

'Do Everything In Love' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome all of our children and families back for term 4, but especially Jasper who has joined our school.

Arbor update

We can now access Arbor in school and are slowly working on the system to get it ready; we are looking at getting Arbor Comms+ at the end of March. We will send out more information before it goes live.

Lunches

Universal Free School Meals continue to be available for all Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils daily.

For all Key Stage 2 pupils, hot lunches can be ordered at a cost of £2.70 per day or £13.50 per week (£67.50 up to the end of term 4). All meals must be ordered on the app and paid for in advance.

Please can ALL parents book their child's meals for the half term on Reach More Parents even if they are eligible for a free meal, or having a packed lunch from home.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Extra funding is available for school to support the education of children from families in receipt of certain benefits (including funding for Free School Meals at all Key Stages). If you think that you might be eligible, please apply online at <https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home> or ask for a form in confidence from the School Office. **It is important that parents complete this form even if your child is in Reception/Key Stage 1 pupil**, as it means that we will receive additional funding to spend on supporting your child throughout his/her school career, and to subsidise additional school expenses such as trips. Pupil premium children are also entitled to free milk, even after their 5th birthdays.

Healthy Eating and Nut Allergies

We promote healthy eating and encourage the children to make healthy food choices. Children in Years R – 2 receive a free fruit snack each day. Children in other year groups may bring in fruit to eat at break time. If children are bringing packed lunches, please do not include sweets and chocolate in their meals. To ensure that we are inclusive, please do not bring in sweets or cakes to give out on birthdays.

As we have some children in school who are allergic to nuts, please do not send in nuts or nut products in lunchboxes. We do not use nuts or nut products in school meals, and a list of allergens is provided on the school meal planner. Please speak to Mrs Carpenter, our Catering Manager, if you have any queries or special dietary requests. Thank you for your support.

Tuck

Tuck is available for all children in Years 1 – 6 to buy on Tuesday mornings at playtime. Please send your child in with 20p if they wish to buy a homemade cake/biscuit from the school kitchen.

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Water Bottles

All children should bring a water bottle to school filled with water (not squash). This can be re-filled during the day. Squash/juice is only allowed with lunch and can be purchased from the kitchen for 10p per cup (max. of one cup per day).

Music Lessons

These will be held as follows for the children who have signed up for peripatetic lessons: -

- Woodwind (Rachel Maguire) Monday PM
- Brass (Laurie Truluck) Friday AM
- Violin (John Dipper) Thursday AM
- Guitar (Simon Sheffield) Thursday PM

Music lessons are billed directly via the Salisbury Music Co-operative. If you hire a St Andrew’s School instrument, we will be in touch about paying the hire charge of £20 per term (£60 annually).

Class 4 continue to access whole class recorder lessons weekly with Mrs Maguire on Monday afternoons. This is funded by The Friends of St. Andrew’s (FOSA).

Class Cooking

During the school year, all classes will have the opportunity to ‘cook’. This is an important skill and something that the children really enjoy doing. They will be able to bring home their food to share with you. To cover the cost of ingredients we ask for a one-off payment of £3, which can be paid on the App. Thank you to everyone who has already paid.

Attendance

Regular, punctual attendance at school is important for your child’s progress. Please help us by ensuring that your child is in school punctually (school starts at 8.30am).

We would like to remind all parents that the regulations governing term-time holidays do not permit Headteachers to authorise any term-time leave for pupils unless there are “exceptional circumstances”.

Thank you for your support.

Volunteers

We are delighted to welcome volunteers to our school. If you are able to support with reading, cooking, gardening or any other activities then please let us know. All volunteers must have a DBS check prior to starting which can be arranged through the school office.

Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is named (especially sweatshirts) as this helps us to return any stray items. Also, I would like to add a gentle reminder that only stud earrings should be worn school, and while the children are welcome to wear a watch, this should be a simple watch ie not a fitness or smart watch. The school will take no responsibility for lost or damaged items. As part of our Affordable Schools initiative, we agreed that pupils could wear trainers to school, but they should be plain black without coloured logos or soles. Thank you.

PE Kits

All children need to have a PE kit in school every day, including trainers suitable for outdoor activity. PE kits can be brought into school in a bag which can be hung on the children’s pegs. If your child has earrings, they should remove these for PE and sporting activities. If they are unable to do this, then the earrings need to

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be covered with plasters or tape for PE lessons. On Wednesdays, children may have PE lessons with our Sports Coach.

Mobile Phones

If your child **must** bring a mobile phone to school, it **must** be handed into the office first thing in the morning and collected at the end of the day. Children are not allowed phones during the day. Unless it is absolutely necessary, we would discourage children from bringing phones to school in the first place. **The school can accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to phones.**

Changes of Details

Please let us know straight away if you have a change of personal details (especially phone numbers) or if you wish to change any of the contacts that we have for your child/ren. It is also important that we are notified of any changes to medical/dietary information, or any of the consents that we hold for your child/ren. Thank you.

Diary Dates

A calendar of events is available on our school website under Parents – Term Dates.

Sincerely,

Mrs J Fernie
Headteacher

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Diary Dates – St. Andrew’s Primary School

Term 4	
Monday 23 February Thursday 5 March Friday 6 March Thursday 12 March Friday 27 March	First day of term 4 World Book day – The Rocketship Bookshop visiting World Book Day – book themed day Bags 2 School (FOSA) Last day of term 4
Term 5	
Monday 13 April Wednesday 29 April 11-14 May Thursday 21 May Friday 22 May	First day of term 5 Reception visit to Langford Lakes Year 6 SATs week Last day of term 5 TD Day – school is closed to all pupils
Term 6	
Monday 1 June Wednesday 10 June Thursday 11 June Friday 3 July Wednesday 22 July	First day of term 6 Y6 Leavers Service – Salisbury Cathedral Class photos tbc TD Day – school closed to all pupils Last day of term 6 (No After School Club)