



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

## Newsletter

Wednesday 4th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last term we have been preparing arrangements for next year's classes.

I am delighted to inform you that we shall be operating as single year classes again. Children in current years 3-6 will remain in their existing class groups but children in EYFS, year 1 and year 2 will be mixed within their year groups. I do understand this sometimes is a concern for parents but please be assured great care is taken to consider a number of factors when making these changes and always in the best interests of the children. Our school continues to grow in popularity and numbers. In September 2018, it is likely that there will be in excess of 300 children on roll. Foundation Stage will be a cohort of 45 children and we shall be welcoming children who will be joining us further up the school.

Next year's classing structure will be as follows:

Year	Teacher/s	Classroom
EYFS	Julie Thompson	Red Admiral
EYFS	Bernie Morgan Phee Garlick (Thursday)	Tortoiseshell
1	Emily Darlington Linda Youens x1 day NQT cover	Lulworth
1	Lucy Wade Linda Youens x1 am SENCO Cover	Swallowtail
2	Hannah Perryman	Peacock
2	Ally Weetch Phee Garlick (Friday)	Emperor
3	Tim Nixon	Chiltern Blue
3	Zoe Atkins Mandy Rowley (Friday)	Africa
4	Fiona Ludlow Mandy Rowley (Thursday)	Asia
4	Kendra Gerrish	Oceania
5	Dan Smith	Europe
6	Bex Stott (DH) Linda Youens - 1x pm Leadership cover	Americas
6	Ben Gibson	Antarctica

In addition to the staff mentioned above, Mrs. Baker, our specialist PE teacher, will continue to deliver high quality PE teaching and staff training as well as tournament opportunities for our children with Mr. Clark. Mrs. Radbourne will continue to teach Spanish to KS2 and French to KS1. Mrs. Clissold will support phonics teaching in KS1. As a lead school for School Direct and working with Brookes University, we shall also be hosting student teachers during the year. Numbers have still to be finalised and details will follow. On Tuesday 10th July, there will be an opportunity for your child to meet his/her new class teacher for 'Transition Morning'. Children will arrive at school as usual and will visit their new class and teacher from 9.15 – 11.45 am. This is an opportunity for staff and children to get to know one another and to find out about the exciting activities planned for the year ahead.

On the afternoon of 10th July, from 3.15 – 4.00 pm, we shall be holding a 'Transition Afternoon'. This is an informal opportunity for parents and carers to introduce themselves to their child's new class teacher and to discuss any information which may be helpful for the class teacher to know in advance of the new academic year. Parents and carers will be informed of their child's new class in a letter on Monday 9th July.

The annual reports to parents will be sent out this Friday to all classes except year 6 who will get their reports when we receive the SATs information on the Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Please return the pupil/parent page to school by Friday 13th July.

### Meanwhile at St Andrew's...

There was much excitement and lots of sunshine for our Family Picnic and Sports Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Everyone had a great time and the feedback from the day was very positive – thank you as always for your supportive comments! The children really did well and encouraged each other throughout the event. The day concluded with Icknield House (red house) as the overall winners. Congratulations go to Icknield and to every single child who took part. The *'Outstanding Sports Personalities of 2018'* should also be delighted with their achievements for the year. It was wonderful to have the day rounded off with a performance by Miss Janelle's cheerleaders who will be performing at the Summer Carnival. If they achieved that after three weeks, imagine what they will do by Carnival day. Sports Day left me thinking what a brilliant team we have at St. Andrew's with everyone working together to make it the best it can be!



Prior to Sports Day the Key Stage 2 athletics team, also enjoyed success the previous week. The annual Thame Partnership Athletics Tournament was held at Mill Lane Community School on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June. At the end of the tournament St. Andrew's were announced as the winners for the second year running, which meant the trophy returned to the cabinet in Manser building. Well done Team SA! What a brilliant achievement.

Mr. Clark (our Sports Instructor) and Mrs. Baker (our Specialist PE teacher) spent two days last week coaching all our children in tennis skills. The children were thrilled to use the local tennis courts and to have some quality instruction. We are so lucky to have these amazing facilities on our doorstep.

### Choir

It was a beautiful location and a wonderful day for the Oxfordshire Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey. The choir from St Andrew's performed brilliantly along with schools from all around Oxfordshire. World in Union is always a favourite and sung with gusto but this year The Big Bad Lad of the Ocean had some attitude! Thank you to all the children who took part and to the parents who took them. It was also lovely to see former student teacher, Ruth Moger, joining the staff choir! Mrs Ludlow –Music Leader



### Well-being - A Time for Reflection with Prayer Spaces



We were delighted to host 'Prayer Spaces' again this year. The children really enjoy having this time to reflect when everyone is so busy. The venue was our learning bus and the sunshine meant they could also use the Gazebo. Thank you to our brilliant clergy team for giving up their time and providing St. Andrew's with this opportunity.

Last Thursday, Key Stage 1 embarked on their annual pilgrimage to the churches in Chinnor. We were delighted to have Bishop Colin of Dorchester lead our procession around the village and join in the various activities at St. Andrew's Church, and the Methodist Church. The Pilgrimage was very special. Thank you to Rev'd. Maggie for leading the event and the parents and friends of the school who gave up their time to support this initiative.



*Bishop Colin and the children in the spiritual Garden*



*At the Methodist Church with Mr and Mrs Honeyball*

Annette Mashru - Headteacher

#### Staffing update

Sarah Weston our Home School Link Worker is leaving us at the end of term. Sarah has been with the Thames Partnership of schools for four years, I should like to thank Sarah for her support to the families she has worked with over that time. Good luck Sarah, we wish you well with your future plans. Fortunately, we do have a team of highly skilled TAs who will share the work Sarah did under the 'wellbeing' umbrella. Sarah is currently supporting the training for a smooth transition.



There are still a number of lost property items without names in school. You have until July 5<sup>th</sup> to claim any items and then we will dispose of the items. Please check your child's clothing is clearly named to ensure they do not lose it. Thank you.



#### Reminder - Dates for your diary

- ✓ **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July –Y6 LWS taster day**
- ✓ Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July –Reports home (except Y6)
- ✓ Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July – SASA Summer Fayre
- ✓ Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July – LWS work experience students (week)
- ✓ Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Classing allocations to parents
- ✓ Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Y4 to Bucks County Museum (change of venue)
- ✓ Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – whole school transition morning
- ✓ Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Music Recital – 1.30 pm
- ✓ Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Farms to Ewe – EYFS (SASA Funded)
- ✓ Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' prom
- ✓ Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers' service at 6.30 pm
- ✓ **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Whole school "Thank you" service in school 2pm**
- ✓ **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - MUFTI day £1**
- ✓ **Wednesday 25<sup>st</sup> July 2018 – Term 6 ends at 1.30 pm**

#### Health and Safety

I have asked Mr Cummins to support the overwhelming amount of traffic in and around the main-gates in the morning. There are a number of people turning their cars around and driving quite quickly.

Could I also please ask you to remind children they should not be riding their bikes and scooters inside the main gates it is a road and as I have mentioned above, there is a lot of traffic.

Thank you for your support with this.