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Diary Dates

5th September

School reopened

13th September

Meet the Teacher

10th October

Individual school photographs

11th October

Autumn Full Governing Board

20th October

School closes for half term

30th October

School reopens after half term

13th November

Flu Vaccinations

Book Fair (all week)

15th/16th November

Parents' Evening

30th November

St Andrew's Day

12th/13th December

Nativity

19th December

Pantomime

21st December

Carol Service

22nd December

School closes for Christmas

Reopens 8th January

Welcome back to the new school year 2023-2024

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to St Andrew's at the beginning of our new school year. It was great to see everyone return to school yesterday after the holidays. A special welcome goes to our new children in Reception. We are looking forward to another successful year at St Andrew's.

Back@School Sunday

This Sunday, September 10th, St Andrew's Church is holding a BACK@SCHOOL Sunday service (part of the national Education Sunday initiative) at 11am and you are invited to join the service. This is one of St Andrew's monthly All Age Worship services and will include some of the songs that the KS2 pupils learnt during the iSingPOP programme at the end of the Summer Term

Meet the Teachers

You are invited to visit your child's class and meet their teachers on Wednesday, 13th September after school until around 4.10pm. Please let teachers dismiss the children onto the playground as usual at the end of the day and then you come in via the canopy area to the relevant classes. You will also receive a start of year letter from your child's teacher which gives you information about the year ahead.

Birthdays

As a healthy school we are asking that children do not bring in sweets or cake for their birthday. Instead your child can donate a book that they have chosen which will be put in the class library. This book will have the name of the child who donated it placed in the front.

Admissions for 2024

If you or anyone you know have a child due to start school in September 2024, there will be information on the council website about the application process. You can contact school to make an appointment to visit school during the autumn term. The closing date for primary school applications is January 2024 (date to be confirmed).

Secondary school applications opened on the 1st September 2023. For children starting secondary school in 2024, the deadline to apply is the 31st October 2023.

Diary Dates

The school diary is starting to fill up. You can see some of the dates already planned on the left. You will receive separate details about some of these—Parents' Evenings, church services etc.—nearer the time.

Buildings

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation whilst the building work continues.

Newsletters

All school newsletters and most other letters will be sent to you by email. Please make sure we have your latest details for email and mobile so we can keep our Teachers2Parents system as up to date as possible.

Holiday Pattern

The holiday pattern for 2023-2024 is below. Please note that time away from school for family holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Autumn Term

School reopened on 5th September 2023

Half Term:

School closes: Friday 20th October 2023

School reopens: Monday 30th October 2023

Christmas Holiday:

School closes: Friday 22nd December 2023

School reopens: Wednesday 8th January 2024

Spring Term

Half Term:

School closes: Friday 16h February 2024

School reopens: Monday 26th February 2024

Easter Holiday:

School closes: Thursday 28th March 2024

School reopens: Monday 15th April 2024

Summer Term

May Bank Holiday:

School closes: Friday 3rd May 2024

School reopens: Tuesday 7th May 2024

Half Term:

School closes: Friday 24th May 2024

School reopens: Monday 3rd June 2024

Summer Holiday:

School closes: Wednesday 17th July 2024

Twitter

School has a Twitter account and we will tweet good news on a regular basis. Please note that this is a place for a positive celebration of what's happening in school. Children's photographs will not be tweeted but their work might be.

You can access the school Twitter account by following:

St Andrew's School@StAndrewsRammy

School Website

Please use the school website regularly as a source of information. The news section and calendar are kept up to date with school events. You will find copies of letters that have been sent out. There is a mass of information about what your child is learning. The main school policies are available on the website and there are links to our Ofsted reports and Parent View.

There is the Parents' Handbook which will be crammed full of information that you may need on a daily basis about our school. I hope you find it useful.

Staying Connected

We try to operate an open door policy as much as possible. If you need to speak to a teacher or myself please visit or contact the school office. You may be seen straight away or you can make an appointment. If you are unable to do this in person do not hesitate to email, ring or send in a note

