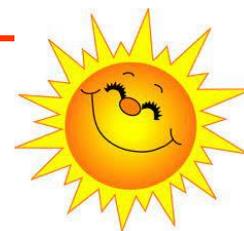




Dairy Dates



- Tuesday 20th July** Leavers' service at 11.30am
Wednesday 21st July Inset Day
Thursday 2nd September Inset Day
Friday 3rd September Inset Day
Monday 6th September School opens to pupils
Monday 28th Feb 2022 Inset Day

2021/22 Term dates are below:

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 2 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021
Term 2	Monday 1 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021
Term 3	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 18 February 2022
Term 4	Monday 28 February 2022	Friday 8 April 2022
Term 5	Monday 25 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
Term 6	Monday 6 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022

Year 6 Leavers

We wish our Year 6 Leavers all the very best for the next stage of their academic career at KLB. They have been an absolute amazing Year 6 group and know that they will go on to do great things.

Good luck Year 6!

Mr Manning

As you know, Mr Manning is leaving us next week & the pupils, staff & Governors all wish him all the best for the future & we look forward to hearing all about his fantastic adventures.

Please keep in touch Mr Manning!



Dear Parents/ Carers,

The end of what has been a very busy and sometimes exhausting year! However, we got through to the end without too many disruptions. I thank you all for your support.

I would also like to thank the whole staff team at St Andrew's who have worked relentlessly during this last year. We have faced many challenges, many at short notice, but have managed to pull it all together. They have been fantastic & I couldn't wish for a better team!

Despite restrictions it has been a happy year with children continuing to thrive!

We look forward to welcoming **Mr Joshua Watkins** to our school community who will be responsible for teaching the Year 3/4 pupils. We are also pleased that we will be having 11 new Reception children join us, alongside 3 other pupils in other year groups. This will bring our school total to 76 pupils!

From September we have been advised that there will no need for Bubbles to exist anymore, so the children will be all be able to mix together. We hope as the new academic progresses that we will once again invite you in to various events etc.

During this term we had the whole school attempting to complete either a half or full marathon over 2 weeks. There were some amazing performances with some children really challenging themselves.

A huge thank you to those parents who supported their children in gathering sponsorship. An amazing £2,913.65 was raised. This will help the school greatly in providing extra- curricular activities/trips. For those of you who have still not sent your sponsorship money in, there is still time.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy summer holiday break! Enjoy spending time together. Keep safe and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Best wishes
Helen Green

Usbourne books

Thank you to all those parents who purchased the Usbourne books. This has resulted in the school having £450 worth of books for the school library.

Usbourne are such lovely books that I am sure your children will enjoy. We will most definitely enjoy reading them at school.

Thank you to Mrs. Skipp for organising this.

Free School Meals

Please find attached to this newsletter information about applying for Free School Meals & an application form.

Please take some time to look at this & if you think you may be eligible, complete the form as directed.

Feel free to contact the school office for more information.

St Andrew's CE VC Primary School, Cromhall





September

Start and end of day

From September there will be no Bubble start and end of day times.

The school day will start between 8:30 -8:45am. The school gate will close at 8:45am. For some of you this will be an earlier start to the day.

At the end of the day parents can come onto the school playground, wearing a face covering. Each class will have a designated area in the playground to stand in. **The end of school day will be 3:15pm** for all pupils. Once you have collected your child please ensure you leave the playground straight away unless you need to meet with your child's teacher.

Where to stand for pick up

Yr5/6 parents – far end of the playground on the yellow grid.

Yr3/4 parents – middle of the playground on the hopscotch

Reception/KS1 - area nearest the school gate.

For those with children in one or more year groups just choose one area to stand. Class teachers will direct your children over to you.

School uniform

Please ensure your child/ren have the correct uniform ready for September. We still have many children who are not wearing the correct PE kit.

Non- compliance of correct uniform – from September parents will receive individual notification for every time this happens.

PE kit – black shorts, plain white t-shirt or school blue logo t shirt, plain black joggers, plain black sweatshirt or school blue logo sweatshirt, trainers (preferable) or daps.

COVID

From September pupils will still be required to sanitise their hands upon arrival into school. They will also be supervised to do this at regular times throughout the day. Additional cleaning of key areas will also continue.

Visitors into school will be required to wear a face covering whilst moving around the school.



September continued...

September classes

Reception – Mrs. Skipp (Monday – Thursday morning, Tuesday all day)

Mrs. Spiers (Monday afternoon)

Mrs. Gatehouse (Wednesday + Thursday afternoon, Friday all day)

Yr1/2 – Mrs. Spiers (Monday all day, Tuesday morning)

Mrs. Gatehouse (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

Mrs. Mayhew Sanders, Mrs Sharp and Mrs Smith will be supporting the learning in the infants

Yr3/4 – Mr. Watkins supported by Mrs Young

Yr5/6 – Mrs. Woodcock (Monday – Wednesday all day, Thursday and Friday morning) supported by Mrs Coyle and Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Green (Thursday and Friday afternoon)

National Skipping Champions!

After a year of learning many different types of skips, practising our skills regularly and having lots of fun, we had a very exciting visitor yesterday.

Harry Galley, from the National Skipping Challenge, came to present Year 5 & 6 with two trophies - one for the title of Best School in the UK and an individual trophy for Eddie Johnson for Best Skipper in the UK! Before the presentation, the children had lots of fun learning some new long-rope skills which they will be happy to pass on to others.

