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Friday 30th June 2017



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

St. Andrew's Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staff News

It is always sad when we lose a member of our team, and it is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Fox at the end of this term. Most of you will be very aware of what a huge support Mrs Fox has been to St. Andrew's over the past eight years, both as a member of staff and as a parent. I very much hope you will be able to join us for our final Celebration Worship at 9.15am on the last day of term (Friday 21st July) where we will be saying goodbye to both Mrs Fox and Miss Murray as well as giving out attendance certificates, etc.

Please do join us at the church too on that day for our Y6 Leavers' Service at 2pm which will, of course, be led by our Y6 Leavers. This will be followed by the traditional 'ringing' of the school bell before the Y6 children leave us in style on a 'limo' trip down to Lyme Regis for an ice-cream treat.

Sporting News

On Tuesday morning, a number of our Y3 and 4 children represented the school in a handball tournament. Miss Andrews and Mrs Hoare were immensely proud of the children's determination to play well as a team and enjoy themselves at the same time. To our immense pride the team executed an outstanding performance, achieving 2nd place overall and returning home with a trophy. A new tradition has been established and we will continue to work hard on our sport in order to retain this trophy and bring back more in the future! Very well done to all 24 children who took part

Parents' Forum

Last night proved to be a particularly worthwhile evening for school improvement and I really want to thank those parents who continue to help move the school forward in terms of the valuable and pertinent advice they offer and the support they provide too. The main topics covered were behaviour and how both positive and poor behaviour is fed back to children and parents; children's progress, how this is reported clearly back to parents and how the school is ensuring all children are making progress; better understanding of the benefits of belong to a multi-academy trust and sports – both the progress that has been made and how we can ensure children experience the traditional team sports more effectively in order to prepare them for secondary school.

Maple Class

If you have any old spare white shirts please could you donate to Maple Class so the children can have Lab coats for their role play and topic areas.

Attendance this week:

96.5 %

Stars of the Week



Maple– Charlie P.



Hazel– Honor Rose

Holly– Joseph

Willow– Maizie



Oak– Issy



Class News

Aside from sports fixtures, the children have also enjoyed the following experiences this week: Year Fives and Sixes have been spotted wearing cowboy outfits and a-shoutin' Ye Ha! around school as they continue to practise their end of year performance. If you haven't yet ordered tickets for either of the performances, then please do so. Willow and Maple classes were 'buzzing' after a visit from local bee keeper and friend of the school Tim Purrett and his bees! Hazel class have been looking at acrostic poems about water and learning about money in maths. Pre-School went on a walk around the village looking for vehicles. Keeping a tally chart of how many tractors, cars and vans they saw.

Governor News

Thank you to the school Council

On Tuesday I was the fortunate governor to meet with the school council at the end of another busy and successful year. The members answered lots of my questions and were very clear about the views of children and ways in which we can work together to make the school even better. It is important that the governors listen to the children.

Amongst other things they have successfully introduced playground buddies and playground games so that everyone is included and no-one feels left out. They also have more ideas to take forward for next year and to use a quote from one of the children -

'We will never give up trying to make our school the best in the multi-academy trust.'

Judy Chisholm

Transition Morning / Meet the Teacher

A reminder that next Tuesday morning (4th July) all the children from Maple Class upwards will spend time with their new class teacher. Following the races in the afternoon to which you are all invited to watch, teachers will be available between 3.30 and 4pm if you wish to meet your child's teacher for 2017.

Please note, that if heavy rain is forecast, the races will be cancelled but the transition morning and meet the teacher sessions will still go ahead as planned.

Notices:

Peanut allergy letter– I have sent out a reminder letter this week to the children who have not yet replied. Please can you send this back ASAP. Thankyou

Website Letter– Please return the permission slip remembering to delete the appropriate section either giving consent or not giving consent.

Uniform orders– Please place your uniform orders ASAP to ensure the items arrive before the end of term. Pupil Premium children please return your order forms ASAP.

Vacancies

We will require a part-time administrator from September 2017. The post is 5 afternoons per week, term-time only and further details of the post can be found attached to this newsletter or on the school website.

At present we have no plans to advertise a Teaching Assistant position, but this will be reviewed before the end of the Autumn Term.

Year 6 Enterprise

The Year 6 children will be selling their products on next **Monday 3rd July at 3.30pm** on the playground. There are a variety of items for sale such as bird boxes, cookie ingredient jars, posters and lots more! Please do come along to support the year 6 children. All monies raised will be going to Young minds, their chosen charity.

One of the groups for enterprise will be washing cars on **Wednesday 5th July at 2.00pm** in the staff car park.

Please can you make bookings at the sale on Monday 3rd July.

Dates for your Diaries

Thursday 9th June– New Reception starters Transition morning 9.30-11.30 (every Thursday)

Monday 3rd July– Year 6 enterprise sale 3.30pm in the playground

Tuesday 4th July– Whole school Transition morning

Tuesday 4th July– Sports day fun races

Wednesday 5th July– Year 6 Enterprise car washing

Friday 7th July Willow and Oak class Robot Day– details to follow

Tuesday 11th July– Ye Ha! Year 5 and 6 Production 2pm

Wednesday 12th July– Ye Ha! Year 5 and 6 production 6.30pm

Friday 21st July—Last day of term

Friday 21st July—Leavers Service 2pm St. Andrews Church

Monday 4th September 2017- Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 5th September 2017– Non Pupil Day

Wednesday 6th September 2017– Return to school

Monday 23rd October 2017– Friday 27th October 2017 Half term

Friday 15th December– Last day of school

Tuesday 2nd January 2018– Return to school

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

Dates in blue relate to just school aged children