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strong growth, flourishing
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St. Andrew's Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've reached the end of another really busy week at St. Andrew's and I think most people are looking forward to the promised heatwave starting tomorrow. This leads me to reminding everyone to ensure that children have adequate sun protection for next week: coming to school with sunscreen already applied, hats and water bottles pre-filled with water.

Sports Day - ***Start Time of 9.15am*******

We are fortunate to have the support of Go Active this year to assist with our Sports Day next Tuesday. I do apologise to those parents who are unable to attend as a result of the change from afternoon to morning, but the decision to hold the event in the morning is two-fold: Go Active have commitments elsewhere in the afternoon and our exposed site offers no protection from what is likely to be a very hot and sunny day on Tuesday. **To ensure we complete as many events as possible before it is too hot, we will be bringing the start time forward to approximately 9.15am. All children should come dressed in school PE uniform that morning. PE Kits will be sent home on Monday afternoon to assist with this. I am happy for children to remain in school PE uniform for the whole day, but older children may change into school uniform at lunchtime if they prefer.**

Pre-School children that are not normally in on Tuesdays are welcome to come in, join in with the Pre-School races, watch the other children and join them for the picnic. Parents will need to stay with their child/children please and would be responsible for their child throughout the morning.

Athletics Achievements

On Wednesday afternoon the following children represented the school at the annual Quadkids Athletics Tournament, held at Holyrood Academy. Matthew, Daniel, Lily, Hettie, Jessica, Jess, Janno, Ellis, Arthur, Aidan, Elsie and Keira demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and excellent skills, particularly in the sprints. Arthur secured 1st place and Jessica 2nd for their sprints. Overall we were placed 4th out of the 9 schools participating – well done children!



SIAMS Celebrations

We celebrated our Outstanding SIAMS result yesterday in the time honoured way of sharing cake! The Archdeacon of Exeter, visitors from the parish, parents and governors to the school all enjoyed a tour around the school followed by coffee and cake and the children enjoyed a slice of celebratory cake at break time. Photographs of the event have been sent to the local press.



Class Structure 2017/2018

You have all received a letter explaining which class and teacher your child is with next year. If you have any queries, please do make an appointment to speak to me.

Parents' Forum

The next Parents' Forum will be held on Thursday 29th June at 6.30pm. Any questions or suggestions can be emailed to chard-stockoffice@acornacademy.org or placed in the box in reception.

Attendance this week:

95.2 %

Next week:

Monday– Year 1/2/3 swimming continues– if you have not yet made the second instalment of £20.00 please do so. Letters will be sent out to advise which parents still have an outstanding balance.

Tuesday– Sports Day. Please see details above.

Wednesday– Year 6 Woodroffe Transition Day

Thursday– Year 6 Holyrood Transition morning. New reception starters transition morning in Maple Class 9.30-11.30

Pre-School– next week they will be talking about where we live and the village, roads and cars etc. that we drive. Please could parents take some photos and upload them on tapestry so that we can talk about where the children live.

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.

Notices:

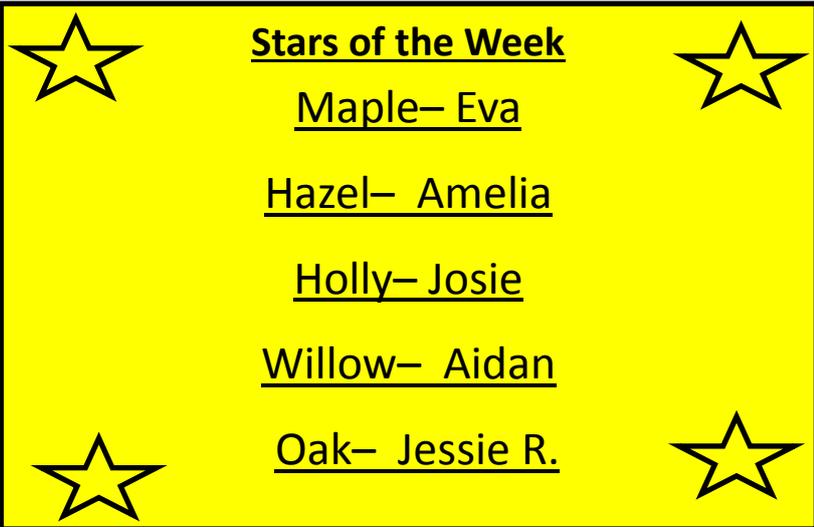
Peanut allergy letter– Please return the reply slip to confirm you have read the letter.

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

Class Photos– Please return any order forms to the office by Monday as Tempest will be collecting the order Monday afternoon.

Uniform orders– Please place your uniform orders ASAP to ensure the items arrive before the end of term.

Pre-School– If your child is going on the Pecorama trip please can they pay Mrs Lampey or Mrs Beddows.



Stars of the Week

Maple– Eva

Hazel– Amelia

Holly– Josie

Willow– Aidan

Oak– Jessie R.

Parent Questionnaire Feedback:

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you very much for all the replies to the parental questionnaire this year. We had a great response rate which is fantastic and provides us with a really meaningful view of the school's strengths and weaknesses.

100% felt that their child was happy at this school

94% felt their child made good progress

98% felt their child was taught well

92% would recommend this school to another parent

Some recurring themes for improvement include the range of sporting activities, extra curricular activities, communication, split class structure and homework. There will be areas of focus for Governors, Head of School and parent forums next term.

Thanks again for all your comments. Whether it be compliments or constructive, it really does help drive school improvement.

Dr Sarah Ellis

Chair of Governors

Dates for your Diaries

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

Tuesday 20th June—Sports Day

Wednesday 21st June— Woodroffe Transition Day Year 6 children

Thursday 22nd June— Holyrood Transition morning Year 6 children

Monday 26th June—Year 6 Life Skills

Tuesday 27th June— Go Active MAT Handball tournament— details to follow

Wednesday 28th June— Axe Valley Transition Day Year 6 children

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

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

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Safeguarding

I am very grateful to all those who have respected the conditions we have put on use of the staff car park for the safety of our children. I would like to remind everyone that for the safety of all drivers, we operate a one way system, with the exit being the closest to the village hall and the entrance, the closest to Tytherleigh. I am currently having signage priced to install on the gates, but would ask everyone to respect this system before the new signs are in place.