

ST. ANDREW'S C.E. INFANTS' SCHOOL

'Learning Together in Friendship and Faith'

Dear Parents/Carers,

No. 3 September 2025

Well done to all our pupils (and staff) for their continued energy and enjoyment of each school day. Our FS have been with us for some full days (including lunch) this week, they are doing so well! Our Year 1's have been looking at a number of maths challenges this week, working well with '1 more and 1 less', as well as working on a number of similes. Year 2's continue to 'explore' Africa and are finding out about memorable information about the River Nile.

PUPIL VOICE

Jake: 'I have made a hedgehog'.

Lola: 'The Equator is like a big belt around the world'.

Albie J's simile: 'As slow as a snail'.

CHRISTIAN VALUES

Our Christian Value this term is Friendship. We are exploring what a good friend is—a good listener, someone who shares experiences and ideas with, and who help us. On the playground today Mrs Meakins saw a Year 1 give a toy she was playing with to another child. They both smiled, the giver and the receiver. Thank you.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Please take care on the slope from Vine Square to the school playground—this can get damp especially in the mornings.

ONLINE SAFETY

We use the 4 C's here at St. Andrew's to look at areas of online safety.

C - Content C - Contact

C - Conduct C - Commerce

Content: Being aware of inappropriate or harmful content.

CCTV SPONSORSHIP

We have a very archaic CCTV system which is in need of replacement. If you know of a company who might be able to sponsor a new system please do get in touch.

P.T.O

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Seahorses Class, whose attendance was 100% this week.

A quote from the Absence in Term Time Form: 'Your child has a right to a full-time education and the opportunities that this can bring.'

May I politely note children need to be in school in term time, to enjoy being with their friends, learning, creating and making progress. I have received a number of requests for holidays in term time recently and as we follow government procedures, these will not be authorised.

NO SWEETS OR NUTS PLEASE

With thanks, just to confirm regarding packed lunches—please could we request no sweets and any nut products to be included, e.g. Nutella.

ARBOR

Thank you to all those parents who have joined Arbor. For those that have not yet signed up please do as soon as possible; this is the way we communicate with our parents e.g. newsletters, parents evenings etc.

MUSTARD SEED RELIEF

We are looking forward to supporting the Mustard Seed Relief through their Shoe Box Appeal. If you would be able to prepare a shoe box for this charity who distribute these to children overseas please could each shoebox be given to the school office by 7th November. (Leaflets are coming home with children) Thank you so much.

DATES FOR DIARY

22nd Sep: Year 2 Clubs to commence (places to be allocated)

23rd Sep: FS Meet & Greet with Parents at 8.45 (Do come to the school office and you will be welcomed with tea, cake and a chat!)

2nd Oct: Census Day

3rd Oct: School Individual Photo

7th & 8th Oct: Parent/Teacher Consultations (bookings should be open on Arbor from 29th Sep)

15th Oct: Harvest Festival (Pupils Only) Food donations please

PARTY INVITES

Please can we request that any party invites are given out in the playground. These will not be given out in class. Many thanks.

NEW SCHOOL RULES

We would like to 'unveil' our 3 new school rules which form our Behaviour Policy (to be shared with yourselves via our website in October).

They are: **Ready / Respectful / Safe**

This new look follows our work with a number of DCAT schools and looking at work by a Consultant, Paul Dix.

MENU UPDATE

Just to make parents aware that the Jacket Potato option is available Monday to Thursday for your child to select.



Mrs. C. Meakins

Head Teacher

