

## STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE-



## SUMMER 2025 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

### THIS HALF TERM WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE CHRISTIAN VALUE OF FRIENDSHIP

#### **Introduction**

As we move into the final term of the school year, we are looking forward to including parents and carers in lots of our summer events. I have outlined events planned to date below. You will be informed of additional events as they arise. You will find additional information on Seesaw, the school's website and Twitter account.

#### **Free uniform shop**

Don't forget to visit our free uniform shop in the school entrance. Please help yourself to any freshly laundered and pre-loved items- no need to ask. If you have any items that your children no longer needs, please drop them in the laundry basket next to the shop. We think this is a great way to recycle and save money!

#### **Attendance**

Please remember that our attendance target is of **96%**. The attendance figure for this academic year currently stands at **94%**, which is a drop from last year. However, spring term attendance is **95%** which is an improvement. Please continue to do everything in your power to improve your child's attendance. Every missed day of learning is detrimental to your child's progress.

#### **Attendance facts**

- If your child's attendance is **95%** they have lost **9 days teaching**
- If your child's attendance is **90%** they have lost **19 days teaching**
- If your child's attendance is **85%** they have missed **150 lessons!**
- Arriving **5 minutes late** every day adds up to over **3.5 days** lost each year (**missing 20 lessons**)
- Arriving **15 minutes late** every day is the same as being absent for **2 weeks a year (missing 55 lessons).**

School starts at **8.50am**. The gates open at 8.40am for parents to 'drop and go.' The gates will be locked again at 9am. Please ensure your child is in school by 8.50am. The Nursery door opens at 8.55am.

#### **Fundraising**

- Thanks to your kind donations we raised **£129** to Comic Relief.
- The Easter raffles raised a grand total of **£265** for school fund. This will keep the cost of summer day trips to no more than £15.
- The Easter Bake Off cake sales raised **£171**. Well done to our 2 winners, Mya in Reception and Sonny in Y5!

### **Coffee Morning**

Back by popular demand, Mawuli Amesu will be hosting an Internet Safety Coffee morning for parents/carers on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 9am. Parents who have attended these in the past have found them extremely informative. They alert you to the potential dangers your children face from the internet, including social media.

### **Staffing News**

Mrs Randall leaves us on Friday to commence her maternity leave. We can't wait for her to visit with her new baby in a few weeks.

### **PE Kits**

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times as there will be many outdoor sporting activities taking place this term.

### **May-rathon**



Mr Pamphlett will be sending out details of a sponsored event where the children will do a daily run in school- we hope that the older children will be able to complete the equivalent of a full marathon during the month of May! The May-rathon will culminate with a fun colour run on the last day before half term when parents/carers are invited to join in and throw brightly coloured powder at the runners (including staff!!!)

### **End of Year Assessments**

All Y6 children will be undertaking end of key stage assessments during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May. All other year groups will be assessed using a variety of teacher assessments during June, and the final levels will be reported to parents as part of the annual report.

It is imperative that no Y6 pupils are absent during these weeks and all absences should be kept to a minimum. The Y6 timetable is below. Please note there is no flexibility in this, all children in England take the tests at the same time.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Grammar, spelling & punctuation.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May- Reading paper

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Arithmetic paper 1 & Maths Paper 2

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Maths Paper 3

### **Book Looks**

Parents/carers will have the opportunity to view their child's learning journeys and/or workbooks after school in the hall. Each year group has been allocated a session between 3.20-4pm. Children can join their parents in the hall to share their work. The dates for this are as follows;

Nursery: 9<sup>th</sup> June

Reception Class: 11<sup>th</sup> June

Year 1: 10<sup>th</sup> June

Year 2: 12<sup>th</sup> June

Year 3: 16<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4: 17<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5: 18<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6: 19<sup>th</sup> June

\*Please ensure you only look at your **own child's** workbooks.

### **Annual Reports**

You will receive a detailed report from your child's class teacher on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. For the first time, the reports will be sent out electronically via email.

### **Summer Fair**

This year our annual summer fair is on the 28<sup>th</sup> June from 12-2pm. As you will be aware, this is our major fundraising event. This year we are again planning to use the money raised to help with the cost of transport and school trips/educational visits. As a staff, we have pledged to take all our classes on an outdoor adventure. We are excitedly planning these experiences, many of which will take place during the summer term. Later in the term, the staff will be sending out further details about the Summer Fair, and I know you will support us with your contributions.

### **Additional Diary Dates**

- ❖ Class photographs will be taken on 20<sup>th</sup> May.
- ❖ Worsley Sports' Athletics competition is on 20<sup>th</sup> May. For the first time, the event will be held early in the afternoon at 2pm. We will inform parents once pupils have been selected as we will need assistance with transport.
- ❖ We break up for half term on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and return on 4<sup>th</sup> June.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for parents/carers of the new Nursery intake on 19<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm.
- ❖ Reception Class will lead family worship on 20<sup>th</sup> June.
- ❖ On 27<sup>th</sup> June there will be a non-uniform day to collect goods for the summer fair eg; tombola items.
- ❖ Salford Y6 high school transition days are on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for parents/carers of next year's Reception class children on 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm.
- ❖ Y1 will lead family worship on 1 July.

- ❖ On 14<sup>th</sup> July we are holding a **Summer Beach Party Disco** for all classes 6-7.30pm.
- ❖ 'Moving Up Morning' will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July.
- ❖ There will be a special Leavers' production in the evening of 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. This will involve the Y6 pupils who are moving on to high school.
- ❖ The annual Talent Show is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July.
- ❖ Summer Sports' Days are planned for the following days (weather permitting!)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm: EYFS Sports (Nursery and Reception)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm: KS1 Sports (Year 1 and Year 2)
  - 15<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm: KS2 (Y3,4,5,6)



### Summer Trips and Visits



This summer we are again taking all our children on an outdoor adventure.

- ❖ Nursery and Reception: St Ann's Beach on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.
- ❖ Year 1 and Year 2: Delamere Forest on 4<sup>th</sup> July.
- ❖ Year 3 and Year 4: Lytham on 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- ❖ Year 5: 'Bring yer wellies!' in Preston on 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- ❖ Year 6 : Residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall from 7-9<sup>th</sup> July.

\*Teachers will send out full details of summer trips and visits as they are planned. We are using money raised for school funds to keep the cost of these trips as low as possible.



### Extra Curricular Activities

I include a list of the activities available this half-term, but individual members of staff will send out further details.

#### Monday

Lunchtime athletics club- KS2  
 Premier Sports club: KS1 Tennis  
 Y5 maths booster club  
 Y6 reading booster club  
 Pyramid Club

Tuesday

Y6 maths booster club  
KS2 choir

Wednesday

Athletics Y3 and Y4  
Pupil Right's Group

Thursday

Athletics Y5 and Y6

Teachers will inform you of any other summer clubs as they are planned.

**And Finally...**

As you can see, your children are in for a busy and exciting time at school this summer. I look forward to seeing many of you at the events we have organised. School will break up for the summer holidays on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Thank you for the support you continue to give your children at St Andrew's. It is greatly appreciated by all the staff.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A. Barker  
Headteacher