

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE-



SUMMER 2023 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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

Introduction

As we move into the final term of the school year, we are looking forward to including parents and carers in lots of our summer events. 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.

Free uniform shop

We now have a free uniform shop in the school entrance. Please help yourself to any freshly laundered and pre-loved items- no need to ask. If you have any items that your children no longer needs, please drop them in the laundry basket next to the shop. We think this is a great way to recycle and save money!

Attendance

Please remember that our attendance target is of **96%**. Unfortunately, our attendance figure currently stands at only, 93%. Please do everything in your power to improve your child's attendance. Every missed day of learning is detrimental to your child's progress.

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 **8.50am**. The gates open at 8.40am for parents to 'drop and go.' The gates will be locked again at 9am. Please ensure your child is in school by 8.50am. The Nursery door opens at 8.55am.

Comic Relief

Thanks to your kind donations we sent off a cheque for **£140** to Comic Relief.

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.

KING'S CORONATION



The coronation of our new king and queen consort will take place on Saturday 6th May. This is a major historical event for our children and we will be marking it in school the day before on Friday 5th May. We are inviting everyone to come dressed as a king, queen, prince or princess. Alternatively, the children can wear the patriotic colours of red, white and blue.

We will be hosting a grand Coronation Tea Party on the Friday afternoon. We plan to do this outside (weather permitting).

We very much want to include parents/carers and family members in the coronation celebrations. There will be 3 opportunities for this.

- On Wednesday 3rd May at 9am there will be a “Coronation Decoration” workshop. Parents/families of children in **Y2 and Y3** are invited to come into school, make flags, bunting and other decorations. The adults can then decorate the hall for the rest of the school to enjoy.
- Families of **Y1** pupils are invited to join us for a special Y1 coronation assembly on 5th May at 9am.
- **All** families are invited to join us for a [Grand Coronation Tea Party](#) at 2pm on Friday 5th May. If you would like to, you may bring a blanket and a picnic and join us outside if the weather is dry. If it is wet, you can join other parents in the school hall for an indoor picnic (the children would remain in class to have their tea parties in the event of rain). I understand that some parents will be working and unable to come, but grandparents or other family members are most welcome.

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.

Tuesday 9th May - Grammar, spelling & punctuation.

Wednesday 10th May - Reading paper

Thursday 11th May - Arithmetic paper 1 & Maths Paper 2

Friday 12th May - Maths Paper 3

Book Looks

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: 12th June

Reception Class: 13th June

Year 1: 14th June

Year 2: 15th June

Year 3: 19th June

Year 4: 20th June

Year 5: 21st June

Year 6: 22nd June

Annual Reports

You will receive a detailed report from your child's class teacher on Friday 7th July. Parents of Y6 children will be given 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 24th June 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 help with the cost of transport and school trips/educational visits. As a staff, we have pledged to take all our classes on a trip to the beach or the countryside. We are excitedly planning these experiences, many of which will take place during the summer term. Later in the term, the staff will be sending out further details about the Summer Fair, and I know you will support us with your contributions.

Additional Diary Dates

- ❖ Y1 family worship is on 5th May.
- ❖ Class photographs will be taken on 23rd May.
- ❖ Worsley Sports' Athletics competition is on 23rd May.
- ❖ We break up for half term on 26th May and return on 7th June.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for parents/carers of the new Nursery intake on 15th June at 5pm.
- ❖ Reception Class will lead family worship on 16th June.
- ❖ Y2 will lead family worship on Thursday 22nd June at 9am.
- ❖ On 23rd June there will be a non-uniform day to collect goods for the summer fair eg; tombola items.
- ❖ Salford Y6 high school transition days are on 29th and 30th June.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for parents/carers of next year's Reception class children on 29th June at 2.30pm.
- ❖ Y3 will lead family worship on 30th June.
- ❖ 'Moving Up Morning' will be on the 17th July.

- ❖ There will be a special Leavers' production in the evening of 18th July at 6pm. This will involve the Y6 pupils who are moving on to high school.
- ❖ The annual Talent Show is on the 19th July.
- ❖ Summer Sports' Days are planned for the following days (weather permitting!)
 - 4th July: Key Stage 2
 - 10th July: EYFS Sports (Nursery and Reception)
 - 11th July: KS1 Sports (Year 1 and Year 2)

Summer Trips and Visits



This summer we are making a pledge to take all our children to visit either the seaside or the countryside.

- ❖ Nursery will be going to Blackpool Zoo- date to be confirmed.
- ❖ Reception class will be going to Morecambe- date to be confirmed.
- ❖ Y1 and Y2 will visit the seaside (location to be agreed) on 20th June.
- ❖ Y3 and Y4 are visiting St Anne's beach on 29th June.
- ❖ Y5 will be visiting Formby beach- date to be confirmed.
- ❖ On 10th July a group of children from Y6 go on a five day residential visit to Lledr Hall in Wales.

*Teachers will send out full details of summer trips and visits as they are planned. We are using money raised for school funds to keep the cost of these trips as low as possible.



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 sports- KS2
 Premier Sports club: KS1 multi-skills
 Y5 maths booster club
 Y6 reading booster club

Tuesday

Netball- KS2- Mrs Newton, Mrs Berry
 Y6 maths booster club
 KS2 choir
 Games club- KS1

Wednesday

Football- Y5 and Y6
Pupil Right's Group
Worship Committee

Thursday

Cricket- Y3 and Y4

Friday

Lunchtime sports: Y5 and Y6

Teachers will inform you of any other summer clubs as they are planned.

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. School will break up for the summer holidays on 20th July. 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