



St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Monday 13th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move rapidly through term 5, I should like to inform you the current updates regarding staffing. Sadly, Ms Weetch will be leaving us to move closer to family. Ally has had a huge impact on the life of the children she has taught whilst at St. Andrew's and has been a valued member of the team. Mr Smith is also moving to be nearer family and regrets that the journey from Sheffield will be too long a commute. Dan joined as a newly qualified teacher and has more than earned his stripes during this time. Ally and Dan will leave us at the end of term 6 and both members of staff will be hugely missed. We wish them every happiness in the next stage of their careers and thank them for all they have contributed to our school.

At the end of term 5 Beth Williams will also be leaving us to have her baby. Beth too will be missed because of the amazing work she has done with all the children she has worked with in her TA role. Liz Ayre from Foundation Stage is taking a different career path in term 6 so will no longer be with us.

With Mrs Wade leaving to have her baby at the end of term 6, this has left us with some vacancies. I am happy to report to you we did advertise these posts as soon as we were notified. Governors worked with the leadership team to recruit and we were delighted with the high calibre of applications we received. We have recruited a range of part time, full time and newly qualified quality teachers to support next year's teaching structure. We are currently advertising for teaching assistants.

Over the next few weeks I will be forming the staffing structure for next year and will then be able to share the plan with you. We hope to build in extra transition mornings this year so the children have more time with their new teachers. If you have any information regarding your child, which you feel may be helpful in this process please ensure your child's current class teacher is aware so I can be informed before the structure and classing for next year is in place.

Before we broke up for Easter I put an appeal out from the swimming pool committee to support their fundraising in renewing pipework. I am pleased to say the Chinnor community amazed everyone with their generosity by exceeding the target! The work of Karen Scarborough and all those wonderful people who give up their time to keep the pool going was rightfully acknowledged during this process. Thank you to everyone involved.

Continuing with your generosity (it's never ending). The children raised an amazing £766.50 for Christian Aid and a cheque was presented to Mavis Shortman from Christian Aid in assembly last week. She was delighted with the success of the sponsored skip.

This week year 6 will be sitting their SATS! They have worked so hard and we wish all the children and the Year 6 team the very best of luck.

Finally, I should like to say a big thank you and good luck to Reverend Maggie who is leaving our parish for pastures new this month. Maggie has worked with the school to build the strong links we have with St Andrew's Church. She has brought in many new ideas which the children and staff have embraced with enthusiasm. We shall miss Maggie in school and on the governing body but we wish her all the best in her new role.

Annette Mashru – Headteacher

Justice is this term's value



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Surveying skills

As a growing school we are looking at ways to make better use of the space we have. If you or someone you know has surveying skills and is willing to offer some advice regarding space in school, please contact the school office on 01844 351353.

Do you or anyone you know want to train to be a teacher?

Apply via UCAS (www.ucas.com/apply/teacher-training)

For further information, please contact Miss Stott on 01844 351353 or email the school office: office.3182@st-andrews.oxon.sch.uk for further details, to find out when the next round of interviews are being held, or to arrange a visit to the school.



Diary dates

- ✓ May – Well-being month
- ✓ Thursday 9th May - Y2 music festival at Icknield School
- ✓ Monday 13th May – KS2 SATs start
- ✓ Wednesday 15th May – KS1 SATs start
- ✓ Wednesday 15th May – Admissions evening for EYFS parents (September 2019) 6.30 pm
- ✓ Monday 20th May – Life Education Bus on site
- ✓ Wednesday 22nd May – Make me Smile day Y3 and Y5
- ✓ Thursday 23rd May – Outdoor learning day
- ✓ Friday 24th May - G&T Maths day Y5
- ✓ SATURDAY 1st June SUNDAY 2nd June - Chinnor Open Gardens

HALF TERM 27th May – 4th June (including Monday 3rd June INSET day)

Tuesday 4th June 2017 – Term 6

- ✓ **Monday 3rd June – INSET Day**
- ✓ Tuesday 4th June – Science week
- ✓ Tuesday 4th June - walk to school week
- ✓ Wednesday 5th June - 1pm Thame Partnership Swimming gala
- ✓ Thursday 6th June - Y6 to Junior Citizen
- ✓ Thursday 6th June – Farms 2 Ewe visit on site with EYFS
- ✓ Friday 7th June – EYFS cake sale
- ✓ Monday 10th June – Y6 Harry Potter World
- ✓ Tuesday 11th June – Inter Schools Times Tables Challenge
- ✓ Wednesday 12th June – Pop up literacy week starts
- ✓ Thursday 13th June - Partnership sports 4pm at Mill Lane School
- ✓ Monday 17th June – Prayer Spaces on the bus all week
- ✓ Tuesday 18th June – Choir to Dorchester Festival of Voices
- ✓ Wednesday 19th June – Partnership dance festival at LWS –Y4
- ✓ Wednesday 19th June – Multi sports –Y2
- ✓ **Friday 21st June – Sports day option 1 (All parents/carers welcome)**
- ✓ **Tuesday 25th June - transition visit 1**
- ✓ Thursday 27th June – KS1 Pilgrimage with Bishop Colin
- ✓ **Friday 28th June – Sports day option 2 (All parents/carers welcome)**
- ✓ Monday 8th July – work experience students (week)
- ✓ Monday 1st July - Science day at LWS
- ✓ Tuesday 2nd July – Y6 play 1.30 pm
- ✓ **Tuesday 2nd July - transition visit 2**
- ✓ Wednesday 3rd July – Y6 play 6.30 pm
- ✓ **Friday 5th July – Y6 LWS taster day**
- ✓ Saturday 6th July – SASA Summer Fayre
- ✓ Tuesday 9th July - Transition morning
- ✓ Wednesday 10th July - Y4 to Bucks Museum
- ✓ Thursday 11th July – Music recital at 1.20 pm
- ✓ Monday 15th July – Y6 Leavers' prom
- ✓ Wednesday 17th July – Leavers' service at 6.30 pm
- ✓ **Friday 19th July – Whole school 'Thank You' service in school 2pm**
- ✓ **Monday 22nd July – MUFTI day £1**

Wednesday 24th July 2019 – Term 6 ends at 1.30 pm