

St Andrew's Newsletter



**Autumn Term 1
7th September 2018**

Welcome to the start of the new academic year. I do hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday; enjoying the wonderful weather and some good quality rest. During the summer break a huge amount of work took place to transform the new Year 1 classroom and to lighten and brighten all of the classrooms and shared areas. We also had a whole new upgrade for the ICT network which should make all the computers run much more efficiently and smoothly. Our Site Manager, Mr McGuire, worked incredibly hard to coordinate the projects and carry out maintenance and improvements to the school site.

This morning we had our first School Eucharist at St. Margaret's Church. Thank you to all families who were able to attend. Our Year 6 children did a wonderful job of writing and reading prayers, helping

to prepare the holy communion and delivering the Bible reading from 1 Corinthians 3 verses 6 to 9. Our new school vision is going to be based on verse 7 from this passage.

'There is no difference between the one who plants and the one who waters. God will reward each one according to the work each has done.'



Year group induction meetings

Come along next week and find out about how you can best support your child in their new class.

Monday 10th September – Y1 at 3.00pm
Tuesday 11th September – Y6 at 3.00pm
Wednesday 12th September – Y5 at 3.00pm
Thursday 13th September - Y4 at 3.00pm
Friday 14th September - Y2 at 3.00pm
Monday 17th September – Y3 at 3.00pm



Staffing News

This week we welcomed Miss Lawrence, Mrs Allen, Miss Tombs and Miss Kang to the school. You will be able to find out more about them soon via our new website.

Sadly Mrs Meadows and Mrs Seymour have officially left St. Andrew's as staff members. However, they are both still supporting the school in a number of ways and you will certainly see them in and around the St. Andrew's community.

Congratulations!

On 16th August, Jacob David Astill was born at 12:02pm; weighing 9lb 1! Miss Biddle and Mr Astill are extremely excited about their new arrival. Mother and baby are doing really well; Jacob sleeps well at night which is good news for Mr Astill now that he is back at school. Miss Biddle and baby Jacob will be visiting school very soon.

Important Dates

Monday 17th September – Clubs start
Tuesday 9th October – Individual photos
Thursday 11th October – Harvest celebration at 9am
Thursday 18th October - Orchestra Assembly to school
Friday 19th October - Training Day
Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October – Half Term
Monday 29th October – Back to school

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We have our own Breakfast and After School Club now; with a range of flexible times and prices.

Book online at

<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/our-clubs-1/st-andrews-c-of-e-primary-school/>

Permission Slips and Collection Forms

All children brought home letters this week for granting permission for photographs and third party information to be sent out via ParentPay; and for listing which adults can collect your child at the end of school.

Please return these forms as soon as possible as it is essential we have the most up to date information in school.

Please return the forms to the class teacher. As an incentive, the first class to bring all their completed forms back will win a non-uniform day!

Behaviour before school

Please can I remind parents that all children should be waiting with a parent or carer outside the school gate onto the playground before 8:40am. Only Year 6 children are allowed to walk to school on their own. Sadly there was some disruptive behaviour by some of the KS2 children this morning. With our new Nursery children starting school next week, this is a concern. If children cannot wait sensibly then we will have to notify their parents. Thank you for your support.

Welcome and Farewell

This week we welcomed 15 new Reception children to St. Andrew's for the first time. We also welcomed some other new faces across the school.

Year 2 – Danesh

Year 3 – Veronika and Monique

Year 4 – Chenai and Gabriela

Year 5 – Nehaveena

Year 6 – Arjun

Hopefully all of these new children and their families will have a long and happy time at St. Andrew's.

Sadly, we said farewell to Wintana in Year 1. She is moving on to St. Mary's and we wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

Next week our new Nursery children will begin their school journey at St. Andrew's.

School Website

Our new school website is almost ready to be launched. We are working frantically to collect and prepare all the information for it. Watch this space for details of when we will make it go live.



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Autumn term starts for children on Tuesday 4th September

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