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NEWSLETTER 3

Dear Parents/carers and children,

WELCOME SERVICE

Our 'Welcome Service' at St Andrew's Church was held yesterday to formally welcome the new children, new families and new staff to our school community. Each of the children and staff placed a pebble in the school bowl as a symbol of our community and will, when the time comes to leave our community, take a pebble with them as a keepsake and a remembrance of their time here at St Andrew's. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us to make this a special start to the school year.



PARENTPAY Coming soon: Online payments to school with ParentPay!

St Andrew's will shortly be introducing a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips and much more online, using a secure service called ParentPay. Once ParentPay is active, we will be working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash may do so using the PayPoint network at local convenience stores. ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available.

We hope you will support us in achieving our goal to become a cashless school and reduce the workload on our staff. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you. For further information on ParentPay please visit www.parentpay.com.

HARVEST FESTIVAL FUNDRAISING 09.10.17

This year our fundraising for the Harvest Festival will be for St. Margaret's Hospice in memory of Tracie Herbert. Each class will be undertaking a range of activities to raise funds. More details to follow.



PTFA NEWS

AGM – Letters were sent home last week regarding the forthcoming AGM on Wednesday 27th September at 7pm in the School Hall. The AGM is an opportunity for you to elect the PTFA Committee and represent the Association for forthcoming academic year. We really hope you can come along and show your support. A short meeting will take place after the AGM to discuss future events.

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Runnina/Fitness Club	KS2	Ms Doherty
Girls' Football	Years 5&6	Mr Green
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Tao Ruabv	Years 5&6	Mr Green
Study Club	Years 4.5 & 6	Ms Doherty
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Handball/Netball	Years 5&6	Ms Doherty
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
DJ Club	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Exell
Boys' Football	Years 3 & 4	Mr Green
FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Study Club	Years 4.5 & 6	Ms Doherty
Multi-skills	Years 1 & 2	Mr Green

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There is NO Running/Fitness Club on Monday 25th September.

There is NO TAG Rugby on Tuesday 26th September due to a Rugby fixture.

Year 3&4 Girls' Football

Due to a lack of participants, this club has unfortunately been cancelled. We hope to introduce a new club instead. Watch this space!

CLUBS - A reminder that if you have not completed and returned a slip for any of the clubs, your child will not be able to attend. We **must** have permission and know collection arrangements for safety reasons.

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 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.

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

Brymore School Open Morning for Transition to Secondary School – September 2018

Brymore will be holding Open Mornings on Saturday 23rd September 2017 and Saturday 7th October from 9.45am – 12noon. Contact the school to book a place 01278 652369.

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!

CONCERNS

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please see their class teacher in the first instance.

HUNTSPELL FOREST SCHOOL

Please note we have had to move one of our forest school dates from Monday 2nd October to **Tuesday 3rd October 2017**. The details of the day remain the same.

HANNAH TAUNTON – FORMER ST. ANDREW'S PUPIL – COMPETES WITH THE 'ELITE' IN GREAT NORTH RUN 2017



Hannah Taunton, a past pupil of St Andrew's (1995 to 2003), recently took part in the Great North Run in the 'Elite' Women's' race. She was competing with some of the best female long distance runners from across the globe. Hannah was able to meet Mo Farah in the build up to the race. Hannah is an inspiration as she only took up running when she joined Castle School. But through hard work and perseverance has steadily improved and is now lining up with the best. Well done Hannah from all the staff and pupils at St Andrew's .
http://www.somersetcountygazette.co.uk/sport/15532986.RUNNING__Hannah_runs_with_the_elite_in_BBC_showcase_event/?ref=erec

FLU VACCINATIONS – Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 pupils

The School Nurse Team are visiting on Wednesday 1st November to vaccinate against Influenza. Letters have gone home this week, explaining the programme. Parents can 'opt out' of the vaccination for their child, details of how to do this will be included in the letter.

COATS

Please can you ensure your child brings a coat (named) with them to school everyday, the weather can be unpredictable at the moment so even if it looks fine in the morning, this can change during the day.

DIABETES UK FUNDRAISER

One of our Year 6 pupils, Millie Gibson is completing the London Bridges Challenge for the second year running to raise funds for Diabetes UK. If you would like to support her, please go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/moogoo or you can text MOOG55 £5 to 70070.

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER	
Monday 25th	Huntspill Forest School (all day)
Wednesday 27th	PTFA AGM 7pm School Hall
Friday 29th	INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
OCTOBER	
Tuesday 3rd	Huntspill Forest School (all day) – PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE
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
Tuesday 17th	Year 1 & 2 – Trip to the museum for Castle Explorers workshop
Thursday 19th	Huntspill Forest School (all day) Parents' Evening- 3.30 - 7.00
Friday 20th	INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 23rd	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM
Monday 30th	RETURN TO SCHOOL
NOVEMBER	
Wednesday 1st	Flu vaccines for Reception, Yr1, Yr2, Yr3 & Yr4

All relevant dates are also published on the Parent's Calendar on the school website www.standrewsbwmat.org

Yours sincerely,



Paul Sheehan,
Head Teacher

Basketball session

Huish Tigers U12 basketball sessions are now up and running on Saturday mornings at Richard Huish college 10.am-12.00pm.
garyc@richuish.ac.uk

Orienteering

Quantock Orienteers run an excellent weekly club on Saturdays at various locations across the Quantocks and local area. There is a range of courses to suit all abilities. Ideal for families to explore the Outdoors.
<https://www.sasp.co.uk/uploads/jog-fixtures-for-autumn-2017-a.pdf>