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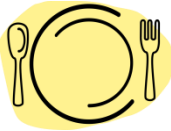


12th January 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ WELCOME BACK!

NEWSLETTER 16

Dear Parents/carers and children,



SCHOOL LUNCHES

After some initial teething problems, the meal ordering system via ParentPay is up and running and proving a success. Please ensure you keep track of your child's lunch orders and ensure you meet the deadline for ordering meals for the following week, which is the Wednesday of the preceding week.

For KS1 children (no payment required), it is advisable to order lunches right up to Easter, to avoid missing a deadline and your child not having lunches provided. **Please note that for KS1 children, your meal choices for the following week are**

only available to view prior to the ordering deadline (Wednesday), so at the time of ordering, it is advisable to make a note of the meal choices you have made.

DRIVING AND PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL VICINITY

We have had several concerns about parents driving erratically in the vicinity of the school premises. **Please be cautious and drive at a safe speed when driving near school**, especially at drop off and collection times as the roads get busy with children and parents either walking home or walking to their transport. We have requested a PCSO to visit us and monitor traffic activity and identify anyone driving in an unsafe manner. We thank you for your support in this vital matter.

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES/CONCERNS

It has been brought to my attention that there have been recent instances whereby parents are directly approaching children of other families, on school grounds, to resolve a concern. **There is a resolution process in place which must be followed in all instances.** If you have a concern about your child, please speak to your child's class teacher who will endeavour to help. If a more serious concern, a member of the leadership team will be involved by the class teacher in order to get a successful resolution of the issue. In following this process you are far more likely to be successful in securing a long term resolution. Your direct intervention may fuel further disputes or concerns. I look forward to your support with this matter.

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Ms Doherty
Girls' Football	Years 5&6	Mr Green
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Football Practice (replaces Tag Rugby)	Years 5&6	Mr Green
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

ALL after-school clubs will begin next week. (Commencing 15.01.18)

Most clubs remain unchanged and continue this term

With the exception of Multiskills (which you need to re-apply for) children who were attending all other clubs before Christmas will not need to sign up again.

Tag Rugby has been replaced on a Tuesday for Years 5 & 6 with Football Practice, letters have gone out this week if your child would like 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, regarding availability of spaces.

SCHOOL KIT

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

NATIVITY

If you placed an order for a CD of photos or a DVD of the Nativity service (or both), your items will be available for collection shortly. We will inform you when they have arrived at the School Office.

PTFA

Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme

We are very excited that our Playground Renovations Project has been selected for the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has now been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores in the new year.

Our project along with two other local projects can be voted on, in the Tesco stores listed below. Customers will decide the outcome by voting for

their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take place from Tuesday 2nd January 2018 to Wednesday 28th February 2018. The stores taking part are: GALMINGTON TAUNTON EXPRESS, LISIEUX WAY TAUNTON EXPRESS, EAST REACH TAUNTON EXPRESS, TAUNTON TESCO SUPERSTORE, TAUNTON HIGH STREET EXPRESS, TAUNTON PRIORSWOOD EXPRESS.

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction. Please help us by voting as many times as possible and asking friends and family to also support the project. Please remember to ask for the tokens as they do not always give them out.

Christmas Decorations

The Christmas tree decoration competition entries are now available for collection from the school office. Please collect your entry by Friday 19th January.

Easyfundraising

There is no charge for the Easyfundraising scheme, the school benefits from all your online purchases 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.

100 Club January Winners

1st prize Nicola Markham

2nd prize Emilia Hajsterova

3rd prize Carolyn Hooper ~ If you haven't already collected your prizes, please come to the School Office.

Dates for the Diary:

PTFA meeting on Wednesday at 2.15pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome this is a chance for us to discuss events for diaries and any new ideas for helping support the school too

HEAD LICE

We have had reports from several parents of head lice. Please check your child's hair and treat appropriately. Stronger treatments can be purchased over the counter from the chemist. If head lice are detected on a child whilst at school, we ask that you take them home for treatment and the child is welcome to return to school the same day as long as they have been treated properly.

TONE CLASS – Request for materials

Tone Class children all need an empty cereal box. Please send these to school early next week so they can start their junk modelling.

DIARY DATES

JANUARY 2018	
Thursday 18th	American-style Diner Day
FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 6th	Charterhouse Meeting 5.30pm in School Hall (current Year 5 pupils & parents)
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

St Andrew's Church

Table Top Sale

Saturday 24th February 2018

10am to 12noon

Tables £5 each, please call the Parish Office on 332531 to book your table or for more info

Huish Tigers FC are starting a new Under 6's football team for boys and girls in Year 1 at school.

If your child is interested in joining the Tigers Family, or would like more information, please email Huish_Tigers_Gav@outlook.com.