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NEWSLETTER 11

Dear Parents/carers and children,



CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Wednesday 13th December, we will be serving our traditional Christmas dinner at lunchtime **instead of the normal menu, WHICH IS NOW NOT AVAILABLE**. Christmas dinner is available for the whole school. If your child is entitled to free school meals or is in Key Stage 1 the meal will be free, otherwise the cost of the meal will be £2.50.

Christmas dinner will be served with a Christmas cracker and the choices will be as follows:

Traditional Christmas Dinner (Roast turkey, pigs in blankets, stuffing, roast potatoes and veg)

Vegetarian Christmas Dinner (Roast Quorn, roast potatoes and veg)

To order a meal, please login to the ParentPay system. **The final deadline for ordering a Christmas dinner has been extended to Friday 1st December.**

Please note if you have already ordered a meal for this day via the old system (paper order form), **your order will be cancelled** and any monies paid will be reimbursed. **If your child wishes to have a school Christmas dinner on this day, you will need to log on and re-order via ParentPay. If your child does not wish to have Christmas dinner, they will need to bring a packed lunch on this day.**

PARENTPAY

St Andrew's have now begun a phased introduction of ParentPay – a convenient way to pay for school meals, trips and much more online, using a secure service called ParentPay. Parents of all children can now access their ParentPay accounts, by visiting www.parentpay.com and using the unique activation code letters sent out this week. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash may do so using the PayPoint network at local convenience stores – Please see a member of the office team who will be able to arrange your access code.



MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Ms Doherty
Girls' Football	Years 5&6	Mr Green
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Tag Rugby	Years 5&6	Mr Green/Richard Huish
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Ms Doherty
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Handball/Netball	Years 5&6	Ms Doherty
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
DJ Club	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Exell
Boys' Football	Years 3 & 4	Mr Green
FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Ms Doherty
Multi-skills	Years 1 & 2	Mr Green

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A reminder that if you have not completed and returned a slip for any of the clubs, your child will not be able to attend. We **must** have permission and know collection arrangements for safety reasons.

SCHOOL KIT

Could ALL school kit please be returned to the School Office as soon as possible.

CANCELLED CLUBS (DUE TO FIXTURES)

NO Year 5&6 Girls Football club on Monday 27th November.
NO TAG Rugby on Tuesday 28th November.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2017

Starting School

Will your child be aged 4 by September 2018? If so, you need to apply for a school place. You can apply online at www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions before 15th January 2018 or you can complete a paper application, which can be downloaded from the website. If you know any families with a child due to start and they would like to know more about St Andrew's please ask them to ring the school office to book a show round.

PTFA



Raffle Tickets

We are sending home raffle tickets for our Christmas Fair. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book. There are some fantastic prizes to be won, so please let friends and family know. Please return your raffle stubs to the School Office. If you would like to purchase any additional tickets then please ask Lucy Morris or Fiona Kingston.

Christmas Fair

The stalls list has gone up in the entrance to the hall (up the yellow steps). We would really appreciate helpers and we are also looking for face painters too.

We will also be asking for donations of filled jars, bottles of wine, soft drinks, chocolates and teddies. Dates for bringing in individual items are as follows: Wednesday 22nd November, Wednesday 29th November and Wednesday 6th December. Thank you for your continued support!

Easyfundraising

This year we have been busy collecting donations from Easyfundraising and have so far raised over £120 for the PTFA at no additional cost to our supporters.



Most people will be doing some of their Christmas shopping online and it would be fantastic if the school could benefit even more from the Easyfundraising scheme. We currently only have 18 supporters so we'd love to see more parents join up, with more of you on board we could raise some serious cash! There is no charge for this service and it's very easy to use. There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations.

- **Download the Easyfundraising App from the App Store**
- **Search for our cause "St Andrews Church School PTFA – Taunton"**
- **Click "Join Us"** (or visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewschurchsch>)

Once you have registered you simply need to click on the Easyfundraising App which will direct you to all your online suppliers at the click of an icon. It really is very simple and quick. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, eBay, Asda, Argos, Tesco, Boots, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and many more.

Any questions please ask a member of the PTFA or see our step by step guide on our Facebook page.

