

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE-



SUMMER 2020 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE CHRISTIAN VALUE OF SERVICE

Introduction

As we move through the final term of the school year, we are looking forward to scheduling more events that include parents and carers. These will be carefully planned to ensure everyone's safety. I have outlined events planned to date below. You will be informed of additional events as they arise. You will find additional information on Seesaw, the school's website and Twitter account.

Attendance

Before the pandemic we had managed to raise our school attendance to around our target of **96%**. It was inevitable that this figure would drop during the subsequent lockdown and isolation restrictions. Most schools have seen their attendance figures gradually rise and return to almost pre-pandemic figures. Unfortunately, our attendance figure currently stands at only, which is a real cause for concern. I know the education welfare officer and Mrs Utzeri sent out the traffic light attendance letters just before Easter. If your child's rating was red or amber, please do everything in your power to improve your child's attendance. The children have missed so much direct teaching due to the impact of covid-19 and every missed day of learning will set your child's progress back further.

Attendance facts

- If your child's attendance is **95%** they have lost **9 days teaching**
- If your child's attendance is **90%** they have lost **19 days teaching**
- If your child's attendance is **85%** they have missed **150 lessons!**
- Arriving **5 minutes late** every day adds up to over **3.5 days** lost each year (**missing 20 lessons**)
- Arriving **15 minutes late** every day is the same as being absent for **2 weeks a year (missing 55 lessons).**

School starts at 8.55am. The gates open at 8.50am for parents to 'drop and go.' The gates will be locked again at 9am. Please ensure your child is in school by 8.55am as a rising number of children are arriving late after 9am.

Staffing

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Jones has given birth to a beautiful baby boy, Zach Louis. I know Miss Jones will be bringing him into to school very soon. I would like to welcome back Mrs Blower following her maternity leave. It is wonderful to have her back with us, teaching Year 3.

We say goodbye to two of our support staff this half term. Our school business manager, Mrs Knight, is leaving to take up a position nearer to home. Mrs Rose and her family are moving back to Nottingham. We will miss them both and I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for all their hard work and to wish them all the best for the future. We have appointed Mrs J Higgins as clerical assistant and governors have started the recruitment process for the new school business manager. Until the new person is appointed, Mrs Shepley has kindly agreed to return to work in school for two days a week to help us out.

Comic Relief

Thanks to your kind donations and sales of red noses we were able to send off a cheque for **£300** to the Comic Relief Charity.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times as there will be many outdoor sporting activities taking place this term.

End of Year Assessments

All Y6 children will be undertaking end of key stage assessments during the week beginning 9th May. Year 2 pupils will be assessed using a variety of teacher assessments during May, and the final levels will be reported to parents as part of the annual report.

It is imperative that no Y6 pupils are absent during these weeks and all absences should be kept to a minimum. The Y6 timetable is below. Please note there is no flexibility in this, all children in England take the tests at the same time.

Monday 9th May - Grammar, spelling & punctuation.

Tuesday 10th May - Reading paper

Wednesday 11th May - Arithmetic paper & Maths Paper 2

Thursday 12th May - Maths Paper 3

Book Looks

As promised, parents/carers will have the opportunity to view their child's learning journeys and/or workbooks after school in the hall. Each year group has been allocated a session between 3.20-4pm. Children can join their parents in the hall to share their work. The dates for this are as follows;

Nursery: 13th June

Reception Class: 14th June
Year 1: 15th June
Year 2: 20th June
Year 3: 21st June
Year 4: 22nd June
Year 5: 23rd June
Year 6: 16th June

Annual Reports

You will receive a detailed report from your child's class teacher on Friday 8th July. Parents of Y6 children will be given KS2 SATs results as soon as they are available.

Summer Fair

We are very excited to be able to hold our summer fair again this year. It is on the 2nd July from 12-2pm. As you will be aware, this is our major fundraising event. This year we are planning to use the money raised to create tranquil areas in the outdoor school environment and enrichment experiences. We have chosen these after seeing the impact of the Pandemic on our children's well-being and mental health. Later in the term, the staff will be sending out further details, and I know you will support us with your contributions.

Diary Dates

- ❖ Class photographs will be taken on 24th May.
- ❖ The annual Worsley Sports' Competition will take place on 24th May, after school, at Cleveleys Track in Winton.
- ❖ 27th May: Y5 trip to Knowsley Safari Park.
- ❖ We break up for half term on 27th May and return on 8th June.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for parents/carers of the new Nursery intake on 16th June at 5pm.
- ❖ On 20th June a group of children from Y6 go on a five day residential visit to Wales.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for parents/carers of next year's Reception Class children on 30th June at 2.30pm.
- ❖ On 1st July there will be a non-uniform day to collect goods for the summer fair eg; tombola items.
- ❖ 6th July: Y1 and Y2 visit to 'Imagine That.'
- ❖ There will be a special Leavers' production in the evening of 14th July at 6pm. This will involve the Y6 pupils who are moving on to high school.
- ❖ 'Moving Up Morning' will be on the 18th July.
- ❖ The annual Talent Show is on the 20th July.
- ❖ Summer Sports' Days are planned for the following days (weather permitting!)
 - 11th July: EYFS (Nursery and Reception)
 - 12th July: Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2)
 - 13th July: Key Stage 2

*Teachers will inform you of any other summer trips and visits as they are planned.



Extra Curricular Activities

I include a list of the activities available this term, but individual members of staff will send out further details.

Summer Term Clubs

Monday

Lunchtime athletics: Y3 and Y4

Premier Sports club: KS1

Tuesday

Pyramid Club- Mrs Utzeri and Mrs Davidson

Netball- KS2- Mrs Newton, Mrs Berry

Wednesday

Football- Y3 and Y4

Thursday

Cricket- Y5 and Y6

Friday

Lunchtime athletics: Y5 and Y6

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And Finally...

As you can see, your children are in for a busy and exciting time at school this summer. I look forward to seeing many of you at the events we have organised. Thank you for the support you continue to give your children at St Andrew's. It is greatly appreciated by all the staff.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A. Barker
Headteacher