



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

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many happy faces returning to school last week. The children came in enthusiastically and looked so proud and smart.

Thank you for your support in maintaining standards with the school uniform. It is very much appreciated. I have already spoken to the children in assembly about maintaining this high standard. Last year we had a few children coming in to school in colourful trainers and skinny jeans I have reminded the children this is not part of our uniform. A copy of the school uniform is on our school website. If you do need clarification please contact the school office or ask your child's class teacher.

Could I also ask that all uniform is labelled to ensure the children do not lose anything?

I should like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families and children. The Foundation Stage children have been very calm and have adapted well to their new learning environment.

This term the whole school is working on their 'Explore Europe' topic. Each year group has a focus on one particular destination.

EYFS – Russia  
Year 1 – Spain  
Year 2 – Greece  
Year 3 – Italy  
Year 4 – Norway  
Year 5 – Germany  
Year 6 – France



It is always great to see the outcomes from this work. At the end of the term we shall be inviting parents in to school to celebrate the children's hard work and find out what they have learnt.

In response to our parent survey carried out last year, dates for the year will be published on the school's website this week. There will of course be additional dates as they arise over the year but hopefully having most dates for the year will support parent's busy lives and working. I have also attached current dates for the next two terms to this newsletter.

This week you should receive your child's data sheet. Please check we have the correct information and return to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,  
Annette Mashru - Headteacher



## Dates for your diary – Autumn 2018

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 to the Hindu Temple in Neasden  
September 20<sup>th</sup> – Circus on the Field  
September 24<sup>th</sup> - Open afternoon at St Andrew's 1.30—2.45pm  
September 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 to PSHCE event at Long Crendon School  
September 26<sup>th</sup> – SASA AGM 7pm  
September 27<sup>th</sup> - Open morning at St Andrew's 9.30—11am  
October 1<sup>st</sup> – School photographs for the whole school  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Harvest Festival 10am EYFS/KS1 and then 10.45am KS2  
October 4<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 to Lord Williams's with parents for open morning  
October 4<sup>th</sup> – SASA calendar photographs  
October 4<sup>th</sup> – KS1 craft afternoon with SASA  
October 5<sup>th</sup> – INSET day – school closed  
October 8<sup>th</sup> – SATs Information for year 6 parents 5pm  
October 12<sup>th</sup> - SASA – Science show  
October 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 cake sale  
October 15<sup>th</sup> - Parents' evening  
October 16<sup>th</sup> - Parents' evening  
October 17<sup>th</sup> – Lord Williams's information evening for Year 6 at Mill Lane 7pm  
October 19<sup>th</sup> - 'Explore Europe' parent's and carers invited in to school 2pm

### Half term

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 to Kingswood  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> – EYFS Welcome Service  
November 5<sup>th</sup> - Open afternoon at St Andrew's 1.30—2.45 pm  
November 7<sup>th</sup> – Y6 to church – Eucharist  
November 9<sup>th</sup> – SASA Brush Party (Adults)  
November 12<sup>th</sup> – Anti Bullying Week  
November 13<sup>th</sup> – Flu Immunisation EYFS to Year 5  
November 15<sup>th</sup> - Open morning at St Andrew's 9.30—11.00  
November 16<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Cake Sale  
November 16<sup>th</sup> – SASA Disco  
November 20<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Kingswood presentation to parents 5pm  
November 30<sup>th</sup> – EYFS phonics to parents  
December 8<sup>th</sup> – SASA Christmas Fayre  
December 10<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Production  
December 11<sup>th</sup> - EYFS and KS1 Productions  
December 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch  
December 13<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Carol Service  
December 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Christmas Production  
December 18<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Pantomime  
December 21<sup>st</sup> – School Finished 1.30pm

### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor from 12 -1pm daily. If you should like information on this post please contact the school office.

### School Development

Our focus on writing over the years has very been successful but as a restless school we continue to strive to find ways to engage children in their learning. This year, our new literacy leaders Miss Weetch and Mrs Gerrish, have been working on an approach which combines the Big Write talk homework and the topic work in class. This will mean the talk homework will no longer be on a Monday evening but will be part of the children's homework schedule and will relate to the work they are studying during the week. The children can expect to receive a minimum of two talk homeworks each half term. The new approach will enable the children to see the progress they make from starting a new unit of work to the end piece of writing.