



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2018



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Autumn Term - Diary Dates

12th September

Meet the Teacher

2nd October

Individual School Photographs

12th October

Harvest Service

18th October

School Closes for Half Term

19th October

Staff Training Day

29th October

School reopens after Half Term

Week commencing 12th November

Book Fair

14th/15th November

Parents' Evenings (details to follow)

30th November

St Andrew's Day

11th/12th December

Nativity (details to follow)

13th December

Mince Pie Munch 7.00pm

20th December

Carol Service

21st December

School closes for Christmas

Monday 7th January 2019

School reopens after Christmas

Welcome back to the new school year 2018-2019

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to St Andrew's at the beginning of our new school year. I hope everyone has had a great summer. A special welcome goes to our new children in Reception. We are looking forward to another successful year at St Andrew's. We have 286 pupils in school—the most in the school's history.

New Classrooms

We are delighted to see the new classrooms in operation. Year 3/4 and SOCKs are settling into their new rooms. I wish to thank the governors for their support during the years it has taken to plan and complete this project. I would like to thank, especially, Steven Kenny (Parent Governor) and Robert Ruston (Chair of Governors) for their expertise and support. It should be pointed out that this building has been built without any government or local authority funding and has been self-funded by school.

Reminders

Some reminders for the new school year:

- Children are not allowed to wear earrings or any other jewellery apart from a watch.
- Children are not allowed to wear nail varnish or make up.
- Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times. The indoor kit can be kept in school during term time and taken home to wash during the holidays.
- The school policy on hairstyles is that they must look "natural". This means no severe cuts, unnatural colours, no lines or patterns and any products used should give hair a "natural" look. Long hair should be tied back. This applies to girls and boys.
- If your child has vomited during the night or before school starts they should not be brought to school. When a child has been sick they should be kept away from school for 48 hours after the last time they were sick.
- Children must not bring drinks into school other than as part of a packed lunch. Fruit is provided for children in Reception and Key Stage One, the healthy tuck shop is open twice weekly for Key Stage Two children and water is available throughout the day for all. Key Stage Two children may bring a piece of fruit to eat at playtime if they wish.

Harvest Service

The Harvest Service will be held on Friday, 12th October at 9.15am. This will be led by children from Reception and Key Stage 1. You are all welcome. Details to follow.

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.

Holiday Pattern

The holiday pattern for 2018-2019 is below. Please note that time away from school for family holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Please note the unusual Easter holidays in 2019 - we follow the local authority holiday pattern!

Autumn Term

School reopened on 4th September 2018

Half Term:

School closes: Thursday, 18th October 2018

School reopens: Monday, 29th October 2018

Christmas Holiday:

School closes: Friday, 21st December 2018

School reopens: Monday, 7th January 2019

Spring Term

Half Term:

School closes: Friday 15th February 2019

School reopens: Monday, 25th February 2019

Easter Holiday:

School closes: Friday, 29th March 2019

School reopens: Monday, 15th April 2019

Easter Weekend

School closes: Thursday, 18th April 2019

School reopens: Tuesday, 23rd April 2019

Summer Term

Half Term:

School closes: Friday 24th May 2019

School reopens: Monday, 3rd June 2019

Summer Holiday:

School closes: Friday 19th July 2019

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 and there are copies of the current homework grids on there too. The main school policies are available on the website and there are links to our Ofsted reports, Parent View and the latest data for our school.

Meet the Teachers

You are invited to visit your child's class and meet their teachers on Wednesday, 12th September after school until around 4.00pm. You will also receive a start of year letter from your child's teacher which gives you information about the year ahead.

We try to operate an open door policy as much as possible. If you need to speak to a teacher or myself please visit 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 with your child. If there is anything you are not happy with or worried about regarding your child, it is important that it is dealt with as early as possible.