We are very proud of what the children have achieved and now need to try and retain the trophies next year!

Year 5 & 6 Production The Wind in the Willows

Last week, The Year 5 & 6 children had the chance to show off all their hard work when they performed The Wind in the Willows to their parents as well as the rest of the school.

It all looked a bit different this year as the show was on the school field, but this added to the feel of the riverbank. They had rather a lot of lines to learn as well as many songs and should be very proud of their performances.

We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as they did performing!



A few words from our Chair of Governors...

Well, what a year that has been! I don't think I need to list the challenges faced by the School and everyone involved with it, but I do need to say some words of thanks to everyone for their hard work, patience, and understanding in getting us through such a difficult year.

Firstly I'd like to mention the children, as no-one has been more affected by the Covid-19 pandemic than they have. Faced with uncertainty, the loss of contact with their friends, family & teachers and worry about the safety of all those close to them, not to mention having to adapt to remote learning and all the challenges that went with that, I have been astonished by their adaptability and resilience. From Reception class missing so much of a normal introduction to school life and learning, to Year Six facing transition to secondary school without much of the usual preparation, all have faced unprecedented difficulties with their usual good humour and positive attitude. They are all, without exception, a credit to their school and their parents and carers.

It may be said that children, perhaps, did not always fully understand the implications of the pandemic and of course we should be grateful for that, but one group who did are parents and carers. It must have sometimes seemed beyond frustrating for you to have to face many sudden changes in the provision of learning, new rules and times for such normally routine things as school drop-off and pick-up, and all of this at a time where your own livelihoods have been threatened or fundamentally changed. So to you I say a very big thank you for your forbearance, patience, and the consideration you have shown to all. Your love for your children, and your desire to help them be their best selves has shone though in the support you have given to them and to the School.

Finally, what a debt we all owe to our dedicated staff. No-one had trained or prepared for such radical changes to what it means to be 'School', but all went the extra mile to keep the school community alive, and learning carrying on despite the prolonged total closure of in-school classes. It is a well-known feature of small schools that every child is supported and cared for as an individual, that practice carried on despite the added difficulties faced. It has been a year that has been very difficult for many staff, coping with the demands of their own families and the need to keep them safe, alongside caring deeply for the welfare of their larger 'family' in school. The strain has undoubtedly taken its toll, and I'm sure you join me in both thanking them for all they have done and wishing them a restful and rejuvenating summer break before they return hopefully to a more normal school experience in September.

The end of Summer Term is always one of both sadness at saying goodbye our Year Six children as they are always missed, but also joy as we look forward with them to the exciting future that awaits them, full of opportunity and hope. We also look forward to welcoming a new Reception Class in September, young lives just starting out on their journey of learning and discovery, I think little is more exciting for a school than meeting them and discovering their individual characters. This year we are blessed with, I believe, an intake of eleven new smiling faces, a good number for us and our Reception/Year 1/Year 2 class will be full.

This year we also say goodbye to a much loved and respected teacher Mr Manning. I remember his time with us with fondness, his empathy with the children was obvious and he was always the one to dress up for the Easter story, stick his head in the stocks at the fete, man the goalposts to face relentless penalties, and generally 'be a sport' in every conceivable way. Mr Manning cared deeply for his class, and wanted nothing more for them than to achieve all they possibly could regardless of natural ability. His classroom was testament to his efforts, and I always enjoyed visiting it. We all wish you the very best Dexter in whatever you choose to do, keep in touch!

Lastly, and very probably least (I know they will forgive me for that!), I must thank the governors. Not just for putting up with seemingly endless virtual meetings, but as always for giving up their free time to be unpaid volunteers working to make St. Andrew's just the best place for our 'trainee adults' to grow and develop into even better versions of ourselves! In the year we welcomed Julie Doyle to our number, a teacher with over twenty years' service, recently retired and now strengthening our governor team with her experience of SEND issues. Julie lives in the village, and will hopefully soon become a familiar face, as I know she is desperate to be able to spend time in school. We also welcomed Mark Nesden as an Associate Governor. Mark also lives in Cromhall, and is hugely experienced in social work and has previously worked for our own Local Authority here in South Glos. With Julie and Mark on board, working with our parent governors and school staff, I know the Board of Governors is well placed to give the School the strategic direction, oversight, and support it needs for all in it to flourish.

Happy Holidays one and all!
Stephen Youngs.

From the office:-



Arbor

Thank you for your patience as we introduce our new online system. To date 62% of our families have logged in, so if you haven't done so already, please try & log in as soon as you can.

You should all have received an email with login details. Please let the office know if you have not received one. As we mentioned from September we will not be accepting cash or cheques & all payments should be made through Arbor.

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that we offer a breakfast club if you should ever wish to use this. It runs from 7.45am to the start of school every day. The children are offered cereal &/or toast & a drink. The cost for this is £4 per session. You can email in with your bookings.

After School Club

We also offer an After School Club, Monday to Thursday from 3.15pm to 6pm. Again the children are given a snack & drink. The cost is £8 per session.

Finally

As we approach the end of this academic year, can you please ensure that all payments for school lunches, Breakfast Club, After School Club & uniform are received by the end of Monday 19th July.