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**NEWSLETTER 7**

**INSET DAY – TOMORROW (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October)**  
**See you back at school on MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> October.**



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

**DATA COLLECTION FORMS**

There are still a number of outstanding Data Collection Forms. If you have not already done so, please return them as soon as possible, even if there are no changes to the details.



**PARENTPAY**

St Andrew's have now begun a phased introduction of ParentPay – a convenient way to pay for school meals, trips and much more online, using a secure service called ParentPay. Parents of children in Brue and Exe Class were sent letters this week with their unique activation codes and feedback so far has been very positive. If you have yet to activate your account, please do so as soon as possible. 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. The remaining six classes will be sent activation codes as and when there is a trip to pay for. We hope to extend the service to include ordering and paying for school meals next term. Details of this will follow.

We hope you will support us in achieving our goal to become a cashless school. 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).

**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.

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Running/Fitness Club	KS2	Ms Doherty
Girls' Football	Years 5&6	Mr Green
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Tao Ruobv	Years 5&6	Mr Green/Richard Huish
Studv Club	Years 4.5 & 6	Ms Doherty
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Handball/Netball	Years 5&6	Ms Doherty
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
D.J Club	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Exell
Boys' Football	Years 3 & 4	Mr Green
FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL		
Studv Club	Years 4.5 & 6	Ms Doherty
Multi-skills	Years 1 & 2	Mr Green

**POPPY APPEAL- REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER**

Poppies and pin badges will be on sale from the School Office after half term.



**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.

**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).

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Our new school photographer will be coming on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November to take individual pupil photos and sibling group photos of the whole school. If you have a younger child who you wish to be included in a sibling group, you are invited to come to school at 8.30am on this day to have the photograph taken. Photographs and other items will be available to order directly online. Details to follow.





**CHILDREN IN NEED - 'SPOTACULAR' – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

This year we will be supporting the BBC event in the following ways:

**COVER PUDSEY WITH COINS** Before school you will have the opportunity to 'Cover Pudsey with Coins' – there will be large pictures of Pudsey Bear in the playgrounds, so please bring in your change and let's try and cover them both.

**WEAR SOMETHING SPOTTY!** On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, children can come to school wearing a spotty accessory (such as socks or scarf) or simple face paints with their uniform to show their support for the day. Donation of £1. Please do your best to help us raise a record amount this year.

**WIN A KNITTED PUDSEY** Once again, Mrs Jarmain's mother has very kindly (and cleverly) knitted a Pudsey Bear for each class and these will be raffled during assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please can children bring in 20p for a raffle ticket so they can have a chance of winning a knitted Pudsey. There will be an opportunity for pre-school children to purchase tickets on the Friday morning in the playground.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

This year we will be getting the children to design their own Christmas cards which will then be available to order online via [www.apfsorders.co.uk](http://www.apfsorders.co.uk) As soon as their artwork is ready to view we will notify parents. Orders will need to be placed by 6<sup>th</sup> November, in order for the printed products to be delivered to school mid-November.



**ROAD SAFETY**

We have received a number of reports concerning children running onto the road between parked cars on Greenway Avenue, and also children not using the pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Kingston Road. Could parents please remind children of the importance of looking out for traffic before crossing the roads around school. When parents are dropping off/collecting their children by car, could they please closely supervise their children to ensure their safety.

**YELLOW - SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE**

The local police have made us aware of a social networking app called Yellow, which is used by children. A new guide has been issued to help parents. This is an app used mainly by secondary age students however due to friendships and siblings it is being circulated to primary schools too. Although Yellow is not to be used by children under the age of 13, if you feel this information would be useful, please see the School Office.

**PAST PUPILS' PARTY**

This year's Victorian-themed past pupils' party is being held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 you know

**MIDDAY SUPERVISOR**

We are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisor to work from 12.30 – 1.30pm Monday to Friday. If you are interested in this post and would like more information please contact Annette Williams in the School Office. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**FOOTBALL KIT**

A massive thank you to Rob Markham for very generously sponsoring our new football kit.



**DIARY DATES**

<b>OCTOBER</b>	
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	<b>Flu vaccines for Reception, Yr1, Yr2, Yr3 &amp; Yr4</b>
Thursday 9th	<b>School Photographer</b>
Friday 17th	<b>Children in Need – Wear something spotty for £1 donation</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Tuesday 5th	<b>Victorian-themed Past Pupils' Party 2pm, School Hall</b>
Wednesday 13th	<b>School Christmas Dinner</b>
Thursday 14th	<b>Nativity at St. Andrew's Church</b>
Tuesday 19th	<b>Christmas Jumper Day for £1 donation KS2 Talent Show</b>
Thursday 21st	<b>Last day of Autumn term (break up for Christmas holidays)</b>
<b>JANUARY 2018</b>	
Monday 8th	<b>First day of Spring term</b>

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>



**Apples and Anniversaries!**

Join Somerset Wildlife Trust for a celebration of Apple Day and the 25th anniversary of the Children's Wood Project, where trees were planted for each child born in Taunton Deane. Enjoy lots of free family activities such as apple juicing, crafts and apple head carving. FUSE Performance will be running an apple circus where you can learn to juggle with apples, make some juggling balls and have a go at circus tricks, and Somerset Art Works will be leading a fruit printing workshop.

**When:** 11am-3pm, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Where:** Children's Wood, Taunton, just off Winckworth Way, TA1 1AN