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Dear Parents

Term 2

Welcome back to everyone after the half term holiday. I hope that you all enjoyed a good break and that everyone is looking forward to the new term.

New Pupils and Staff

We are delighted to welcome Rory Rose to our school. He has joined Year 4 this week and we hope that he will be very happy at our school.

Swimming Lessons

Lessons will re-commence in January 2018 for children in Years 3 -5 on Tuesday mornings at a charge of £3 per session. Details of how to pay for your child will be sent out before the Christmas break. The rota for 2018 will be:-

Term 3	Years 3 and 5	Term 4	Years 3 and 4
Term 5	Years 4 and 5	Term 6	Years 3 and 4

Music Lessons

If your child has string, woodwind or brass lessons in school, please send in any outstanding payments for the Autumn Term by return as these are now overdue, thank you.

Term 2 Clubs

Clubs continue this term as shown below. There will be no clubs in the last week of term or on School Concert Nights. Please note that there are **no clubs on Tuesday 7 November or Tuesday 14 November (except Art Club)** due to staff training.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Monday:	Choir	Years 2-6	3-4pm	Mrs Walker
	Gardening	Years 3-6	3-4pm	Miss Hodgson
Tuesday:	Dance	Years 1-6	3-4pm	Miss Dallard
	Computing	Years 3-6	3-4pm	Mrs Usherwood
	Netball	Years 3-6	3-4pm	Miss Clark
	Art & Craft	Years 5-6	3-4pm	Miss Budworth
	Science Club	Years 3-6	3-4pm	Mrs Eadsforth
Wednesday:	Cookery	Years 4 by invitation	3-4pm	Mrs Andrews/Procter/Walker
	Football	Years 1 – 3	3-4pm	Mr Whitlock
	Football	Years 4 - 6	3-4pm	PH Sports
	Church Club	KS1 and KS2 (alternate weeks 12-12.30)		Mrs Bunting/Ed Haycock

We know that God loves us; We show it by being loving, honest and respectful.

Thursday:	Running Club	Years 3-6	3-4pm	Mrs Ransome
Friday:	Recorders Band	Years 3-6 children learning instruments	12-12.30pm 3-4pm	Miss Briddon Mr Walker

Lunches

Universal Free School Meals are available for all Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils daily. We would ask all parents continue to fill in the order forms sent home every half-term so that we are able to order the correct quantities of food each day. Copies of these forms are available on the website under Food For Life – School Lunches, or paper copies are available from the folder outside the School Office.

For all Key Stage 2 pupils, hot lunches can be ordered at a cost of £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week (£87.40 up to the Christmas Holiday). All meals must be ordered and paid for in advance as our catering staff do not have the time to continually chase up late payments.

Payment should be made online using our SIMS Agora Payment system (www.st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk – About Us – Online Payments). Please ask at the office if you need a new access code. If you do not have access to a computer at home, we can make the office computer available to you.

Parents to Lunch

We would like to invite parents to join their children for lunch on the following dates:-

- Class 4, 5, 6 parents – Monday 6 November at 12.30pm.
- Class 3 parents – Monday 13 November at 12.15pm.
- Class R parents – Monday 27 November at 12noon.
- Class 1 and 2 parents – Monday 4 December at 12noon.

Due to space restrictions, we are limited to 15 places available for each date at £3.00 per adult. Spaces can be booked online via SIMS Agora (as detailed above). If you are unable to pay online, please come into school and book and pay at the office.

Tuck

Tuck is available for all children in years 1 – 6 to buy on Tuesday mornings at play-time. Please send your child in with 20p if they wish to buy a homemade cake/biscuit from the School Kitchen.

Trussell Trust Box Deadline – Friday 10 November

Please send your donation boxes for the Trussell Trust into school by 10 November. We are collecting them in the foyer outside the school office.

Children in Need – Friday 17 November

We are supporting Children in Need again this year. Children are welcome to wear spotty clothes to school and bring coins to fill a Pudsey Bucket.

Church Service – St Andrew’s Day – Thursday 30 November, 9.30am

We will be going to church for our annual St Andrew’s Day Service on Thursday 30 November at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to join us for the service.

Immunisations for Years R – 4 – Thursday 30 November (pm)

The school nurse team has extended their school flu immunisation programme this year to include pupils in years R – 4 inclusive. Forms were sent out last half term but if there are any outstanding, these need to be sent back to the office by return as your child cannot be immunised without a consent form.

Bake Day – Friday 24 November and Christmas Fayre – Saturday 25 November

The Year 6 children will be having their Bake Day on Friday 24 November to bake the cakes for our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25 November. Friends will be sending out more information about the Fayre and donations nearer the time.

Small Schools Carol Concert – Monday 4 December

Choir members in Years 3 – 6 will be singing in the Small Schools Carol Concert at 6.30pm on Monday 4 December. I will send home a letter about ordering tickets next week – please be aware that, as in previous years, space is going to be very tight and ticket numbers limited.

School Concerts – Wednesday 13 December and Friday 15 December

Year R Nativity – Thursday 14 December

Class R will be performing “It’s a Baby” on the **afternoon of Thursday 14 December at 3.15pm**. This will last for approximately 20 minutes.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) will be performing their christmas play on **the evenings of Wednesday 13 December and Friday 15 December** at 6pm. This will be followed by “Christmas is Forever” performed by our choir. A further letter confirming arrangements will be sent nearer the time.

