

'Do Everything In LOVE' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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Dear Parents

Well, we are finally in the last full week of term and what a Summer Term it has been.

The school is running smoothly as all of the children and adults have adapted so positively to all of the demands placed upon them. I would like to take the opportunity of thanking publicly ALL of my staff here at school. They have been remarkable, because of their unflinching positive attitude and commitment to our children I have not had to worry or manage staffing issues of any kind during the last 4 months. This has made my job so much easier – a very special group of people! Also to you as parents, who too have been hugely positive, accommodating and grateful for the plans we have had to put in place.

An annual report (slimmed down version) will go out to parents this week for all of those children who have been in school full time since 1st June. Should you wish to speak to your child's teacher about this report please could you contact them either by email or telephone. The rest of the children have the report that we sent home before Easter to reflect this year's progress, albeit only two thirds of the year. Please be assured that we have planned for many 'catch up' sessions at the start of the new term in September and the teachers will assess children towards the end of Term 1 to ensure that 'gaps' are identified can be addressed in a timely way.

I have attached the new Risk Assessment for September and I have highlighted in green the new changes that come into force from September from the original one I sent out in May. Bubbles will now be a normal class size, but we are still having to have routines that keep them as isolated in their bubble as possible. (see Risk Assessment and below for play and lunchtimes). Year 5 & 6 lunch hour in September will now be from 12.15 – 1.15 (eating lunch at 12.45) because of this later lunch they will be allowed to bring in a piece of fruit (no biscuits) for their snack at playtime if they wish.

Risk Assessment Information

This information is contained in the Risk Assessment, but to make it clear to all parents:-

START TIMES

- 8.30am - Yr. 5 & 6
- 8.40am - Year 3 & 4
- 8.50am - Reception & Year 1 & Year 2

(siblings may be dropped off at same time to different entry points)

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FINISH TIMES

- 2.45 pm - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- 2.50 pm - Year 3 & 4
- 3.00 pm - Year 5 & 6

LUNCHTIMES

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 11.45pm - 12.45 pm
- Year 3 & 4 - 12.00pm – 1.00pm (Eat at 12.15pm)
- Year 5 & 6 - 12.15 – 1.15pm (Eat at 12.4pm)

BREAKTIMES

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – 10.00am
- Year 3 & 4 - 10.15am
- Year 5 & 6 - 10.30am

Please ensure that your child brings as little as possible into school in September, as I am not sure as yet if we are able to use our cloakrooms. A small bag containing PE kit, reading book and lunchbox is all they require. Huge rucksack type bags will be difficult to store under tables when there are 2 children to a desk.

I would like to ask ALL parents to try to stick to the start and finish times more strictly in September please, as we will have **three times** as many parents in through the gate than we have currently. If you have a sibling with a different start time you may bring both of them and pick up them together. Our timings may not work as well as they do at the moment and we may have to stagger them with a few more minutes in between but we will see how it goes. I know a few parents are more "relaxed" about social distancing, but for others it has been, and still is, a real concern. So out of respect AND because we must continue to, I would ask that parents continue to adhere stringently to the social distancing of 2m in September, especially at pick up times and they will not be encouraged to stay for a social chat (playground police will be in operation!). Please note: The playground is due for resurfacing over the holidays so the blue lines marking out distances of 2m may not be visible.

In a recent election for Parent Governor Mrs S Sheppard was elected but has since, due to work and family commitments offered her resignation. Governor Services at the Local Authority have agreed that given the circumstances and that the election was very recent, the Governors could appoint the parent who was the next in line. Therefore the new Parent Governor is to be David Lupton, who will take up the post in September.

A reminder that the government is providing additional funding for a Covid Summer Food Fund which will enable children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals to claim vouchers for the six-week holiday period. We have now processed these and eligible parents should have received their voucher.

As I have not been able to do my normal presentation for Year 5 parents about the 11+ process, please find below links to the Grammar School websites for further information:-

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<https://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/key-information-2/11-making-an-application-for-year-7/>

<https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/main-school/admissions-and-11-plus/11-applications/>

We are sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 children especially as we do not have all of them in school to say goodbye to. However, they will all receive their 'goody' bag from us and The Friends of St. Andrew's. The Bridge who have worked with them have also contributed a small token for each of them and St. Andrew's Church have given them a Moving On booklet too. These will be given out on our last day and Miss Hodgson will be delivering the gifts to those children who are not in school at the end of our last day at school (Wednesday 22nd).

As usual please get in touch with me if you have any questions or queries at any time, phone or use my email head@st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk or admin@st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk and Mrs Poynting will forward to me.

Sincerely

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