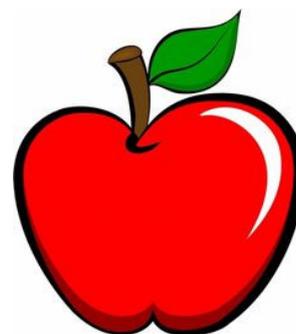


## Dates for the diary

<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Life-Bus visit school
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Visit from Luke Hall, our MP
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Camp meeting for 2020 camp at 8.30am for Y5/6 parents & children
<b>Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Photographer in school for individual & family photos
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Church service 9am – all welcome
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	Harvest Service 9am in church – all welcome
<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Phonics/reading/spelling workshop for parents – info to follow
<b>Sat 12 Oct</b>	Cross Country 10am KLB
<b>14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Reading/Book week – more info to follow
<b>Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Open Afternoon for 2020 Reception 2pm
<b>Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	Dance Performance to parents 9am – 9.30am
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Year 3 & 4 trip to Westonbirt
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Half Term
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b> – school closed to children
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Cross country at KLB
<b>Mon 11<sup>h</sup> Nov</b>	Remembrance Service in school garden 10.40am
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Flu immunisations & Children in Need
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Open afternoon for Reception 2020
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	Christingle Service in Church 2.30pm
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	KS2 Pantomime trip – The Snow Queen
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Cross Country at KLB 10am
<b>Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Fayre
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	R/KS1 Nativity 5pm & KS2 Carol Service 6pm
<b>Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	School Christmas lunch & parties
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	End of Term 2
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b> – school closed to children
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b> – school closed to children



## Welcome

Welcome to our ten new reception children, Merida, Violet, Olivia, Arthur, Mila, Molly-Rose, Libby, Edward, Austin & Beatrice and their families. We also extend a warm welcome to Isabella, Henry, Percy, Jayden & Alexandra, who join us in other year groups.

## Head's message

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely summer break, enjoying the summer sun and spending time together. I had a relaxing break despite still sorting things out in my new house. However, I looked forward to Tuesday; it was great to see your children arriving at school happy and enthusiastic for their next academic year.

2019/20 promises to be another busy, exciting year with many curriculum weeks planned. In addition to this we will be having an enrichment day where children will be able to choose an activity for the day. It would be great if some parents could come in to help with these days. Let me know if you have a skill or talent that you would love to share with our pupils.

Best wishes

Helen Green

## Morning drop off

A polite reminder that you should say goodbye to your child in the school playground. Entry into the classrooms is not permitted in order to safeguard our children. On occasions when it is necessary for you to enter, please ask for permission from the adult on duty in the playground. Any important messages can be passed on to the class teachers through the adult on duty. Class teachers are not available to meet with parents in the morning.



## 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



## 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.

**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
- Black school 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.

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".



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## Harvest

Our harvest service will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 9am in church. We would ask that all children bring in a 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 Afternoons

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October &  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

We will be holding open afternoons for prospective families looking for a school place in September 2020. 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

Our after school clubs will commence week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September with the exception of Future Stars which starts next week (12<sup>th</sup> Sept).

Full details of clubs are attached

## PTFA

The PTFA are always looking for new members to join their happy band. If you are able to offer just a few hours of your time, please see a committee member or come into school & volunteer. Your input can be as little or as much as you like but all of your efforts will hugely benefit the children at our school.

Look out for details of the first PTFA meeting & thank you for your support.

## 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 appreciate your support and understanding in this matter.



## Mojo Active

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

For those fit families, Mojo Active in Almondsbury are having a 'Muddy Madness' event on 5<sup>th</sup> October & for every person that enters, they will donate £1 to school funds. Please check out their website for details. There are two distances, 5k & 2k for families.

Good luck!!

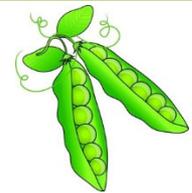
## Attendance

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.

If your child is ill, please ensure you notify the school office of your child's absence by 9:15am at the latest. As a school we have a legal responsibility to know where your children are during the school week. If you have not informed us and we can't get hold of you by phone, it may be necessary to visit you at home.

## Cromhall Horticultural Society

### Flower Show



The 72nd Cromhall Flower Show and Village Fayre is being held on Saturday 7th September at 2pm in the School field.

There is plenty to see & do at the event and of course, all children will have an exhibit in the show tent.

**The PTFA are running the tea tent so please help by donating a cake or a spare hour – please speak to Mrs Imrie. This event is a great fundraiser for PTFA funds so please help if you can.**



The Flower Show committee have asked us to paint the storage container that is in the school field to make it look more attractive. We have ten boards that need to be painted so we would appreciate some parental help.

Please let Mrs Massey know if you are available on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 1.45pm onwards. Five or six children will be painting a board with one adult helper. Many thanks in advance for your help!

## Aldi

Aldi is a great place to shop! I have shopped there now for 20 years. The closest Aldi to Cromhall is in Thornbury. If you have never shopped there, give it a go you will be surprised at the prices. If you or family members shop there please collect the Team GB stickers that are being issued every time you spend £30 (from 6<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> November). As a school we need to collect 300 stickers to qualify for free school sports kit plus then being entered into a prize draw where 20 schools will receive £20,000. It would be great if each family could give Aldi a try!

Mrs. Green

## Cross Country

Every year St Andrews' enters a team into the Wotton & District Inter-primary schools cross country league. The league consists of 4 races (dates below) and the results are cumulative over the whole season. We have always been really successful at these events so it would be great to get enough Junior children to take part in every age group to make up four teams. Please let Mr Manning know if you are interested.

All the events are held at KLB School on Saturday mornings starting at 10am. You will need to wear old clothes as it often is muddy & bring a drink. Parents will need to provide the transport and be responsible for their own children.

For more information please ask in school.



Dates:           October 12<sup>th</sup> 2019  
                      November 9<sup>th</sup> 2019  
                      December 7<sup>th</sup> 2019  
                      January 11<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Please support this event – All welcome**

## Year 5 & 6 camp 29<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

We have an exciting new venue for next year's camp – Croft Farm near Tewkesbury. We are holding a meeting for all parents and children on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am. Please attend if you can.



## Secondary School Admissions

### Open evenings

<b>Katharine Lady Berkeley</b>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm – 8.30pm
<b>The Castle School</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm – 8.30pm
<b>Marlwood School</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm
<b>Brimsham Green School</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm – 8pm

**On-line applications open on 12<sup>th</sup> September and it is really important that you apply before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.**



## From the office.....

### Newsletters

Our 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 with a link, to let you know when a newsletter is released.

### Photographs

The photographer will be in school on 18<sup>th</sup> 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 including any change of address and emergency contact details.



### Dinners

School meals now cost £2.30 (ie £11.50 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.

The current school lunch menu is on our website



### 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 and toast. The cost of each session is £4.00.

Our After School Club runs from 3.15pm until 6pm Monday to Thursday evenings. The cost for each After School Session is £8.00 per child, regardless of what time they are collected.