All children performing are expected to attend **both nights**. It is disheartening for everyone when children only come for one performance, as this depletes the rest of the cast meaning other children or adults have to step in at short notice, disrupting the flow of the play. I realise small children get tired, which is why we do not do consecutive nights, and schedule the second performance for a Friday. Key Stage 1 children may go home during the interval if parents wish them to do so. This also leaves more seating in the hall for Key Stage 2 parents, as it can get very packed. Further details about arrangements and costumes will follow.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15 December

We will be supporting National Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. Your child is welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper to school in return for a donation towards the charity.

Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 19 December

A special visitor will be coming in to see the children after their lunch. **Please could you bring in a wrapped present marked with your child’s name (maximum spend £5)** and give it *secretly* to any adult by Friday 9 December – thank you!

School Disco – Tuesday 19 December (5.30pm – 7.30pm)

The Friends of St Andrew’s will be selling tickets during the last week of term. There will be a tuck shop so please bring along some money.

“Wear What You Like” Day and Christmas Party- Wednesday 20 December

Children are welcome to wear their own party clothes to school on Wednesday 20 December ready for the Christmas Party – please bring a 50p donation towards Naomi House and Julia’s House Children’s Hospices (we are supporting these charities at the Small Schools’ Carol Concert). The Christmas Party will start at 1pm and finish at 3pm. The Friends of St. Andrew’s will be providing the drinks.

Photographs and Videos of School Events

We understand that many parents wish to record their child taking part in school events, however may I remind you that any recorded material must be kept for private use only. No material containing an image of a child other than your own should be uploaded to the internet or placed on any social media platform. This is in the interests of the protection of all of our pupils and we urge all parents to comply with this request.

Reporting on Absence

Please can I remind all parents to contact the school office by 9am if your child is absent from school. You can do this either by leaving a message on our absence line (telephone 01722 503590 and select Option 2), or you can now email our absence email address (absence@st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk). Please state your child's name, class and reason for absence when contacting us. Thank you.

ParentView

Thank you to all of those parents who completed ParentView at the parent/teacher meetings this week. If you would like to give your views and have not already done so, you can register either directly from our website (About Us – Documents – School Data) or from Ofsted's website :-<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>.

Friends of St Andrew's Dates

Monday 6 November – Movie Night – 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Please purchase tickets in advance from Friends in the playground (£2.50).

Saturday 25 November – 2pm – 4pm: School Bazaar

Tuesday 19 December – 5.30pm – 7.30pm: School Disco

Primary and Secondary School Applications for September 2018 Admissions

Applications for Primary and Secondary Admissions for September 2017 can now be made online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk. **The primary deadline is 15 January 2018 and secondary school applications deadline has now passed so please contact Wiltshire Council urgently if you have not yet applied for a place for September 2018.**

Diary Dates and Wiltshire Term Dates for 2018/19.

Please see overleaf and attached. Please note that the Term Dates for 2018/19 do not yet include our 5 Teacher Development Days when school is closed to children. These will be confirmed to parents in the Summer term.

Sincerely

Mrs K J Walker

Headteacher

Diary Dates – St Andrew’s Primary School

Term 2 - November

- Monday 6 November - 12.30pm: Parents to Lunch Classes 4, 5, 6
- Monday 6 November - Friends of St Andrew’s Movie Night 5.30pm
- Tuesday 7 November - No Clubs on except Art Club
- Thursday 9 November - Class 1 Trip to Salisbury Cathedral
- Friday 10 November - Deadline for Shoebox Appeal Donations
- Monday 13 November - 12.15pm: Parents to Lunch Class 3
- Tuesday 14 November - No Clubs on except Art Club
- Thursday 16 November - Class 4 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
- Friday 17 November - Children in Need Day
- Mon 20/ Tue 21 November - Bikeability Course for Year 6 (10 pupils)
- Friday 24 November - Bake Day (Year 6)
- Saturday 25 November - 2pm – 4pm: Christmas Bazaar
- Monday 27 November - 12noon: Parents to Lunch Class R
- Thursday 30 November - 9.30am: Church Service at St Andrew’s
- Thursday 30 November - pm: Immunisations for years R, 1, 2, 3, 4

Term 2 - December

- Monday 4 December - 12noon: Parents to Lunch Classes 1,2
- Monday 4 December - City Hall Concert (choir) 6.30pm
- Wednesday 13 December - 6pm: School Concert
- Thursday 14 December - 3.15pm: Year R Nativity
- Friday 15 December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 15 December - 6pm: School Concert
- Tuesday 19 December - 12noon: Christmas Lunch
- Tuesday 19 December - 5.30pm – 7.30pm: School Disco
- Wednesday 20 December - 1pm: Christmas Party
- Wednesday 20 December - Last Day of Term – Wear what you like Day.

Christmas Holidays are Thursday 21 December – Sunday 7 January inclusive.

Terms 3 & 4

- Monday 8 January - School starts (Term 3)
- Monday 15 January - **Deadline for Primary Application for September 2018**
- Friday 9 February - Last day of Term 3
- Monday 19 February - School starts (Term 4)
- Friday 16 March - Small Schools Games Tournament
- Thursday 29 March - Last day of Term 4

Easter Holidays are Friday 30 March – Sunday 15 April inclusive

Terms 5 & 6

- Monday 16 April - School starts (Term 5)
- Monday 7 May - School Closed – Bank Holiday
- Saturday 19 May - Salisbury Schools’ Mini Marathon
- Friday 25 May - Last day of Term 5
- Monday 4 June - School starts (Term 6)
- Tuesday 24 July - Last day of Term 6