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**NEWSLETTER 23**

Dear Parents/carers and children,

**EASTER SERVICE and MR SHEEHAN'S FAREWELL – NEXT THURSDAY (22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH)**

The Easter Service will take place in Church at 2pm, refreshments will be served from 1pm. This will also be whole school's opportunity to say a fond farewell to Mr Sheehan and to thank him for his 11 years of dedicated service to the family of St Andrew's Church School. All are very welcome to join us.



**MATHS ENRICHMENT DAY**

All the children in school today, have had the opportunity to work with the " The Problem Solving Company ", who have brought age appropriate challenges and puzzles to stimulate and engage our pupils. In addition to this, the children have been immersed in a range of mathematical activities both in classroom and around the school. My thanks to Mrs Evans for coordinating the day and for all staff members for helping, supporting and challenging our children to make it an exciting and fun day of maths based learning.

**LEAVING GIFT**

As you are aware, Mr Sheehan will be leaving us at the end of next week. As is customary, we will be organising a collection towards a leaving gift. If any parents would like to donate, please put your donation in a sealed envelope, marked clearly and hand it to the School Office. Many thanks.



**PARENTVIEW**

**Parent View** allows parents and carers to give their views about their child's school at any time of the school year. The questionnaire is also the main mechanism for parents to give their views to inspectors about their child's school at the time of a school inspection. Please follow the link or alternatively use the link on our website to complete the questionnaire <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

**EASTER CRACKED**

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome a team from MINT (Ministries in North Taunton) who led our Easter Cracked. Year 5 enjoyed the wonderful range of activities whilst learning about the Easter Story. The rest of the school took part in the dramatisation of Palm Sunday and many of the children got to meet the donkeys!

**SCHOOL LUNCHES – SUMMER MENU**

**The Summer term menu is now available to order on ParentPay.** School meals are available to order for all weeks of the Summer term, right up to the Summer holidays. Please keep track of your orders to ensure you meet the deadline for ordering meals for the following week, which is the Wednesday before the meals are to be taken. **For KS1 children (no payment required), it is advisable to order lunches right up to May half term, to avoid missing a deadline and your child not having lunches provided.** The deadline for meals for the first week back after Easter is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018. If you do not place an order by this date, please send your child to school with a packed lunch for the week commencing 09.04.18.



**PARENTS' EVENINGS**

The sign-up sheets for Parents' Evenings (on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April) are now up on the wall in the foyer outside Somer Class. Please sign up to speak with your child's class teacher. Mrs. Goddard, our SENCO, is also available for appointments should you wish to see her. Please note, the greyed out areas on the sign-up sheets are appointments which are unfortunately not available – please do not sign up for these times.

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Athletics Club	KS2	Ms Doherty & Mr Green
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Boys' Cricket Club	KS2 Boys	Mr Green
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Ms Doherty
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Rounders Club	KS2	Ms Doherty & Mr Green
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME	KS1 Dance Club	Mrs Hampshire
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
DJ Club	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Exell
Girls' Cricket Club	KS2 Girls	Mr Green
FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Study Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Ms Doherty

**NEWS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**  
**All current clubs finish next week.**

Please note the change to clubs being run in the Summer Term. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. **Clubs start week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> April (2<sup>nd</sup> week back)**

**SUMMER CLUBS – LETTERS**


Letters regarding the new clubs are available in the letter rack, located next to the window in School Reception. Please help yourself, and send in the completed slip to secure a place for your child in their chosen club/s.

**CANCELLED CLUBS**


Due to a fixture, Years 3 & 4 Football club will **not** run next Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**DJ Club is now finished** for the Spring term. The next session will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April.


Bat & Ball Club	Years 1 & 2	Mr Green
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 **PLAYGROUND SAFETY**  
 Could all parents please note that ball games/scooters etc are not to be played / used in the playgrounds before or after school. This is for everyone's safety and benefit.


**HAIR ACCESSORIES**  
 Please can I remind all parents that hair accessories should be small, discreet and school colours. Please note 'Jo-jo bow' style hair accessories are not to be worn in school.

 **NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER**  
 As the weather is forecast to be extremely cold but sunny, could I remind parents to ensure that their children have a warm coat, hat and gloves with them. We want the children to enjoy outside playtimes, but they need to be warm too! Please ensure that all property I named.

**LOST PROPERTY**  
 The lost property box is overflowing again and will be emptied at the end of the term and those items suitable donated to local charity and others sent for textile recycling. Please take a moment to check that none of it belongs to your child.

