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**NEWSLETTER 1**

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

**WELCOME TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH SCHOOL**

**CHARTERHOUSE RESIDENTIAL**

Next week, Exe Class will be away at Charterhouse Outdoor Education for their week's residential. Mr Sheehan, Mr Green and Ms Doherty will be with the children all week. Mrs Goddard will also be joining them on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Warner will be joining them for Thursday and Friday. If you need to see a member of the leadership team during the week, please contact Mrs Warner (Deputy Head Teacher) on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Frouns (KS 1 Team Leader ) on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I would like to thank all those who are stepping up to cover the various roles across our school. I'm sure we will have an exciting and positive time away ~ and let's hope for some dry weather!

**HOT SCHOOL MEALS**

All meal choices should have been placed before the end of last term. Most parents have already paid the full amount when the order was placed, however, if you chose to pay weekly, please remember to send payments to the School Office as required. If you have any questions regarding the hot meals, please see a member of the office staff.

**NUT-FREE SCHOOL**

Please note we are a NUT-FREE environment, as we have a number of children across various year groups who have allergic reactions triggered by nuts. To prevent this happening, we ask that ALL children do not bring ANY food items to school which may contain nuts. Thank you for your support with this.

**PTFA NEWS**

The PTFA have been busy over the summer holidays raising money for the school at various festivals and events. At this morning's celebration assembly, members of the 'Rock on the Green' committee presented a cheque for £2000 which will go towards the Foundation Stage outdoor area renovation. A letter will be going out today with details of our AGM, which is being held on Weds 27th September at 7pm. Our newsletter will follow the AGM. We have lots of events planned this year and we also have some exciting news coming up so watch this space!

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Starting School**

Will your child be aged 4 by September 2018? If so, you need to apply for a school place. You can apply online at [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions) before 15th January 2018 or you can complete a paper application, which can be downloaded from the website.

**Secondary School**

If your child is due to start secondary school next September (2018), **the deadline for applications is 31st October 2017**. For full details of how to apply for a place or to apply online, please visit [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions).

**Heathfield Community School Open Evening For Transition To Secondary School - September 2018**

We have received confirmation that the Open Evening will be on Thursday 28th September 2017, from 6 - 8.30pm. No need to book. Everyone welcome.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Please note after-school SPORTS clubs will commence from **Monday 18th September**.

<b>MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>		
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Ms Doherty
Girls' Football	Years 5&6	Mr Green
<b>TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>		
Tag Rugby	Years 5&6	Mr Green
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Ms Doherty
<b>WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>		
Handball/Netball	Years 5&6	Ms Doherty
Girls' Football	Years 3&4	Mr. Green
<b>THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>		
DJ Club	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Exell
Boys' Football	Years 3 & 4	Mr Green
<b>FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL</b>		

Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Ms Doherty
Multi-skills	Years 1 & 2	Mr Green

### **DJ Club**

DJ Club are welcoming new and existing members. It is open to children in KS1 and KS2 (Years 1-6). If you would like to join the Club, please ask at the School Office for a membership form and return it to Mrs Exell as soon as possible. Places are limited, so don't miss out. **Note to existing members:** Please re-register with a form so we know you will be coming. DJ Club starts back on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**.

### **LATE ARRIVALS IN SCHOOL**

School starts at 8:55am. If your child arrives at school late it is very important he/she reports to the school office to be signed in. Late arrivals cause disruption to the whole class and delay the teaching process. If there is a reason why children are persistently late, we would be happy to discuss the matter with you to try and resolve the situation.

### **SCHOOL COLLECTION TIMES**

Can I remind parents/carers that the school collection times are:- Reception & KS1 3.15pm AND KS2 3.20pm. If you are running late and will not be at school on time, please call the School Office to let them know that you are on your way. We have had occasions whereby children are not collected until after 3.30pm and sometimes later. Children can get upset if they are unsure of when they will be collected, however a member of staff would always be with them in the School Office, although this can then delay staff leaving on time for their own family commitments.

### **ONLINE RESOURCES**

Curriculum Visions is an online resource that we subscribe to. It is designed to encourage children to read, search and discover. There is a wide range of activities and ideas on the website - please use the username and password shared here : Username:standrew.taunton/0001 Password:jungle. Have fun and enjoy.

### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

Here at St. Andrew's we welcome and value parent volunteers. If you have a particular skill or expertise which could be brought into the classroom or are interested in being a general volunteer (whether it is regularly listening to children reading or occasionally accompanying them on a school trip) please see the School Office. If you have previously volunteered at our school and wish to continue, please confirm this with the School Office.

### **REQUEST FOR THE RETURN OF READING BOOKS**

Could you please have a look at home and return any school reading books which may have been mislaid. Thank you.

### **UNIFORM**

Please ensure you label all school uniform and belongings. If you find your child has inadvertently brought home an item which does not belong to them, please return it to the School Office so it can be re-united with its owner. We already have a number of items in lost property and we know how costly it is to kit out children with school uniform - if it has a name on it, the item will always get back to its owner!.

### **PURPLE BIKE**

If you own the purple bike (Raleigh) which has been left in the bike racks at school for quite some time, please come and reclaim it. If it is not claimed it will be donated to a local charity which recycles old bicycles.

### **DIARY DATES**

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Monday 11th - Friday 15th	Exe Class to Charterhouse (Residential)
Thursday 21st	Welcome Service 1.45pm St. Andrew's Church (Refreshments served at 1.15pm in the church)
Monday 25th	Huntspill Forest School (all day)
Thursday 27th	PTFA AGM 7pm School Hall
Friday 29th	INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Monday 2nd	Huntspill Forest School (all day)
Monday 9th	Harvest Festival, St. Andrew's Church School- 2pm
Tuesday 10th	Huntspill 'Romans' session at Taunton Museum (am)
Thursday 12th	Huntspill Forest School (all day) Open Classrooms, after school
Monday 16th	Parents' Evening- 3.30 - 6.00
Thursday 19th	Huntspill Forest School (all day) Parents' Evening- 3.30 - 7.00
Friday 20th	INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 23rd	HALF TERM
Monday 30th	RETURN TO SCHOOL

All relevant dates are also published on the Parent's Calendar on the school website [www.standrewsbwmat.org](http://www.standrewsbwmat.org)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P Sheehan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Paul Sheehan,  
Head Teacher

**St Andrew's Church invites you to a Birthday celebration!!  
On Sunday 10th September, 'The Railway Children' are celebrating their 10th birthday.  
Celebrations start @ 10am with a Special Church Service, followed by a BBQ.**

**All welcome**