



## Headteacher's message



Happy New Year to everyone! Hope you all had a fun and restful break.

Many thanks for all the goodies that came into our staffroom. It was greatly appreciated and kept us going during that last week.

After two weeks off I hope the children are all now ready to face the challenges of a new year and are in a good place to continue with their learning.

Please take the time to read through this first newsletter of the year that politely reminds you of practises that everyone should be adhering to in order to make our school a better place for everyone.

Best wishes

Helen Green

## Diary Dates

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Last Cross Country at KLB
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Year 3 & 4 cake sale
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last day of Term 3
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	First day of Term 4
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 1 & 2 cake sale
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception cake sale
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last day of Term 4
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Term 5
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 & 6 cake sale
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday – school closed
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 3 & 4 cake sale & last day of Term 5
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Start of Term 6
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Church Fete & Fun Run
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 camp
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6 & INSET day
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Start of Term 1 20/21



## School closure

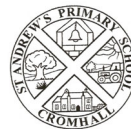


In the case of extreme bad weather please refer to

<http://essential.southglos.gov.uk/schoolstatus/>

where it will state school closures for all South Gloucestershire schools.

We will also endeavour to send out a text message to all as early in the morning as possible.



## **Breakfast & After School Club**

Please be reminded that if you would like your child to attend After School Club, ideally they should be booked in at the start of the week.

However, if places are still available they can be booked in up until the day before, at the very latest.

You cannot book your child in on the morning that you require the club unless someone else is already booked in.

Both of our Club leaders look at bookings for the next day and if no one is booked in then they don't attend.



## **A gentle reminder.....**

### **School uniform**

Please ensure that all of your child's school uniform is labelled. So many items of clothing end up in lost property never to be returned to it's rightful owner because it's not named.

Also can you please check that you don't have any uniform belonging to another child at home. Some children (particularly the infants) sometimes pick up items of clothing that is not theirs.

### **PE kit**

During nearly every PE session there is someone who doesn't have the full/correct PE kit.

**Please ensure your child has their named PE kit in school every day.**

PE kit consists of: white/blue t-shirt (either plain or with school logo), black shorts/leggings. During the winter months black joggers, black sweatshirt.

### **Mornings**

We would remind you that school starts at 8.45am prompt so please ensure that your child is in school on time to start their day. Parents are not allowed into the classrooms in the mornings – if you need to speak to your child's teacher, please let the member of staff in the playground know and this will be passed on to the appropriate teacher.



### **Outside of our school**

It has brought to our attention that some parents are still sitting outside of the school with their engines running. Please ensure you switch off your car engine while waiting for your children.

**We also strongly request that you do not smoke or vape immediately outside of the school premises.**

Thank you for your support with this.

### **Bad language**

There have been a few incidents of children in all age groups using inappropriate and bad language. If your children become exposed to any bad language can you please inform them that it is language they are not to use.



## Parental questionnaires

Many thanks to the 11 families who returned their parental questionnaires. All of the responses were positive with either an agreement or strong agreement to all the statements. Below are some of the comments made:

"I wouldn't hesitate to recommend the school. My children are both so happy here."

"We are so grateful for the support and care you offer. St. Andrew's is a truly special school community."

"The maths workshop was brilliant, thank you!"

It's not too late to send in your questionnaire if you haven't already done so.

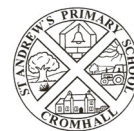
## From Mrs Spiers.....

In 2009 our youngest daughter Lottie contracted Bacterial Meningitis weeks after her first birthday. Lottie was gravely ill and spent time in hospital in Intensive care, however with time thankfully she made a full recovery. Sadly many families are not so lucky and live with the after effects of Meningitis for the rest of their lives. This year I'm running the London Marathon for the 3<sup>rd</sup> (and final!) time to raise money for Meningitis Now, a charity who offer support to all those affected by this terrible disease. I have to raise £2000 in sponsor money (which is harder than running the marathon!) so I have a small fundraiser which I am asking your help with. For £2 you can guess my marathon finish time, there will be a prize for the time closest to my official time (wine for adults/chocolates for children) The form is in the entrance hall if you would like to enter and any donations are greatly appreciated. I also have a Virgin money Just giving page if you would like to sponsor me - <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/claireSpiers>

Many thanks for your support

Claire Spiers





## Enrichment clubs

All clubs start **week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January**, with the exception of Football club that starts Weds 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please note that that dates for Future Stars sessions are often different to the school clubs as they are operated by an external provider.

Every club starts at the end of the school day and finishes at 4:15pm. Please ensure you are ready to collect your child at 4:15pm.

If you are later than 4:30pm collecting your child then you will be charged for an After School Club session which is £8.

Teachers and volunteers sometimes have other places to be at the end of a club and need to leave on time.

Once you have decided which clubs your child would like to do, please fill in the sheet in the foyer as soon as possible as soon clubs have limited places.

Day	Club	Date	Eligibility	Maximum number
Monday	Lunchtime Origami Club with Mrs Woodcock	Starting 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan for 10 sessions	KS2 only	10 children
Monday	After School Running Club with Mrs Spiers	Starting 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan for 10 sessions	Year 2 to Year 6	No maximum
Monday	After School Lego Club with Mr Manning	Starting 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan for 10 sessions	Year 2 to 4 only	10 children
Tuesday	After School Netball club with Mrs Green	Starting 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan for 10 sessions	KS2 only	16 children
Wednesday	After School Football Club with Mr Hirons	Starting 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan for 11 sessions	Year 2 to 6 only	No maximum Please note that there is charge for Football Club. Parents are owed two sessions from last term so the cost for the eleven sessions for Terms 3 & 4 will only be £27.00
Thursday	After School Gardening Club with Mrs Gatehouse	Starting 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan for 10 sessions	Years 1 to 6 only	15 children
Thursday	After School Future Stars			