

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

How lovely to see the children again, we have been looking forward to it so much!

Please be assured that we continue to follow Government guidelines to safeguard us all from COVID-19. One of the things we will continue to do is remind the children to wash their hands regularly. On that note, I'm concerned that some children might develop sore skin with all the handwashing so do keep an eye on their hands and have some hand cream available for them to use at home. Remember, when dropping off and collecting to use our one-way system and to keep your distance from other families. We've included a handy guide on the newsletter to tell you what to do if anyone develops COVID-19 symptoms. We will continue to talk to and reassure the children to allay any worries that they may have. Likewise, if you have any questions, please do get in touch with school.

Welcome back!

OUR SCHOOL VISION

Promoting excellence within a caring, Christian community

Confident - We embrace challenge and persevere

Aspire - We aim high

Respectful - We are friends and cherish God's world

Inclusive - We welcome everyone and are all of equal worth

Nurturing - We look after each other so we can all flourish

Generous - We give to each other and our community



"Love each other as I have loved you."

John 15:12

PE Lessons

This term we would like the children to come to school wearing their PE kits on the day that they have PE.

PE lessons will be outdoors so children will need dark plain jogging bottoms (navy or black) and a dark hoody or jumper (navy or black) over a white T-shirt (with or without the school logo). Children will also need to wear trainers.

The timetable for PE is :

Australia (Miss Mason)	Friday
Ireland (Miss Armitage)	Friday
Canada (Mr Lyons)	Thursday
Italy (Mr Johnson)	Tuesday
France (Miss Holt)	Wednesday
Germany (Miss Haley)	Tuesday
USA (Miss Riley)	Wednesday
India (Miss Barker)	Wednesday

The children will also be doing the daily mile every day.





Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form.

As our children prepare to start a new year may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass towards a bright future.

I pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well.

May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.

Amen.

MID DAY SUPERVISOR NEEDED

We are looking for an enthusiastic and caring person to join our friendly lunchtime team. The role involves supervising children at lunchtime in the dining hall and playground, light cleaning duties after the children have eaten and leading and organising games and play activities. Hours of work are 11.50am - 1.05pm every day during term time. For more details please see our website or contact the school office.



Accelerated Reader

Children in school are now able to take a reading book from the school library. Upon their return, books will be placed in a box and remain untouched for 72 hours. Pupils can temporarily continue to quiz from home once they have read their reading books using the link on the school website (<https://ukhosted64.renlearn.co.uk/2250255/>) and their username and password. We would encourage our pupils to take their reading quizzes independently if they are completing them at home. Teachers monitor the scores and question types pupils achieve each week. Pupils can also quiz on books they have read or taken from home. Most books are now on Accelerated Reader. We encourage pupils to choose books from their levels but pupils can, if they wish, read books from other levels as we encourage reading of any level. If you want to find the level of the book they are reading at home, they can be found on <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>. We ask that our pupils read for a minimum of 20 minutes at home each evening. Don't forget to write what your child has read in their planners as this helps to ensure good communication between home and school.



Spellings

Pupils will be sent spellings home to learn each week. These will be stuck into their planners each Friday. Pupils will be tested the following week. Any incorrect spellings will be highlighted so that pupils can continue to learn these spellings and so that parents are aware of their child's score. Homework will be sent home each Friday using the CGP books we have previously used. It is due in the following Wednesday. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We keep our children safe by...

teaching them about how to stop germs spreading.

Children will be washing their hands with soap and water after going to the toilet, before eating and after breaks. Please help by talking to your child about the importance of regular hand washing.

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze  Catch it with a tissue  Bin it  Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser			You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser  After breaks & sport activities  Before cooking & eating  On arrival at any childcare or educational setting  After using the toilet  Before leaving home			
 Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands	 Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles	 If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels				

School lunches

From Monday 14th September we are able to offer parents the option to buy a school packed lunch for their child. The packed lunch will include a choice of sandwiches, crisps, yoghurt and fruit and will be the usual price of a school dinner which is £2.20.

If you are sending in a packed lunch from home for your child please ensure that it does not contain any nuts or nut based products such as peanut butter or nutella as we have children in school with SEVERE nut allergies. Thank you for your support in keeping all our children safe.

From Monday 21st September we will once again be offering a choice of a hot meal (with separate vegetarian option) or a sandwich every day. The menu will be the same every week with options as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti and meatballs OR Tomata pasta Seasonal veg	Chicken pie OR Cheese pie Seasonal veg	Jacket potato with choice of filling	Fish fingers Seasonal veg	Pepperoni pizza OR Cheese pizza Baked beans
Choice of sandwiches	Choice of sandwiches	Choice of sandwiches	Choice of sandwiches	Choice of sandwiches
Yoghurt or fruit	Yoghurt or fruit	Yoghurt or fruit	Yoghurt or fruit	Yoghurt or fruit

Choosing a school meal pattern: forms will be sent out next week. Choose from the menu above to start from Monday 21st September.

Please make ALL dinner money payments via the SchoolMoney app. We are not able to accept payments via cash or cheque at the moment. If you need a new login for SchoolMoney contact the school office.

School Bags

From Monday 14th September, pupils will be able to bring in a small bag for their belongings. A book bag is ideal as these fit nicely in each child's tray. If pupils do not own a book bag, a small rucksack will be permitted which can sit on the back of pupil's chairs. Please do not send your child with a large rucksack as they are not required and **we do not have the space for them**. This is to avoid pupils' belongings touching in the cloakroom. Pupils do not need to carry PE kits to school as they will wear them on their PE days. Pupils have all been provided with their own stationery so please **do not send your child in with a pencil case**. Pupils must bring a **water bottle, their reading book and planner each day**. They may bring in a piece of fruit to eat during morning break if they wish.

Start time

The school gates will open from 8.30am each morning for families to move into the playground. Classroom doors will open from 8.40am. For safety reasons, we ask that families do not arrive before 8.30am as it is causing problems on the pavement at the front of school and making social distancing difficult. Thank you for your understanding.