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NEWSLETTER 12

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

SPRING TERM 2018 MEAL ORDERS on PARENTPAY



The Spring term menu will shortly be available to order via ParentPay. The menu will work on the same rolling rota as previously. KS1 meals are free and KS2 meals are £2.50. Please note when ordering a KS2 meal, you must pay at the time of ordering (or within 2 hours), otherwise the meal order will be automatically cancelled.

ParentPay is a secure and convenient way to pay for school meals, trips and much more online. Parents of all children can now access their ParentPay accounts, by visiting www.parentpay.com and using the unique activation code letters previously sent out. 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.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Wednesday 13th December, we will be serving our traditional Christmas lunch **instead of the normal menu**, therefore the **normal menu is not available on this date**. 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 you have not ordered a Christmas meal for your child, they will need to bring a packed lunch on this day.**

AGAPE SERVICE - St Andrew's Day

This week, the whole school gathered together at St Andrew's Church to celebrate St Andrew's contribution to the founding of the Christian faith. Our service was led by the children who attend DJ Club (Discovering Jesus). Thank you to everyone who was able to join us.

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

SCHOOL KIT

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

DJ Club will finish next Thursday 7th December and resume on Thursday 18th January 2018.

Study Club will finish on Friday 15th December and resume on Tuesday and Friday week commencing 15th January 2018.

All Sports clubs will finish on Friday 15th December and resume week commencing 15th January 2018.

Letters will shortly be going home regarding any new clubs for the Spring term which and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Some clubs will remain unchanged and continue into the new term, children who are currently attending will not need to sign up.

If any child wishes to join a current club, please see the School Office and we will check with the club leader regards a space.

PTFA



Christmas Fair

Our eagerly awaited Christmas Fair is next Friday (08.12.17) 5-7pm. Please bring your friends and family – everyone welcome. There will be lots of exciting stalls and prizes to be won. Entrance for adults is £1 to include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

We are still looking for helpers on the stalls please. The list is in the entrance to the hall (up the yellow steps). We are also looking for face painters and cake makers. If anyone has a gazebo we could borrow it would be much appreciated. We are still welcoming donations of wine and non-alcoholic drinks too. The final date for bringing in individual items is Wednesday 6th December.

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Lucy Morris or the School Office. Thank you for your continued support!

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are still available to buy. Please go to the School Office if you would like to purchase any more. There are some really fantastic prizes to be won!

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 its 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 on 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.



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 and 5th December. The winners will be announced at the Christmas Fair.

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

PAST PUPILS' PARTY

This year's Victorian-themed past pupils' party is being held next week 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.

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.

E-SAFETY

At this time of year when many of you are considering potential presents and gifts of a technological nature, a quick read of the following article may help you to ensure that the present/gift does not bring unwanted problems, but gives the excitement and joy that you had hoped for your child.

<https://safeguardingschools.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=efe032677d94ceba51dd39a7f&id=b426b826f9&e=b4fa6412fe>

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Could I remind parents to try to arrange non-emergency medical appointments (dentist, doctors etc.) for their child outside of school hours, whenever possible. We understand this is more difficult with hospital appointments, and on these occasions, we do request a copy of the appointment letter to hold on file, in order to authorise the absence under 'medical reasons'.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 19th Dec

Tuesday 19th December is Christmas Jumper Day at St. Andrew's Church School! Children and staff are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform in exchange for a donation of £1 to go towards Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day



GOLD BOOK

Congratulations to all the children who have featured in the Gold Book during the last few weeks:

Tone – Logan Owen, Grace-Mae Hyde, Kes Greyvenstein, Henry Dimond, Alex Minchell, Sebastian Coe, Ashton Pallant, Ruben Short

Avon – Jesse McConville, Isobel Owens, Eloise Addicott, Dylan Penetra, Bella-Rose Watt, Ezra Siejka, James Mardon, Mason Webber, Grace Williams, Alex Lyle, Theo Crocker, Eleanor Bowden, Lorelai Corcoran

Sheppey – Talia Hallett, Toby Jones, Tyrion Monk, Jasmine Pollard, Amber-leigh Brady, Molly Hopwood, Robbie Ryder, Leo Hunt, Dylan Aldridge, Imogen Cosens, Chloe Wood, Jack Ford, Rose Broadway

Cary – Abigail Owen, Alfie Jenkinson, Ruby Roberts, Max Farrant, Imogen Parkman, Chloe Ramster, Charlie Witt, Neytiri Thirkettle, Leah Mathews

Huntspill – Ellis Relph, Scarlett Coe, Jasmine Lockyer, Ainslee Ford, Charlie Coles, Tia Thompson, Julia Rzad, Max Wyrwoll, Maxi Lyle

Somer – Adley Turner, Liam Penetra, Ellie Allan, Lydia Addicott, Aidan Culverwell, Filip Grudzien, Oliver Cocks, Hubert Jacaszek, Luke Seymour, Joseph Humphreys, Charlie Gange, Phoebe Peet, Samuel Hines

Brue – Montie Budge, Eliza Rowles, William Rowles, Kira Thompson, Isaac Oxer, Chelsea Bevan, Sofia Nichols, Sam Freeman, Emma Clark, Emerson Ford, Thando Mlotshwa, Lulu, Kamil Rozalski, Marcus Peet, Mia Davis, Alfie Inskip,

Exe – Wade Turner, Harry Broadway, Lauren Hines, Maggie Rybak, Brayden Mascord, Melanie Porter-Gray, William Thornton-Grimes, Jovi Green, Morgan Bartlett, Alfie King

Sport – Eliza Rowles, Brooke Cramman-Rees, Ruby Dunster, Lottie Mann

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER	
Tuesday 5th	Victorian-themed Past Pupils' Party 2pm, School Hall
Wednesday 6th	Cary class to Multisports Festival at Wellsprings (Morning only)
Thursday 7th	Musical Theatre at school 'Wind in the Willows'
Friday 8th	School Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
Saturday 9th	St. Andrew's Church Candlelit Christmas Market 2-4pm
Wednesday 13th	School Christmas Lunch
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
FEBRUARY	
Thursday 8th	Last day of half term
Friday 9th	INSET DAY – School Closed to pupils
Monday 12th	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 19th	BACK TO SCHOOL

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



St. Andrew's Church Candlelit Christmas Market
Saturday 9th December 2-4pm

Many stalls including: Books, Bric-a-brac, Games & toys, Bottle tombola, Mystery gifts, Cakes, Fancy Goods, Pickles and jams, Charity stalls, PLUS: Refreshments, grand draw, Father Christmas and the giant Christmas tree!

