



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020



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Diary Dates

7th October

Flu vaccination day - details to follow

7th/8th October

Parents' Evenings

22nd October

School Closes for Half Term

23rd October

Staff Training Day

2nd November

School reopens after Half Term

30th November

St Andrew's Day

18th December

School closes for Christmas

Wednesday 6th January 2021

School reopens after Christmas

12th February

School closes for Half Term

22nd February

School reopens after Half Term

1st April

School closes for Easter

19th April

Staff Training Day

20th April

School reopens after Easter

Further dates will be added in due course.

Welcome back to the new school year 2020-2021

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 last few difficult months. Obviously, we're not out of the woods yet but we have made every effort to make school feel as "normal" and as safe as possible. A special welcome goes to our new children in Reception. We are looking forward to another successful year at St Andrew's.

Please remember to have a look at our Recovery Plan which can be found on the school website.

Reminders

Some reminders for the new school year:

- Although we said children shouldn't bring a bag to school, it is fine for them to use the school book bags which are narrow and can fit in a tray.
- 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 have been given a water bottle. Usually this stays in school. But, for now, we are asking children to take them home daily so they can be washed and brought in the next day. If your child forgets their bottle, don't worry, they'll get a plastic cup for the day. Fruit is provided for children in Reception and Key Stage One and water is available throughout the day for all children. Key Stage Two children may bring a piece of fruit to eat at playtime if they wish. We will not have our healthy tuck shop at this time.

Parents' Evenings

We are planning to hold Parents' Evening earlier than we usually do in the autumn term rather than in November. These will be held on 7th/8th October and will focus on how your child is doing, both academically and in terms of well-being, what the teacher is focussing on and how you can support your child at home. They will be remote meetings and you will be able to book a time slot in the usual way. We will send details later.

Holiday Pattern

The holiday pattern for 2020-2021 is below. Please note that time away from school for family holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Autumn Term

School reopened on 2nd September 2020

Half Term:

School closes: Thursday 22nd October 2020

School reopens: Monday 2nd November 2020

Christmas Holiday:

School closes: Friday 18th December 2020

School reopens: Wednesday 6th January 2021

Spring Term

Half Term:

School closes: Friday 12th February 2021

School reopens: Monday 22nd February 2021

Easter Holiday:

School closes: Thursday 1st April 2021

School reopens: Tuesday 20th April 2021

Summer Term

May Bank Holiday:

School closes: Friday 30th April 2021

School reopens: Tuesday 4th May 2021

Half Term:

School closes: Friday 28th May 2021

School reopens: Monday 7th June 2021

Summer Holiday:

School closes: Wednesday 21st July 2021

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 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.

The Year Ahead

Over the weeks and months ahead we will be looking at inventive ways to celebrate special times such as Harvest, St Andrew's Day, Christmas etc. so that nobody misses out. Obviously, we will always have to work in accordance with the latest guidance from central government and how the pandemic itself works out.

Staying Connected Our usual open door policy doesn't seem quite appropriate in these times but we know how important it is to connect with you and communicate well. Always contact us if you have a problem by phone, email and we will do likewise.

