



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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday last week, Year 2 took part in a KS1 Music Festival where they, along with children from 6 other Oxfordshire schools, sang with singer/songwriter Nick Cope. The children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed learning Nick's catchy songs about a range of subjects from Lizards and dinosaurs to plastic bags in the ocean. There was a lot of laughter but also a sad moment when the audience thought that Hugh the Hedgehog had been squashed...thank goodness he was saved by a hole in the road! Thank you to all the parents and staff for supporting this event. I am sure the children will remember it for a long time.

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

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

**HALF TERM 27<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June (including Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June INSET day)**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Term 6**

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

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Term 6 ends at 1.30 pm**