100 Club Lottery

We will be drawing the lottery next Thursday after school. You can still buy a ticket before this date, but this will be your last chance to do it until next year. Numbers cost £11.00 each you can pay by bank transfer (BACs) please contact Fiona Kingston



Christmas Decoration Competition

We hope the children have started their Christmas decorations – we are really looking forward to seeing your crafty work. As we need to hang them in the hall, please ensure they are no bigger than 8 inches. Please bring your entries to the hall on the mornings of 4th-5th December.

Individual items for stalls will be collected on Wednesday 28th November and Wednesday 6th December:

Filled jars (sweets/toys)
Teddies
Bottles (soft drinks/alcoholic)
Chocolate

Dates for the Diary:

Christmas Fair 8th December 5-7pm
Santa's Grotto and Cake Sale 19th December
Christmas Discos Weds 20th December KS1 5-6pm, KS2 6:30-8pm

Thank you again for your continued support!

PAST PUPILS' PARTY

This year's Victorian-themed past pupils' party is being held on Tuesday 5th December at 2pm in the School Hall. We look forward to welcoming past pupils from 6 – 160 who will be able to peruse the school registers and log books, be entertained with tea and songs by our older pupils and have a tour of the school. Please tell any past pupils who you know about this event.



MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER- ELIZABETH HERBERT

Elizabeth Herbert (with a little help from Mrs Cairns!) will be raffling some Christmas Hampers, made up from Christmas goodies kindly donated by the staff. Once the hampers are ready, we will be selling raffle tickets for the draw to take place during the last week of term. Elizabeth is keen to continue fund raising in memory of her mum, Tracie and hope that you will support her in her efforts. Thank you.

AGAPE SERVICE- St Andrew's Day

On Thursday 30th November, the whole school will be gathering together at St Andrew's Church to celebrate St Andrew's contribution to the founding of the Christian faith. Our service will be led by the children who attend the DJ Club (Discovering Jesus). Parents are very welcome to attend, however as this will be a reflective service, there will not be the facilities for pre-school children. On this occasion, we would ask that pre-school children be looked after elsewhere, if you wish to join us. Thank you.

USING THE LETTERBOX

Please place any forms/payments etc. into the letterbox located on the School Office door. Please ensure any monies are put in an envelope clearly marked so the office staff know who it is from and what it is for. Unless you specifically need to speak to a member of the School Office team, please follow this procedure as this will alleviate congestion at the office window in the mornings. The letterbox is secure and is emptied throughout the day.

EARLY ARRIVALS

There have been recent occasions where children are dropped off at school early and are not accompanied by a parent / carer. The playground is not supervised by a member of staff until 8.50am, so please ensure that you remain with your child until then.

BULBS AND PLANTS

If anyone has any bulbs (for the spring) or winter plants they would like to donate to the school, our gardening gang would be very grateful.



DATA COLLECTIONS SHEETS

The majority of these have now been returned and our records updated where applicable. If you have not yet returned your Data Collection Form and are concerned that your details may need updating, please call into the School Office.



CHRISTMAS POST

Our Christmas post box will be outside the School Office from next Friday (01.12.17) for children to post Christmas cards to their friends at school. Please ensure the cards are addressed with the recipients' first name and surname and also the class they are in.

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER	
Thursday 30th	St. Andrew's Day Agape Service 2.15pm in St Andrew's Church
DECEMBER	
Tuesday 5th	Victorian-themed Past Pupils' Party 2pm, School Hall
Wednesday 6th	Cary Class to Multisports Festival at Wellsprings
Friday 8th	School Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
Saturday 9th	St. Andrew's Church Candlelit Christmas Market 2-4pm (School Choir singing)
Wednesday 13th	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th	Nativity at St. Andrew's Church
Sunday 17th	Community Carol Service 6pm in St. Andrew's Church (School Choir singing)
Tuesday 19th	Christmas Jumper Day for £1 donation KS2 Talent Show PTFA Santa's Grotto and Cake Sale
Wednesday 20th	Christmas Discos KS1 5-6pm, KS2 6:30-8pm
Thursday 21st	Last day of Autumn term (break up for Christmas holidays)
JANUARY 2018	
Monday 8th	First day of Spring term

Yours sincerely,



Paul Sheehan,
Head Teacher



"Messy Church" - Saturday 25th November 3.00pm – 5.00pm in the Church Hall.
All welcome

The film **"Elf"** will be shown in St Andrew's Church on Tuesday 5th December at 7.00pm
(Doors open from 6.30pm).

Admission free but please bring some change for drinks and nibbles. All welcome

