

Dates for the diary

Mon 17th Sept	Life-Bus visit school
Mon 17th Sept	Governor's meeting
Weds 19th Sept	Photographer in school for individual & family photos
Fri 21st Sept	Harvest Service 9am in church – all welcome
Weds 26th Sept	Open afternoon for Reception 2019 2pm
Thurs 11th Oct	Year 3/4 trip to Stonehenge
22nd – 26th Oct	Reading/Book week
Weds 24th Oct	Flu immunisations
29th Oct – 2nd Nov	Half Term
Mon 5th Nov	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Fri 9 th Nov	Remembrance Service in school garden 10.45am - All welcome
Weds 14th Nov	Open afternoon for Reception 2019 2pm
Fri 16 th Nov	Children in Need Day
Weds 21 st Nov	Parents' Evening
Thurs 22 nd Nov	Parents' Evening
Fri 23rd Nov	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Weds 5 th Dec	Christingle Service in Church 9am - All welcome
Mon 17 th Dec	R/KS1 Nativity 5pm & KS2 Carol Service 6pm
Wes 19 th Dec	School Christmas lunch & parties
Fri 21st Dec	End of Term 2



Head's message

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. It has been an exciting week this week welcoming the children back and seeing the changes in our school. Yr5/6 now have a bigger classroom to accommodate all 27 of them. The classroom is now a bright and exciting learning environment. We also have a new group room and a more comfortable staffroom.

Many thanks to all the staff who put in extra hours during the holiday to ensure the school was ready for the children on Wednesday 5th September. A special thank you to Mrs. Massey and to Mr. Howell (our caretaker).

I look forward to another exciting year; watching the children develop even further into independent resilient learners.

Best wishes

Helen Green

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Woodcock who has joined our teaching team.

We welcome Mrs Vizard who has many hats! Lunchtime Supervisor, Breakfast Club Leader, Reading Assistant and voluntary helper.

We welcome Miss Hughes who is our new After School Club leader.



Safeguarding

At St. Andrew's the welfare of all our pupils is of paramount importance. It is therefore essential that if your child/children are being collected by another parent/adult **that you, their parent informs us of this**. We will not release any child to another parent/adult. If you don't want to inform us of every time your child is being collected by another parent a blanket cover is acceptable. We will be sending a form home soon for you to sign regarding your permission for various activities etc. On the form please inform us of all the parents/adults who you are happy with to collect your child. We appreciate your support and understanding in this matter.

Break time

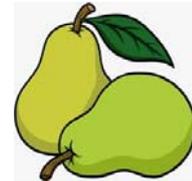
Please ensure your child has a filled **water** bottle in school every day.

Children in Reception and KS1 do not need to bring in a break time snack. All schools in England are supplied with fresh fruit so children in these year groups will receive a healthy snack twice a day.

Children in KS2 can bring in their own **healthy snack** in the form of fruit. Chocolate biscuits and crisps are not part of our healthy schools ethos.

We would like to remind you that we have children in school who suffer from severe nut allergies. We would therefore remind all parents ensure, as much as is reasonably possible, that any food items brought into school do not contain traces of nuts of any type. Your co-operation in this matter would be really appreciated.

Thank you



Welcome

Welcome to our two new reception children, Harley & Holly, and their families plus a warm welcome to Leo and Keaton, who join us in Years 2 & 5 respectively.

School Uniform

PE Kit

Please ensure your child has a fully labelled **PE kit** in school **every day**. Classes have their set times for PE but they also sometimes receive additional sessions of physical activity, especially on a Friday afternoon. During the colder months please provide your child with warmer clothing to be worn for outdoor sessions ie plain black joggers/ plain black sweat top. Trainers are more suitable for outdoor PE sessions during the winter months. PE clothes are normally kept in a draw string bag that can be hung on the child's cloakroom peg.

Wellies

As the weather becomes more autumnal, our school field can become very wet. As we want to encourage our children to use the field all year round please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies in school every day. By changing their footwear they are ensuring their feet stay dry and there is avoidance of grass and mud being brought into the classrooms. Thank you to Mr Howell for our lovely new welly storage!



Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform.

Our uniform is:

- School Blue Polo shirt or white polo shirt - available from school
- Grey trousers (long or short) or grey skirt/pinafore dress. (Jeans are not to be worn)
- School sweatshirt with logo - available from school
- Grey/navy tights
- Grey or white socks – It is important that children always wear socks/tights, even during the summer when sandals are worn.
- Sensible shoes – flip flops or sandals with no backs are not allowed.
- Summer wear for girls – blue and white checked dresses
- For PE – black shorts and plain t-shirts
- For swimming – close fitting trunks or costume

For reasons of hygiene and safety, long hair should be tied back at all times and a polite reminder that large hair bows and nail varnish are not part of our uniform.

Parents are asked to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with their child's name so that lost property can be identified and returned quickly.

Toys

Everything your child needs for their education is provided by us, unless we ask for you to provide your child with something specific for their learning of a particular topic. Pencils, pencil cases etc do not need to come into school

Therefore we ask that no toys be brought into school. They can sometimes cause a disruption or upset if the toy is removed. Sometimes a toy is allowed into school if it links in with the learning in the classroom and can be shared during "show and tell".



Harvest

Our harvest service will be on Friday 21st September at 9am in church. We would ask that all children bring in a small contribution eg dried /canned goods, toiletries as well as fresh produce. The donations are then taken to the local charities supported by the church.

All welcome to attend.

Open Afternoon

Wednesday 26th September

We will be holding an open afternoon for prospective families looking for a school in September 2019. Please pass this information on to any friends and family that might be interested.

Violins

We are pleased to be able to offer violin lessons again with Mrs Jones. If you would like your child to have lessons during school hours, then please email school as soon as possible. The cost will be £50 for ten lessons.

After School Clubs

Please see the attached letter regarding our After School Clubs for Terms 1 & 2, some of which will start this week.

Enrichment

Every Friday afternoon is enrichment. The pupils will be taught by different teachers (Mrs. Green, Mr. Manning, Mr. Patel – specialist art teacher) throughout the year and supported by different TAs (Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Salthouse). Sometimes they will be covering curriculum subjects other times it will be enrichment activities.

Attendance

Please remember that holidays are not authorised during term time. Regular attendance at school is paramount to your child receiving a good education and being able to achieve their full potential.





From the office.....

Newsletters

All future newsletters will be posted on the school website however if you require a paper copy, then please let us know. You will receive a text message to let you know when a newsletter is released.

Photographs

The photographer will be in school on 19th September for individual and family photograph. Pre-school children may be brought in at 8.45am for photos with their siblings. Any special requests, then please let us know!

Text message service

Please ensure that we have your correct contact details on record at all times. This also applies to any change of address and emergency contact details.



Dinners

School meals now cost £2.20 (ie £11 per week) for all KS2 children. This should be paid in advance, either in cash, cheque (payable to South Glos Council) or via our on-line payment system, Agora.

For those children in KS1 & Reception, a free school lunch will be provided however, if you think you may have been entitled to Free School Meals under the old system, then please come into school and speak in confidence to Mrs Green or Mrs Massey, as there may be other benefits available.



Agora

If you have not received log in details for our on-line payment system or require new ones, then please email school to let us know & your account can be re-set. All school activities, including trips, music lessons & lunches can be paid using his system.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

If you would like your child to attend either of these clubs then please put their name in the diaries in the Foyer.

Breakfast club starts at 7.45am every day and children can be dropped off any time until the start of school. Breakfast is a choice of cereal, toast and fruit. The cost of each session is £4.00.

Our After School Club runs from 3.15pm until 6pm Monday to Thursday evenings. In addition, each child should be registered before they attend their first session and a registration fee paid. The registration fee is £5 per family and lasts for the whole academic year. The cost for each After School Session is £8.00 per child, regardless of what time they are collected.

