

6th October 2017

NEWSLETTER 5

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

DATA COLLECTION FORMS

A data collection sheet was sent home last week. Please check/amend the information or add if required, and then return the signed form to the School Office letterbox. Please do this as soon as possible as it is important the contact information we have in our records is accurate and up to date. We do require a minimum of 3 contacts per child, in case of emergency. Please return the signed form even if there are no changes to your information.



PARENTPAY

St Andrew's have now begun a phased introduction of ParentPay – a convenient way to pay for school meals, trips and much more online, using a secure service called ParentPay Parents of children in Brue and Exe Class were sent letters this week with their unique activation codes and feedback so far has been very positive. If you have yet to activate your

account, please do so as soon as possible Parents who need to continue making payments by cash may do so using the PayPoint network at local convenience stores – Please see a member of the office team who will be able to arrange your access code. The remaining six classes will be sent activation codes as and when there is a trip to pay for. We hope to extend the service to include ordering and paying for school meals next term. Details of this will follow.

We hope you will support us in achieving our goal to become a cashless school. 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 has been for St. Margaret's Hospice in memory of Tracie Herbert. Each class has undertaken a range of activities to raise funds.

TONE & AVON Classes held a Cake Sale after school on Wednesday this week.

SHEPPEY Class held a 'Story Afternoon' for its pupils and parents on Thursday.

CARY Class held a sponsored silence last week. Bliss!

HUNTSPILL & SOMER Class took part in a sponsored 'Going for Goals' event on Monday.

BRUE & EXE completed a sponsored run at the Rec on Tuesday. Phew – what a busy week! Well done to everyone who took part and worked hard to raise funds for St. Margaret's.

We look forward to welcoming you to our service on Monday 9th October at 2pm – over at St Andrew's Church. A representative of St Margaret's Hospice will be joining us.



GOLD BOOK

The "gold" book has been a consistent feature of school life for many years – to add another dimension to this reward we have identified 6 attributes that when displayed by our children will help to add to the positive climate of our school. The challenge to our pupils is to collect one of each of the attributes across a school year. Once successful in collecting the set, they will be entitled to a special 'Platinum' Head Teachers award. Teachers are recording against each child's name the attribute shown by the child in achieving a gold book certificate each week. I very much look forward to reporting the recipient of the new award. Please see below to see the attributes and to see examples of the stickers being added to the gold book certificates.



HOUSE CAPTAINS AND SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Our British Values focus this term is Democracy. Our pupils have been able to have a say in the running of our school with the hustings and election of both House Captains and School Councillors. In the true spirit of democracy there was a tie for the house captain role in Year 6 in Triscombe so we have appointed two captains to represent this. Congratulations to all those appointed. We are very much looking forward to you all making positive contributions to school life through these important roles.

House captains:

Cothelstone Y2: Lily Chugg Y6: Lauren Hines
Bagborough Y2: Cai Williams Y6: Wyatt Keightley
Lydeard Y2 : Abigail Owens Y6: Charlie Rendall
Triscombe Y2 Imogen Parkman Y6 : Ruby Cross & Harry Broadway

School Council:

Yr 2: Chloe Ramster & Annika Gebarowska Yr 3 :Ava Larcombe & Harvey Wood Yr 4 : Max John & Corben Monk
Yr 5: Tailor Searle & Max Healey Yr 6: Jacob Hyslop, Ben Wyrwoll, Wade Turner & Lauren Hines

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Runnina/Fitness Club	KS2	Ms Doherty
Girls' Football	Years 5&6	Mr Green
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Tao Ruobv	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
Bovs' 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

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.

TAG RUGBY

From next week (10th October) Tag Rugby will be run by Richard Huish.

CANCELLATIONS

Please note there is **NO Girls' Football** on Monday 9th October, due to fixtures.

Please note there is **NO DJ Club** now until Thursday 9th November.

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

The sign-up sheets for the Parent/Teacher Consultations on Monday 16th and Thursday 19th October are up in the hall foyer, at the top of the yellow steps. Please sign up for an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

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.

Taunton Academy Open Morning 10.10.17 9-11am

The Taunton Academy are holding an open morning from 9-11am on Tuesday 10th October. Places can be booked by calling 348200.

CONCERNS

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

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS

This year St Andrew's Church School is working towards Dyslexia Friendly School status. We are working towards raising awareness of Dyslexia in our community.

If you would like to find out more:

www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/fundraising/dyslexia-awareness-week

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, explaining the programme. Parents can 'opt out' of the vaccination for their child, details of how to do this were included in the letter.



PARKING

Can all parents and carers please be mindful and considerate when dropping off and collecting your child by car. Please do not block any of our neighbours' access to their driveways, even if you intend to stay in your vehicle. Driveways should be kept clear at all times.

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER	
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
Thursday 9th	School Photographer
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 13th	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th	Nativity at St. Andrew's Church
Thursday 21st	Last day of Autumn term (break up for Christmas holidays)
JANUARY 2018	
Monday 8th	First day of Spring term

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>