 **LIBRARY NEWS**  
 Our School Library now has a stock of up-to-date books, both fiction and non-fiction. Year 5 were very enthusiastic about being librarians and will all have a chance to carry out this role if they wish, either this year or when they are in Year 6. To start us off our Librarians will be Alfie Inskip, Noah Rogers, Alaia Stephens, Scarlett Turner, Emma Clark and Lulu. Pupils will be able to borrow up to 2 books at a time for a period of 2 weeks. After this time you will get reminders of outstanding books. Books will be issued via a barcode which will be stuck into the front of their reading record books. Starting next week, you can borrow a book after school: Reception & KS1 – Mondays and KS2 – Wednesdays. More times will be added in due course.

**PTFA**  
**KS1 PJ Storytime**  
 This event will be going ahead and we will advertise the new date as soon as it is confirmed.

 **Easter Competitions**  
 All children can show off their creativity by making an Easter bonnet or decorating an egg. (KS1 have also been sent home a colouring sheet to design their own Easter egg if they prefer). Free entry & all entrants will receive a lolly. (These will be given to children at the end of the school day).  
 Entries will be judged by class and winners will receive a chocolate Easter egg. Please note the deadline is now the morning of Wednesday 21st March. Winners will be announced during assembly later in the day.  
 If you could please make sure all creations are named and class labelled too. Looking forwards to seeing all the fabulous creations!! Good luck!

The lucky winner of 'Guess How Many Eggs are in the Jar?' will be announced on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March (at the cake sale) and will get to take home the jar of eggs. Good luck!

**PTFA Diary Dates:**  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March ~ Sports Relief / Easter Cake Sale – please bring cakes to the collection point in the playground on this date.  
 PTFA Race Night – Watch this space!

**DIARY DATES**

<b>MARCH</b>	
Tuesday 20th	CFC – Cyclist Fighting Cancer - Sponsored cycle/scoot/ run / walk fundraiser – please see the
Wednesday 21st	Deadline for ordering school lunches for week commencing 09.04.18
Thursday 22nd	Easter Service 2pm in Church <span style="float: right;">LAST DAY OF TERM</span>
Friday 23rd	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> -	EASTER HOLIDAYS
<b>APRIL</b>	
Monday 9th	BACK TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 10th	Year 5 & 6 trip to Bristol Reception vision testing Parents' Evening
Thursday 12th	School Photographer (class photos & leaver's) Parents' Evening
Friday 13th	Cary class – First swimming session of the Summer Term Brue Class – After-school Cake sale (Charterhouse fundraiser)

<b>MAY</b>	
<b>Monday 14th</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS Week</b>

Yours sincerely,

*PTS* Sheehan

Paul Sheehan,  
Head Teacher



**St. Patrick's Day Race Night**

St. Andrew's Club are holding a Race Night on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 –  
8pm onwards

Over 16s welcome - Come along and join in the fun.

Have a flutter on the horses!

**Raising funds for St. Andrew's Church School**

The Jurassic Coast Trust's forthcoming "Dippy Interactive Art Day" is on 27<sup>th</sup> March at Trull Church Community Centre, Taunton. It is completely FREE and promises to be great fun for anyone with an interest in dinosaurs, art or both!

Artist Darrell Wakelam will be making fantastic papier maché creations around the theme of dinosaurs and fossils and children of all ages are invited to get involved. Here is a link to Darrell's website:

<http://www.darrellwakelam.co.uk/>



**WOODLAND INCLUSIVE  
ADVENTURES**

Drayton Woods near Langport.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 10am-4pm

All abilities welcome. 8-19years

Cost of day: £15 includes hot lunch (carers FREE)

**Activities include: Campfire, Explore trails, Shelter building,  
Relax in a hammock, Stories and crafts around the fire.**

**Wheelchair accessible site & toilet facilities.**

**For more details & bookings, please contact:**

**Hannah Aitken**

**Hannah@wilderwoods.org Tel 01458 252463**



**April Cricket Opportunities**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Disability Family Cricket at Bridgwater & Taunton College 10am -11.30am. PLEASE REFER TO POSTERS AROUND SCHOOL**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Mum's and Daughter's Cricket at Wilton Lands, Vivary Park from 10am - 12.00pm.**

Somerset Cricket Board are offering Mum's and daughters an opportunity to take part in a fun morning of softball cricket. All equipment is provided, but any child attending must be accompanied by an adult.

The session will be led by two Somerset Cricket Board coaches and will offer a fun introduction to the sport.

If you wish to attend this free session and experience softball cricket, simply book here and be at Wilton Lands in Vivary Park for 10am!

If girls are unable to attend with their mum, we will of course allow dad to supervise and join in!

If you have any questions, please email [steve.gass@somersetcricketboard.org](mailto:steve.gass@somersetcricketboard.org)

\* To find Wilton Lands Access Vivary Park through the large iron gates on Mount Street, bare right and head towards the water. As you follow the water along the footpath to the duck feeding area, you'll notice a bridge on your right hand side, if you walk over the bridge you will have now entered Wilton Lands.