



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

Monday 16th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled in to the new term very well and are fully engaged in their learning. I have been thinking very carefully about our learning environment. Overtime, a lot has been achieved in school to improve the inside of the school building. In the summer we purchased new tables and chairs for the Year 6 classes, new benches and tables for Manser hall and we have painted areas that needed 'freshening up' in the Manser and Benton buildings.

Our governors and staff are very interested in improving the outdoor environment to support the learning and wellbeing of the children. We plan to develop some areas of the school to enable us to facilitate a Forest School. Mrs Thompson has enrolled in training to qualify as a Forest School Leader. There are also plans in place to brighten up the outside of the building by painting walls and making repairs. We have applied for grants to pay for playground markings and we are consulting the children to inform preferred playground games and play equipment purchases. You will hopefully start to see the impact of these initiatives shortly.

I am delighted that this year we will be able to deliver French to children in KS1 with Mrs Radbourne and Miss Weetch. They have been very impressed with the children's thirst for language learning. Watch out for the information from Mrs Radbourne this week on a new resource to support modern foreign languages at home.

Attached to this newsletter are the dates I have for this term. As new dates come in I shall update the list. I believe communication is really important and as a 'restless school' we would rather embrace an opportunity as it becomes available rather than miss out because it was not in place at the start of the year. On that note, we had a telephone call from a parent last week thanking a teacher because their child had settled in so well to his new class and was really enjoying school. We want to know how we can improve things in school but it is also great to hear what is working well too.

Annette Mashru - Headteacher



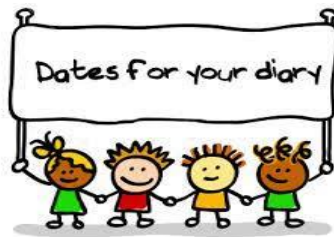
Our New Website

Please be patient whilst our school our new school website is constructed. We are currently updating information and will launch the new site at the end of this term. Meanwhile, we shall update our current website with the relevant information. If there is something you do need and you can't find it please contact the school office.

Reminder 'Open Day' times

Open school visit times:

Monday 25th September
1.30 – 2.45 pm
Thursday 28th September
9.30 – 11.00 am
Monday 6th November
1.30 – 2.45 pm
Thursday 16th November
9.30 – 11.00 am



Dates for your diary – Autumn 2017

- September 25th - Americas class visit to Lord Williams's open morning
- September 25th - Open day at St Andrew's 1.30—2.45 pm
- September 27th - Antarctica class visit to Lord Williams's open morning
- September 28th - Open day at St Andrew's 9.30—11.00am
- October 2nd – School photographs
- October 4th - Open Evening at Lord Williams's
- October 5th – Harvest whole school 10.00 am
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- October 6th – INSET day – school closed
- October 10th – Year 6 SATs Information Evening 6.30pm
- October 10th - SASA - AGM 6.30pm
- October 12th – Lord Williams's information evening for Year 6 at St Andrew's 7pm
- October 13th – EYFS Welcome Service
- October 13th - SASA - Wayne Wonder
- October 16th - Parents' evening
- October 17th - Parents' evening
- October 20th - 'Explore the World' parent's and carers invited in to school 1.30 pm

Half term

- October 30th – Year 6 to Kingswood
- November 6th - Open day at St Andrew's 1.30—2.45 pm
- November 9th - EYFS Phonics for parents
- November 16th - Open day at St Andrew's 9.30—11.00
- November 21st - Y6 Kingswood presentation to parents
- November 22nd - Flu immunisation Year 1 to Year 4
- December 4th - KS1 Productions
- December 5th - EYFS and KS1 Productions
- December 8th - Year 3 Christmas Production
- December 9th - Christmas Fayre
- December 13th - Christmas lunch
- December 14th - KS2 Carol service
- December 18th - Christmas Pantomime

Health and safety

Please observe the speed limit when driving on the school site. Children are on site out of school hours.



Prayer Group

Every Thursday - 8.55 – 9.10 am
The parents' prayer group meets in the Life skills room in Manser building. They pray for the school community with our Rector, Revd. Maggie Thorne. Everyone is welcome.

