

## STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE-



## SUMMER 2024 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**

Don't forget to visit our 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%**. I am really pleased to inform you that the attendance figure for this academic year currently stands at **95%**, which is a big improvement. Well done everyone! Please continue to 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.

#### **Fundraising**

- Thanks to your kind donations we sent off a cheque for **£150** to Comic Relief.
- The Easter raffle raised a grand total of £175 for school fund. This will go towards the summer trips.

### **Staffing News**

As announced in my letter earlier this week, Mrs Plant has been appointed as the new headteacher of Mossfield Primary School in Swinton. She will take up the post in September. A very big 'well done' to her!

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Jackson has given birth to a beautiful baby girl, Annie Rose. Mum and baby are both doing well.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> May. All other year groups 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 13<sup>th</sup> May - Grammar, spelling & punctuation.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May- Reading paper

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Arithmetic paper 1 & Maths Paper 2

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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: 10<sup>th</sup> June

Reception Class: 12<sup>th</sup> June

Year 1: 11<sup>th</sup> June

Year 2: 13<sup>th</sup> June

Year 3: 17<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4: 18<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5: 19<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6: 24<sup>th</sup> June

\*Please ensure you only look at your **own child's** workbooks.

## Annual Reports

You will receive a detailed report from your child's class teacher on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 12-2pm. As you will be aware, this is our major fundraising event. This year we are again 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 an outdoor adventure. 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

- ❖ Some classes will be visiting the local library during the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
- ❖ Rev Sarah will be leading the experience Pentecost project with Y4
- ❖ Class photographs will be taken on 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- ❖ KS2 pupils will be visiting Walkden Methodist Church for 'Experience Pentecost' on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
- ❖ Worsley Sports' Athletics competition is on 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- ❖ We break up for half term on 24<sup>th</sup> May and return on 5<sup>th</sup> June.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for parents/carers of the new Nursery intake on 20<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm.
- ❖ Reception Class will lead family worship on 21<sup>st</sup> June.
- ❖ On 21<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for parents/carers of next year's Reception class children on 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm.
- ❖ Y1 will lead family worship on 25<sup>th</sup> June.
- ❖ Year 6 pupils go to Lledr Hall from 1-5<sup>th</sup> July.
- ❖ 'Moving Up Morning' will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> July.
- ❖ There will be a special Leavers' production in the evening of 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. This will involve the Y6 pupils who are moving on to high school.
- ❖ The annual Talent Show is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July.
- ❖ Summer Sports' Days are planned for the following days (weather permitting!)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm: EYFS Sports (Nursery and Reception)
  - 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm: KS1 Sports (Year 1 and Year 2)
  - 10<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm: KS2 (Y3,4,5,6)



## Summer Trips and Visits



This summer we are taking all our children on an outdoor adventure.

- ❖ Nursery
- ❖ Reception
- ❖ Year 1
- ❖ Year 2
- ❖ Year 3
- ❖ Year 4
- ❖ Year 5
- ❖ On 10<sup>th</sup> 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 athletics club- KS2  
Premier Sports club: KS1 athletics games  
Y5 maths booster club  
Y6 reading booster club  
Pyramid Club

#### Tuesday

Netball- KS2-  
Y6 maths booster club  
KS2 choir

#### Wednesday

Football- Y3 and Y4  
Pupil Right's Group

#### Thursday

Athletics Y5 and Y6

Y5 and Y6 sewing club

Friday

Lunchtime athletics club: 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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