

15th September 2017

**NEWSLETTER 2**

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

**GOLD FOR THE SCHOOL WITHOUT A FIELD!**

We are delighted to announce that we, St. Andrew's Church School have achieved the GOLD School Games Mark Award for the 2016/17 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



Our sporting achievements this year include: Area finals in Netball, Mini Tennis, Futsal and Kwik Cricket. 3<sup>rd</sup> best team for Cross Country relays. Whole school completing Race for Life and much more!

With a total of 234 young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Green and Mr. King for running all the sporting activities. All parents who helped with transport and supporting the children and to everyone who has supported the school with their supporting activities. We look forward to applying once again in 2018!



**HARVEST FESTIVAL FUNDRAISING 09.10.17**

This year our fundraising for the Harvest Festival will be for St. Margaret's Hospice in memory of Tracie Herbert. Each class will be undertaking a range of activities to raise funds. More details to follow.

**CHARTERHOUSE RESIDENTIAL**

Exe Class have been away at Charterhouse this week and what a wonderful week they have had!. The children have been an absolute asset to yourselves and to St Andrew's and have fully embraced the exciting challenges and experiences which they have had from archery and night walking to sailing and kayaking. It has been lovely to see them working together in a new environment, supporting and encouraging each other as a team.

A huge thank you to all the team who have been at Charterhouse this week - we couldn't run it without all your hard work, support and TLC which you have shown the children throughout the week..

**PTFA NEWS**

AGM – Letters were sent home this Monday regarding the forthcoming AGM on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the School Hall. The AGM is an opportunity for you to elect the PTFA Committee and represent the Association for forthcoming academic year. We really hope you can come along and show your support. A short meeting will take place after the AGM to discuss future events.

**CONCERNS**

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please see their class teacher in the first instance.

**FLU VACCINATIONS – Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 pupils**

The School Nurse Team are visiting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November to vaccinate against Influenza. Letters will go home shortly, explaining the programme. Parents can 'opt out' their child, details of how to do this will be included in the letter.

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

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Please note after-school clubs will commence from **Monday 18th September**. There are NO clubs on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September due to a staff meeting. There is NO Running/Fitness Club on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

**DJ Club**

DJ Club starts back on **Thursday 21st September**.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

Curriculum Visions is an online resource that we subscribe to. It is designed to encourage children to read, search and discover. There is a wide range of activities and ideas on the website - please use the username and password shared here : Username:standrew.taunton/0001 Password:jungle. Have fun and enjoy.

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Here at St. Andrew's we welcome and value parent volunteers. If you have a particular skill or expertise which could be brought into the classroom or are interested in being a general volunteer (whether it is regularly listening to children reading or occasionally accompanying them on a school trip) please see the School Office. If you have previously volunteered at our school and wish to continue, please confirm this with the School Office.

## 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](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions) before 15th January 2018 or you can complete a paper application, which can be downloaded from the website.

### Secondary School

If your child is due to start secondary school next September (2018), **the deadline for applications is 31st October 2017**. For full details of how to apply for a place or to apply online, please visit [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions).

## Heathfield Community School Open Evening For Transition To Secondary School - September 2018

We have received confirmation that the Open Evening will be on Thursday 28th September 2017, from 6 - 8.30pm. No need to book

## Brymore School Open Morning for Transition to Secondary School – September 2018

Brymore will be holding Open Mornings on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 9.45am – 12noon. Contact the school to book a place 01278 652369.

## PURPLE BIKE

If you own the purple bike (Raleigh) which has been left in the bike racks at school for quite some time, please come and reclaim it. If it is not claimed it will be donated to a local charity which recycles old bicycles.

## DIABETES UK FUNDRAISER

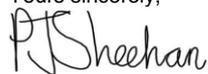
One of our Year 6 pupils, Millie Gibson is completing the London Bridges Challenge for the second year running to raise funds for Diabetes UK. If you would like to support her, please go to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/moogle](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/moogle) or you can text MOOG55 £5 to 70070.

## DIARY DATES

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Thursday 21st	Welcome Service 1.45pm St. Andrew's Church (Refreshments served at 1.15pm in the church)
Monday 25th	Huntspill Forest School (all day)
Thursday 27th	PTFA AGM 7pm School Hall
Friday 29th	INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Monday 2nd	Huntspill Forest School (all day)
Monday 9th	Harvest Festival, St. Andrew's Church School- 2pm
Tuesday 10th	Huntspill 'Romans' session at Taunton Museum (am)
Thursday 12th	Huntspill Forest School (all day) Open Classrooms, after school
Monday 16th	Parents' Evening- 3.30 - 6.00
Tuesday 17th	Year 1 & 2 – Trip to the museum for Castle Explorers workshop
Thursday 19th	Huntspill Forest School (all day) Parents' Evening- 3.30 - 7.00
Friday 20th	INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 23rd	HALF TERM
Monday 30th	RETURN TO SCHOOL
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Wednesday 1st	Flu vaccines for Reception, Yr1, Yr2, Yr3 & Yr4

All relevant dates are also published on the Parent's Calendar on the school website [www.standrewsbwmat.org](http://www.standrewsbwmat.org)

Yours sincerely,



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