

# 'Do Everything In LOVE' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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4 November 2020

Dear Parents

## Welcome to Term 2

We welcome Chase to Class 1, Keanan to Class 2, Olivia to Class 4 and Tom to Class 6! We hope that they will be very happy at St Andrew's.

## Miss Curzon

Congratulations to Miss Curzon, who just managed to squeeze in her postponed wedding this week before lockdown. She will now be known as Mrs Curzon-Tapner. We wish her and her husband a long and happy marriage and hopefully they can have a proper celebration when life returns to normal!

## Swimming Lessons

Unfortunately we still have no confirmation as to whether or not we will be able to offer swimming lessons for our Year 3-5 pupils in the New Year. As soon as I have any news, I will let you know.

## Lunches

Universal Free School Meals are available for all Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils daily. Please can 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 Key Stage 2 pupils, hot lunches can be ordered at £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week (£78.20 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 can be made online using SIMS Pay ([www.st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk](http://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.

## 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.

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

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### **Annual Poppy Appeal**

We are supporting the Royal British Legion's annual poppy appeal again this year and each class has been given some poppies and other merchandise to sell to pupils if they wish to donate. Items are being sold for the following suggested donations:-

- Poppies – any donation
- Zip pulls – suggested donation 50p
- Reflectors – suggested donation 50p
- Silicon wristband – suggested donation £1.00
- Snap bands – suggested donation £1.50.

We will be marking Armistice with the children in Collective Worship next week.

### **Christmas Boxes**

We are collecting shoeboxes for the Trussell Trust's Christmas Appeal (children brought home information before half term). The school has supported this very worthwhile cause for many years now and we would love to be able to collect a large number of shoeboxes again this year. We understand that some families may not wish to make up a whole shoebox, so parents are also welcome to donate a small number of items and we will make up some shoeboxes in school. Please return all contributions to school by Monday 9 November.

### **Bikeability Courses for Year 6 pupils – 9/10 November (Group 2)**

The Bikeability Course for Year 6 is still going ahead next week. Please ensure all forms have been returned to school in advance and that children bring a packed lunch both days. Warm clothing suitable for cycling should be worn – there is no need to wear school uniform. The course starts at 8.30am each morning and will be finished by the end of the school day.

### **Zoom Parent/Teacher Meetings – week commencing Monday 9 November**

A reminder that parent/teacher meetings are being held by Zoom next week.

Your child's class teacher will confirm your time and a link will be sent so that you can join the meeting. If you are not able to take part in a Zoom parents evening, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time when she can telephone you.

### **Children in Need Day – Friday 13 November**

Children are invited to come in spotty clothes and/or wacky hair to school for a donation to Children in Need. We will also be selling tuck for 20p at break-time.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11 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 – Wednesday 16 December**

I have decided that Christmas Dinner and Christmas Parties will take place in the classrooms this year, and Father Christmas will be leaving presents at the door! Lunch will be followed by a Christmas Party in the classrooms.

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To help Father Christmas out at this busy time, please could parents bring in a token present (named and wrapped), up to the value of £5, and give it secretly to any member of staff in the playground. Please could presents be in school by Monday 7 December so we don't have to chase?

### **Last Day of Term – Thursday 17 December**

The last day of term will be a Wear What You Like "Sparkle" Day, with donations gratefully received for the Stars Appeal.

### **Zoom Disco – Thursday 17 December**

We are arranging a Zoom Disco to take place in the evening of Thursday 17 December in place of our usual Christmas Disco. Arrangements have yet to be finalised but we will let you know as soon as we have full details.

### **Primary School Applications for September 2020 Admissions**

A reminder that applications for entry to Reception for September 2021 should be made online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). **The deadline is 15 January 2021.**

### **Water Bottles**

Please can you ensure that your child has a full water bottle with them to drink during the school day and over lunchtime. Thank you.

### **Lockdown**

Thank you to parents for your co-operation with the staggered start and finish times. To avoid congestion outside the gates, please could I ask that parents do not hang around on the pavement, especially at the end of the day when it can get very busy.

Please **do not** come into the school building unless there is an exceptional reason to do so. If you need to leave a message, please speak to one of the staff on the playground. Any parents entering school must sanitise their hands and wear a face covering.

From next week, we will also be requesting that wear a face covering when within the school grounds. Only **one** parent should be picking up/dropping off children.

Please can we also remind parents that during lockdown children should not be visiting other children's homes for "playdates" or for tea. I have a duty to report any cases of this to the authorities.

### **Diary Dates**

Please see overleaf. A complete list of Term Dates for 2020/21 is available on our school website under Key Dates – Term Dates. .

Sincerely

**Mrs K J Walker**

Headteacher

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### Diary Dates – St Andrew's Primary School

#### **TERM 2**

Monday 9 November	Deadline for shoebox donations
Monday 9 November	Year 5/6 Zoom Parent Meetings – 5pm – 7.30pm
9/10 November	Year 6 Bikeability – Group 2
Tuesday 10 November	Year R – 3 Drama Workshops
Tuesday 10 November	Year R-4 Zoom Parent Meetings – 5pm – 7.30pm
Weds 11 November	Year 5-6 Zoom Parent Meetings – 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 12 November	Year R-4 Zoom Parent Meetings – 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 13 November	Children in Need Day
Thursday 19 November	Year 4 Stone Age visitor
Friday 11 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11 December	Reports Home
Weds 16 December	Christmas Lunch and Party in Clasrooms
Thursday 17 December	Last Day of Term 2 – “Sparkle Day” (Wear what you like) and Zoom Disco – details to be confirmed

#### **TERM 3**

Monday 4 January	First Day of Term 3
Friday 12 February	Last Day of Term 3

#### **TERM 4**

Monday 22 February	First Day of Term 4
Thursday 1 April	Last Day of Term 4

#### **TERM 5**

Monday 19 April	First Day of Term 5
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 27 May	Last Day of Term 5

#### **TERM 6**

Monday 7 June	First Day of Term 6
Thursday 22 July	Last Day of Term 6