



St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

29th September 2017

Healthy Packed Lunches:

We must remind parents that pupils should be bringing a healthy, balanced packed lunch with them to school. The dinners provided at school are well-balanced, and carefully chosen to ensure children are getting the nutrients they need and the same needs to be said about the children who bring lunch from home.

According to the NHS a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta.
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans.
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt.
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit.

Please remember we do not allow unhealthy 'junk' food such as crisps or chocolate bars. We also do not allow anything other than water, as drinks like squash, fruit juice, or soda have high levels of sugar.

Thank you for respecting our values.

Uniform reminder

The children are looking very smart this term. Thank you! They have been reminded about wearing the correct school shoes (black and sensible) and hair accessories (blue, white, black or grey). Please ensure that all uniform, PE kit and lunch boxes/water bottles are **clearly named**. If your child does lose an item of clothing, please check the 'Lost Property' trunk in the Hall.

School Term and Holiday Dates - 2017/2018:

Term 1

Start: Wednesday 6th September 2017
Finish: Friday 20th October 2017

Term 2

Start: Monday 30th October 2017
Finish: Friday 15th December 2017

Term 3

Start: Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Finish: Friday 9th February 2018

Term 4

Start: Monday 19th February 2018
Finish: Friday 23rd March 2018

Term 5

Start: Monday 9th April 2018
Finish: Friday 25th May 2018

Term 6

Start: Monday 4th June 2018
Finish: Tuesday 24th July 2018

3 INSET days are still to be set – There is no school for children on INSET days.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

25 th December 2017	Christmas Day
26 th December 2017	Boxing Day
1 st January 2018	New Year's Holiday
30 th March 2018	Good Friday
2 nd April 2018	Easter Monday
7 th May 2018	May Day Bank Holiday
28 th May 2018	Spring Bank Holiday

Visit by Japanese Students

We were very pleased to welcome a group of students from Japan to St Andrew's. The classes had the opportunity to learn origami techniques.



Year 2 Sports Hub

The year 2 class have had a fantastic time this week learning dance at Bath Sports Centre. As part of the session the children learnt about the 5 different types of street dance and began learning routines. There was also time for some freestyling!



'Heart of the Lion' day with Bath Rugby:

On Tuesday, Year 6 took part in a fabulous day at the Bath Rugby stadium and the Bath Recreational Grounds where they learned all about keeping the heart healthy, and how to play Tag Rugby! The day included lunch in the Premier suite, and a tour of the stadium. Several of the boys said that their favourite part was learning how to perform body tackles, or 'Slamming'.

Friends Foundation Stage New Parent Stay and Play

The Friends of St Andrew's warmly invite all new families to a stay and play session on **Tuesday 3rd October from 3:15 till 4pm** in the Foundation Stage Playground. There will be craft activities and refreshments. This will be an opportunity to meet the Friends and some of the older children.

Learning Leaves: Mohammad, Malini, Talia, Nicole, Suzanne, Oliwia, Dinah, Hannah, Suki, Logan.

Golden Leaves: Celeste, Laurie, Jeremiah, Leah, Thomas.

Happy Birthday to: Heidi, Mikolaj, Luke, Milosz.

B&NES Catering Service price increase from 1st September 2017

The price of a school lunch is now as follows:

Nursery £2.60

Y3-Y6 £2.60

R, Y1 & Y2 currently universal free

If you require further information about these changes, please call in to the Office.

Birthdays

We are sorry we ran out of time to celebrate birthdays at this week's Celebration Assembly. We will be singing a big 'Happy Birthday' to all the children from the last two weeks next Thursday.

Friends of St Andrew's

*** Pot luck supper * save the date ***

Friends are back with another pot luck supper taking place on **Friday 13 October** where parents, kids, friends and family can bring and share their favourite foods. There'll be a bar for parents and a film screening for the kids. Details to follow :)

Friends event dates:

Friday 13 October - Pot luck supper
Friday 20 October - Autumn cake sale
Friday 17 Nov - Non-uniform day
Thursday 23 November - Winter Fair
Thursday 7 December - School Christmas parties

Open Morning

Wednesday 4th October
between 9.30 a.m. and 11.00
a.m.



Please let your friends know if they are looking for Reception places

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 2 nd to 6 th October:	Governor Visiting Week
Tuesday 3 rd October- Friends	Stay and play session in Foundation Stage
Wednesday 4 th October	Open morning for prospective families
Thursday 19 th October:	Harvest Festival (at school)
Friday 20 th October:	End of Term 1

Physical Education:

We have some exciting opportunities for the children this year and we hope that many will participate in extracurricular clubs and activities and represent the school in sports tournaments.

Year 6 have started their Sports Leaders Course, this will be a 6-week course which will enable them to become Playground Pals and help organise and officiate school competitions throughout the year.

The year 2 class have a fantastic opportunity to be involved in the Bath Coaching Hub. They will experience three different sports at iconic venue in bath with expert coaches. The class were very excited to participate in their first session of cricket this week at the Bath Cricket Club. They had lots of fun with some throwing and catching activities and some friendly competition.

It was great to see so many children in smart PE kit this week but please remember that PE should stay in school and not be taken home. This is because PE lessons may change days and children need to be prepared for PE on every day of the week. PE kit will be sent home to be laundered at the end of term.

All children must have a white t-shirt, black or navy shorts and daps or trainers. All PE kit should be labelled, stored in a drawstring bag and left on their peg. Please ensure that long hair is tied back and that no jewellery is worn. Children with stud earrings should be able to remove them quite easily.

Using ParentPay

Well done to everyone who has had a go at using ParentPay. We understand that it has been a bit tricky for some, and the lovely ladies in the office are grateful for your patience as we change over to the new system.

We appreciate that some may have experienced a few issues with their accounts while starting up; we are doing our best to resolve any problems as they come.

Please come by the School Office if you have any questions or queries.

Governor Visiting Week:

Next week we shall be joined by some members of the Governing board:

Monday 2 nd October	Louise Leech - Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 3 rd October	Sarah Sheppard - Year 6
Wednesday 4 th October (Open Morning)	Natalie Hartwell & Leonie Roberston - Foundation
Thursday 5 th October	Pete Rogers - Year 3
Friday 6 th October	Bryan Wong - Year 6

If you would like any information about the separate roles of the Governors you have any questions, please speak to the office or e-mail the Clerk to the Governors at clerk@st-andrews.bathnes.gov.uk