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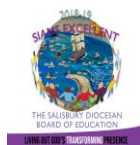


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely summer break.

We have had a positive start to the term. The children have settled well and there is a calm, positive atmosphere in the classrooms. The children are enjoying spending time with their friends and lots of them have been keen to share their experiences from over the summer.

New Starters

We warmly welcome our new children who are joining Year R. This year we welcome Everly, Bernice, Amari-Macy, Georgia, Annabelle, Willow, Penelope, Jaxson, Tomasz, Charlie, Juliette, Bobby, Charlotte, April and Jack.

We also welcome Mason, Morgan, Janet, Jack and Eloise who are joining us from other schools.

We are also pleased to have Miss Dovey (Y1) and Mrs Newman (SENCO) join the St. Andrew's team.

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 £2.60 per day or £13.00 per week (£93.60 up to the October half-term holiday). 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.

Parents to Lunch

Please book on the App for this term's parents to lunch dates:-

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| • Monday 9 September | Year 5/6 parents | 12.30pm |
| • Monday 16 September | Year 4 parents | 12.30pm |
| • Monday 23 September | Year 3 parents | 12.15pm |
| • Monday 30 September | Year 2 parents | 12noon |
| • Monday 7 October | Year 1 parents | 12noon |
| • Monday 14 October | Year R parents | 12noon |

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Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Extra funding is available for school to spend on 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 get additional funding to spend on supporting your child throughout his/her school career, and to pay for additional school expenses such as swimming, trips and music lessons. Pupil premium children are also entitled to free milk, even after their 5th birthdays.

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.

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 years may bring in fruit to eat at breaktime. If children are bringing packed lunches, please do not include sweets and chocolate in their meals. To ensure that our Healthy Eating Policy is inclusive, please do not bring in sweets or cakes to give out on birthdays. Thank you for supporting our Healthy Eating Policy.

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.

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

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 shortly about paying the hire charge of £15 per term (£45 annually).

Classes 3 and 4 will be having whole class recorder lessons weekly with Mrs Maguire on Monday afternoons (there is no charge to parents for these lessons).

Classes 5 and 6 will be taking part in weekly ukulele lessons for the autumn term. Again, there will be no cost to parents.

Class Cooking

During the school year, all classes will have the opportunity to cook in small groups. This is an important skill and something that the children really enjoy doing. They will be able to bring home their products to share with you. To cover the cost of ingredients we ask for a one-off voluntary contribution of £3, which can be paid on our App under the Payments globe.

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School Photographer – Friday 20 September

The school photographer will be visiting on Friday 20 September. All children will have an individual photograph taken. Children with siblings at St Andrew's will also have their photos taken together. If you would like your child's photo taken with siblings who do not attend St Andrew's, you are able to come to school at 8.30am and we will photograph the children together before we start the school photos.

Flu Immunisations – Monday 16 September

The school nursing team will be visiting school on Monday 16 September to carry out the flu nasal spray programme for all year groups. They will be sending us a link for parents to sign up and we will forward this to you as soon as we receive it. We have also been asked to pass on the link below to parents about childhood immunisations so that you can check if your child is up to date with their vaccinations.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

Bikeability for Year 6 pupils – w/c 7 October

We have booked Bikeability courses for our Year 6 pupils and will send out a letter shortly so that parents can book their children onto one of these courses. Bikeability provides invaluable training, which is really important for the children, especially once they move on to secondary school.

Parent/Teacher Meetings – w/c 14 October

We will be holding our Parent/Teacher meetings during the week before half term on Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 October from 3.30 - 6pm. (Some classes will be on Wednesday 16 due to staff work patterns) We will put out signing up sheets prior to these dates and let you know when these are available.

Attendance

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

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) and that children are not taken out of school during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Every child's attendance is monitored each half-term and we will contact the parents of those children whose attendance is below 97%, or otherwise giving cause for concern, so that we can discuss their attendance further.

Our new attendance policy, which incorporates the new requirements is now available on the school website.

