



# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH SCHOOL, TAUNTON

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## NEWSLETTER 4

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

### DATA COLLECTION FORMS

A data collection sheet has been sent home this week. Please check/amend the information or add if required, and then return the signed form to the School Office letterbox. Please do this as soon as possible as it is important the contact information we have in our records is accurate and up to date. We do require a minimum of 3 contacts per child, in case of emergency. Please return the signed form even if there are no changes to your information.



### PARENTPAY Coming soon: Online payments to school with ParentPay!

St Andrew's will shortly be introducing a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips and much more online, using a secure service called ParentPay. Once ParentPay is active, we will be working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash may do so using the PayPoint network at local convenience stores. ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available.

We hope you will support us in achieving our goal to become a cashless school and reduce the workload on our staff. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you. For further information on ParentPay please visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).

### 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.

TONE & AVON Classes will be holding a Cake Sale after school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October in the playground.

SHEPPEY Class is holding a 'Story Afternoon' for its pupils and parents on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

CARY Class held a sponsored silence this week. Bliss!

HUNTSPILL & SOMER Classes are taking part in a sponsored 'Going for Goals' event on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. **PLEASE send your child to school with a house-coloured t-shirt.**

BRUE & EXE will be completing a sponsored run at the Rec on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, where they will be hoping to complete as many laps as possible.



MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Runnina/Fitness Club	KS2	Ms Doherty
Girls' Football	Years 5&6	Mr Green
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Taa Ruabv	Years 5&6	Mr Green
Studv 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
Bovs' Football	Years 3 & 4	Mr Green
FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Studv 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.

### CANCELLATIONS

Please note there will be **NO Tag Rugby on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** due to a Handball fixture. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### 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).

#### 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.

### 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!

## CONCERNS

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

## DYSLEXIA AWARENESS

This year St Andrew's Church School is working towards Dyslexia Friendly School status. We are working towards raising awareness of Dyslexia in our community.

Dyslexia Awareness Week 2017 takes place from 2nd to 8th October in England, Ireland and Wales. This year's theme is 'Positive about Dyslexia'.

If you would like to find out more:

[www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/fundraising/dyslexia-awareness-week](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/fundraising/dyslexia-awareness-week)

## HUNTSPELL FOREST SCHOOL

Please note we have had to move one of our forest school dates from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017**. The details of the day remain the same.

## 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 have gone home, explaining the programme. Parents can 'opt out' of the vaccination for their child, details of how to do this were included in the letter.

## COATS

Please can you ensure your child brings a coat (named) with them to school every day, the weather can be unpredictable at the moment so even if it looks fine in the morning, this can change during the day.

## DIARY DATES

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Friday 29th	<b>INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Monday 2nd	Huntspill & Somer 'Going for Goals' – please bring a team coloured t-shirt
Tuesday 3rd	Huntspill Forest School (all day) – PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE Brue & Exe Sponsored Run at the Rec
Wednesday 4th	Tone & Avon After-school Cake Sale in the playground
Thursday 5th	Sheppey 'Story Afternoon' 2.45pm in Sheppey Class
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	<b>INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday 23rd	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM</b>
Monday 30th	<b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>
<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,



Paul Sheehan,  
Head Teacher

### Basketball session

Huish Tigers U12 basketball sessions are now up and running on Saturday mornings at Richard Huish college 10.am-12.00pm.  
garyc@richuish.ac.uk

### Orienteering

Quantock Orienteers run an excellent weekly club on Saturdays at various locations across the Quantocks and local area. There is a range of courses to suit all abilities. Ideal for families to explore the Outdoors.  
<https://www.sasp.co.uk/uploads/jog-fixtures-for-autumn-2017-a.pdf>

**INSET DAY TOMORROW (Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017)  
SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER**