychology) to our school this week. She is looking at how mental imagery develops in children. This research will be published as part of National research to inform education in the future.

**TRINITY AGAPE**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15pm, the whole school will be gathering together at St Andrew's Church to celebrate Trinity. Parents are invited to attend, however as this will be a reflective service, there will not be facilities for pre-school children. On this occasion, we would ask that pre-school children be looked after elsewhere, if you wish to join us. Thank you.

**YOUTUBE**

We just want to alert you to the fact that children are able to sign up for a YouTube account at home. Although this will be a children's account, they are still able to upload videos of themselves. We have reminded the children that they need to stay safe online, but would ask that you support us in the aim by remaining vigilant parents and monitoring what your children do at home.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY – FIXED PENALTY FINES**

We are required to refer ALL unauthorised absences to the Local Authority Education Welfare Department. Please note from January 2019, if a **child's absence falls below 90%, this referral may lead to a Fixed Penalty fine being issued.**

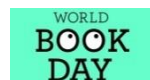
A child with 90% attendance at the end of the school year will have missed the equivalent of 4 weeks of school. We recognise the importance of regular attendance as a key factor in our pupils' achievement and greater attention is now paid to overall absence by the Department for Education. It is essential that parents work in partnership with the school. Therefore, we do not authorise ANY term time absences for holidays and will only authorise an absence in very exceptional circumstances.

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 or by telephone via the absence line, which is on the School main number. If we do not receive notification as to the reason for absence, your child will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence. Further information can be found in our Attendance Policy on the school website.

Can I also remind parents of our school hours. School begins at 8.55am. Pupils **arriving late is not only disruptive to the whole class but is also unsettling for the late child**. Pupils should also **not arrive too early** at school. There is no adult supervision in the playground before 8.50am. If you need to drop off your child early, there is a breakfast club, here at school, run by Choo Choo's which starts at 7.30am. If you wish to book a place, please call them on 01823 252264.

**PE KIT - Reminder**

Please remember that from September 2019, the school PE kit will consist of a white POLO shirt, rather than a white t-shirt.



**WORLD BOOK DAY**

Along with other schools across the country we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>. As part of our learning and celebrations we would like children to come to school dressed as a character from a book on that day. There will be a fancy dress parade and prizes for the best costume which will be judged by our Beanstalk Reading Volunteers. More information about our World Book Day Focus will follow.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES**

Spring school lunches are now available to order via ParentPay. Please ensure you keep track of your child's lunch orders and ensure you meet the deadline for ordering meals for the following week, which is the Wednesday of the preceding week. For KS1 children (no payment required), it is advisable to order lunches right up to Easter, to avoid missing a deadline and your child not having lunches provided. **Please note that for KS1 children, your meal choices for the following week are only available to view prior to the ordering deadline (Wednesday).**



MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL			<b>AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS</b>
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Mrs Gerrard	
Girls' Cricket	KS2	Mr Green	
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL			<b>CANCELLED CLUBS</b>
Boy's Football	Years 5 & 6	Mr Green	Running Club on Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January will be at King's College (Cross Country fixture).
Study Club (finishes at <u>4pm</u> )	Years 4,5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	<b>TUESDAY STUDY CLUB</b>
			Please note TUESDAY Study Club will now finish at 4pm. Please ensure you collect

<b>WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>			your child promptly at 4pm.
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Gerrard	
<b>THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>			
DJ Club	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Exell	
Dance (around the world!)	KS2	Mrs Gerrard	
Hockey Club	Year 5 & 6	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	
Catchball	Years 3&4	Mr Green	

### **PTFA**

#### Mufly Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Children are invited to come to school dressed in non-uniform for a £1 donation.

#### World Book Day- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Reception & KS1 PJ Storytime – We are holding a 'PJ Storytime' for Reception & KS1 children on Thursday 7th March from 4.30 – 5.30pm. Children can come dressed in their pyjamas, dressing gowns & slippers etc and enjoy a hot chocolate/milk/squash and biscuits while listening to a story, for a cost of £1.50. Letters to follow.

#### KS2 Cinema Night – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

We are holding a 'Cinema Night' for KS2 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30 - 5pm. The cost is £3 per child. This includes a hotdog, popcorn, sweets and a drink. Letters to follow.

#### 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.

Diary Dates:

School Summer Fair – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Details to follow

Yours sincerely,

Keith Atkins  
Head Teacher

#### **Table Top Sale – St Andrew's Church** Saturday 23rd February.

Tables are still available for the Table Top Sale (indoor car boot sale) in St Andrew's Church Hall on Saturday 23rd February.

If you would like to book a table to sell your unwanted items, contact Alison on 01823 278571. Profits in aid of St Andrew's Church.



#### **Messy Church**

Messy Church is meeting again on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January in St Andrew's Church Hall from 3 pm to 5pm. Free fun for all the family.

**DIARY DATES**

<b>JANUARY 2019</b>	
Tuesday 29th	Fire Brigade visiting Year 2 & Year 5
<b>FEBRUARY 2019</b>	
Friday 1st	Number Day
Tuesday 5th	5.30pm Charterhouse Information Meeting (Yr 5 parents)
Wednesday 6th	Year 4 Net & Wall Festival
Friday 8th	Trinity Agape 2.15pm at St. Andrew's Church
Friday 15th	Break up for half term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school
<b>MARCH 2019</b>	
Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Friday 15th	Comic Relief
Wednesday 20th	Year 2 Multisports Festival at Wellsprings
Friday 22nd	Reception – Vision testing re-scheduled
Tuesday 26th	KS2 Open Classrooms
Wednesday 27th	Reception/KS1 Open Classrooms
Friday 29th	Mother's Day Service 10am in St. Andrew's Church (DJ Club leading service)
<b>APRIL 2019</b>	
Tuesday 2nd	Easter Cracked – Year 5 Parents' Evening
Thursday 4th	Parents' Evening
Friday 5th	Easter Agape – 10am in St. Andrew's Church Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 23rd	Back to school