Parent Helpers

We are delighted to welcome parent helpers at our school. If you would like to support with reading, cooking or any other activities then please let us know. All helpers must have a DBS check prior to starting to volunteer which can be arranged with the school office.

Primary and Secondary School Applications for September 2025 Admissions

Applications for Primary and Secondary Admissions for September 2023 should be made online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk. **The primary deadline is 15 January 2024 and Year 6**

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parents must submit their secondary school applications by 31 October 2023. There were some parents who missed the deadline last year, despite reminders, which caused a great deal of stress to the families and the children, so please put the date in your calendar/diary.

Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is named (especially sweatshirts).

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. Reminder letters will be sent home to parents whose children come without kit. 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 be covered by a plaster for PE lessons. On Wednesdays, children may have PE lessons **outside** with our Sports Coach, Ed, so in colder weather they may need tracksuit bottoms.

Travel to and from school

We would like to remind all parents that for safety reasons, you should not park or drive along the lane at the side of school before or after school. Parents must not use the staff car park for parking or turning, and under no circumstances should children be allowed to walk across the staff car park.

We are working with the other local schools and the Council to try to promote sustainable journeys and would like to encourage as many families as possible to walk or cycle to school. There are scooter racks and a bike rack in school for our children's use, and you can sign up to the HomeRunApp www.homerun-app.com/stava2930 to try to organise lift shares if you live outside the village.

Please park considerately without parking on double yellow lines, bus stops or blocking driveways, and please take care of pedestrians and cyclists when driving through Laverstock.

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, in line with our E-Safety Policy. The telephone in the school office is always available for children to contact their parents or for you to phone if you need to get a message to your child. 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.

Water Bottles

All children should bring a water bottle to school filled with water (not squash). This can be re-filled from the water cooler during the day. Squash/fruit juice is only allowed with lunch.

Coffee Morning – Thursday 19 September

We would like to invite you for refreshments in the school hall between 9am and 10.30am. This is an opportunity to chat to other parents and school staff. We are also hoping to have pre-loved uniform available.

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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. We have published forms on our school app (click on the 'Forms' globe) so that you can notify us of any changes as soon as they occur. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Please see overleaf. A complete list of Term Dates for 2024/5 is available on our school website under Key Dates – Term Dates. Please note that we have yet to finalise our last Teacher Development Day for this academic year.

Sincerely

Mrs J Fernie

Headteacher

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Diary Dates – St Andrew's Primary School

Monday 9 September	Year 5/6 Parents to lunch
Monday 16 September	Flu immunisations
Monday 16 September	Year 4 Parents to lunch
Thursday 19 September	Coffee morning
Friday 20 September	School Photos (individuals, siblings and teams)
Monday 23 September	Year 3 parents to lunch
Tuesday 24 September	Year R phonics meeting 5.30-6.30pm
Monday 30 September	Year 2 Parents to lunch
Monday 7 October	Year 1 Parents to lunch
Mon 7/Tues 8 October	Bikeability Year 6 Group 1
Wed 9/Thur 10	Bikeability Year 6 Group 2
Thursday 10 October	Year 5 maths meeting 5.30-6.30pm
Friday 11 October	FOSA Quiz night
Monday 14 October	Year R Parents to lunch
Tuesday 15 October	Parent Teacher meetings 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 16 October	Parent Teacher meetings 3.30-6pm
Thursday 17 October	Parent Teacher meetings 3.30-6pm
Tuesday 22 October	Last day of Term 1
Wednesday 23 October	TD Day
Monday 4 November	First Day of Term 2
Friday 20 December	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 6 January	TD Day
Tuesday 7 January	First Day of Term 3
Thursday 13 February	Last Day of Term 3
Friday 14 February	TD Day
Monday 24 February	First Day of Term 4
Friday 4 April	Last Day of Term 4
Tuesday 22 April	First Day of Term 5
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 23 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 2 June	First Day of Term 6
Thursday 24 July	Last Day of Term 6

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