



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

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

Half term

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