



*'Deep Christian roots, nurturing
strong growth, flourishing
children'*

St. Andrew's Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

Welcome back after what I hope proved to be a fun-filled, relaxing Christmas break. This half term we will be focusing on our core value of 'Perseverance' and it is lovely to hear how determined the children are to challenge themselves from 'keeping my bedroom tidy' to 'working on my writing' and 'getting better at sport'.

Staff have been busy planning lots of exciting activities for the children to enjoy during the Spring term. Further details can be found on each class' individual curriculum plan which is displayed on the classroom window and the school's website. However, opportunities include a maths and Tag rugby project for Year 3 and 4 led by coaches from Exeter Chiefs; a large-scale art project for Year 2 and Forest school for Year 5.

Topic enrichment days are currently being organised by staff and further details will be sent to you nearer the time, but plans include exploring the space dome with Maple class, a visit to Paignton zoo for Hazel class, exploring rocks and fossils at Charmouth with Holly class and a step back in time to Ancient Greece for Willow and Oak classes.

Extra-curricular Activities

Letters outlining the range of after-school clubs on offer this term went home last night and clubs start on Monday. Please check book-bags for details. In addition to the usual range of clubs on offer, this term we are also pleased to be offering a homework club, a running club and a football club, all of which are being led or supported by parents. This really opens up the opportunities on offer for our children and is very much appreciated by all. If you are able to support any afterschool clubs, but in particular sport on Wednesday afternoons, please let the office know and our thanks go to Rob Garth, Tracey Legg and Carinna Parsons for 'getting the ball rolling!'

The Term Ahead

The school day starts with collective worship (9.10-9.25am) and sets the tone for the day, is lively and often child-led. Our particular favourites are 'Open the Book' (last Monday of every month) and 'Celebration' worships (Fridays). You are very welcome to join us at these worships and the children would love to celebrate their achievements with a wider audience!

Football and Cross-country fixtures have been arranged. Please make a note of the dates and you will be informed closer to the date if your child has been selected to represent the school.

Primary School Applications– Reminder. Closing date is 15th January 2017.

If your child was born between 1/9/12 and 31/8/13 they are entitled to start full time Primary Education in September 2017.

The application facility opens on 15th November and closes on midnight on 15th January 2017.

Please apply on line at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline.

Start of the day procedures

Following some concerns regarding children's safety on the playground in the mornings, we have amended our start of the day procedures. You will have noticed that a member of staff now oversees the gate entrance to ensure children do not leave site once they have entered. I'm also taking this opportunity to remind you that for the safety of all the children on site, before the start of the day the climbing frame is out of bounds as we cannot supervise it.

The bell will be rung as usual at 8.55am and the gate will be locked promptly at 9am. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Reminders:

Please can all KS 2 children return their School Meal order forms if they would like a hot lunch this term.

Swimming– Oak Class Swimming starts Monday 16th January. Please can you ensure that permission slips are returned and payment made via Parentpay by Friday 13th January. Thank you

Willow Class Swimming- On checking our records we have noticed that there are some outstanding payments for last terms swimming lessons. Please can you check if you have paid for your child's swimming and if not make a payment via ParentPay as soon as possible. Thank you

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bikes

We have 2 bikes that have been left in school for quite a while now . If they belong to your child please could you arrange collection by Friday 13th January. After this date they will be disposed of. Thank you

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 11th January– Friends of School meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 12th January– Police Community Officer Visit

Monday 16th January– Oak Class Swimming begins

Wednesday 18th January– Greek Day Years 4,5 and 6

Friday 20th January– Pre school Postman Visit

Monday 23rd January– Dental Nurse visit

Wednesday 25th January– Oak and Willow Class Action Track Day

Thursday 26th January– Oak and Willow Class Action Track Day

Wednesday 1st February– Holly Class Trip—details to follow

Wednesday 8th February– Hazel Class Worship 9.10am

Thursday 9th February– Parents's Forum 6.30pm

Friday 10th February– Last day of school

Monday 13th-Friday 17th Half Term

Monday 20th February– Return to school

Monday 20th February– Oak Class swimming continues

Dates in red relate to the whole school including pre-school

Dates in blue relate to just school aged children

Dates in green relate to just pre-school children

Speeding

Please can we ask that you take care and slow down when driving down the lane to school and through the village. We have received complaints from local people about the speed of some cars.



Quote of the day

the beauty of
Nature
is everywhere . . .

