

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



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4 September 2020

Dear Parents

I hope you received yesterday's letter. I am now able to give you some further information about this term, along with some dates, which are a little bit sparse this year, for obvious reasons.

## Swimming Lessons

We are hoping that lessons will be able to re-commence in the New Year for Years 3-5 but will let you have details when we have more information about this.

## 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 baking 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 SIMS Pay (Year R parents will get login details once your children have started with us).

After school clubs currently will not run because of "cross-bubble contamination". However, given my issue with out of school service providers, I am hoping that shortly we can resume these clubs too, because we know how important they are for the children. I am working on it!

## Harvest Festival

Currently there are no plans to host a Harvest Festival celebration in school this year for children or parents. Teachers will spend the time that we usually allot to practising for their performances to ensuring that our children have a sound grasp of the learning that would have been covered in the summer term. We will still do a collection of produce for the Trussell Trust during the week commencing 28 September and our focus for Collective Worship that week will be on Harvest.

## Year R Phonics and Maths Information Sessions

Mrs Usherwood is planning to hold information sessions for Year R parents on the Phonics and Maths Curriculum. She will hold two sessions for each subject and due to the current restrictions, these are limited to 15 parents for each session (only one parent from each family please). The meetings will be held in the School Hall to enable distancing:-

### Phonics – Tuesday 22 September

Session 1 is 4pm – 4.45pm

Session 2 is 5.30pm – 6.15pm

### Maths – Tuesday 29 September

Session 1 is 4pm – 4.45pm

Session 2 is 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Please could you e-mail the School Office ([admin@st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk)) to book a slot, confirming which session you would like to attend - first-come, first-served.

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### Parents Evening – Autumn Term

Currently we are planning to hold Zoom meetings for parents after October half term. More information will be sent to you in Term 2.

### Bikeability Courses for Year 6 pupils – 14/15 October and 9/10 November

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 go on to secondary school.

### Christmas Boxes

We are hoping to do our annual shoebox appeal for the Trussell Trust but are waiting for confirmation that they will be able to distribute the boxes this year. We will let parents know when we have further information.

### Christmas

We have sadly had to cancel the City Hall Concert as there were no plans for re-opening before the end of November at the earliest (and we believe it will not be open until into 2021).

It is highly unlikely that we will be allowed an audience for our usual performances in school and currently we cannot have more than 15 children singing together. If the guidelines change before half term then we will review this decision. This is a real shame for all of the children but especially for our new Reception as their first Nativity is always a special moment for them.

**We do intend** to make sure Christmas does not pass us by. So, at the moment I have decided that Christmas Dinner and Christmas Parties will take place in the classrooms, and Father Christmas will be leaving presents at the door! There might also be a way around having a Disco.

### Mathletics and Spelling Shed

These online activities will still continue and will be set by the teachers and will run as usual as part of the childrens' homework. Just a reminder that we are on track for our Million Page Reading Challenge which will be updated very shortly. Thank you for your continued support.

### Osmington Bay Trip – 21-25 June 2021

We will write to Year 5 and 6 parents next week about this. We are still awaiting further guidance as to whether we can make a firm booking at the moment.

### Medical

The school nursing team are not currently able to do their normal health checks in school. We have been asked to remind parents that they should get an annual optician check if concerned about their child's vision and visit the GP if they have any concerns about their child's hearing.

The school nursing team will be visiting school on Thursday 10 December for flu vaccinations. All Year Groups are eligible this year, **but parents need to sign their children up for this**. Please see instructions at the end of this letter. Rest assured that the nurse coming into school will be in full PPE.

We all understand the 3 symptoms of Coronavirus. However, recent research suggests that there are many other symptoms that are being displayed in children with Covid, including headache, vomiting, diarrhoea and tummy upsets. So I would ask you to be extremely vigilant with children who are unwell. In the past, you may have sent children into school with a mild sickness and I would ask that for at least this Autumn Term, any children displaying any symptoms of illness are kept at home initially. I am sure there will be more guidance from the Government regarding these symptoms in the coming weeks as we approach the season of coughs and colds.

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### Attendance

I 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 as defined to us by the Education Welfare Officers as “unusual; not typical; forming an exception or rare instance; unusual; extraordinary”.

Absences during a 6 month period which equal or exceed 10 half-day sessions may be subject to a Penalty Notice, so if you take your child out of school for a whole week then I will have to notify the Education Welfare Officers to this effect, as a week (Monday – Friday) equates to 10 school sessions.

Regular, punctual attendance at school is really important for your child’s progress. Please can you help us by ensuring that your child is in school punctually (by 8.40am to line up in the playground) and that children are not taken out of school during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. I monitor every child’s attendance each half-term and will contact the parents of those children whose attendance is below 90%, or otherwise giving cause for concern, so that we can discuss their attendance further.

I thank you for your continued support regarding the start and end of the school day. The system seems to be working quite well and the “queue” flows quite nicely. We start next week with 3 Year groups for Breakfast Club and I am hoping that within a short time we will be able to extend this to other Year Groups. In the meantime, please get in touch if you have an urgent issue and we will try to be as accommodating as we can.

### Parent Helpers

At present we are having to reduce the number of people who children and staff come into contact with, and therefore we will not be making our annual request for helpers. I know there a quite a few of you who are desperate to come in and the situation will be reviewed again in a few weeks so please be patient – we desperately want you back too!

### Primary and Secondary School Applications for September 2021 Admissions

Applications for Primary and Secondary Admissions for September 2021 should be made online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). **The primary deadline is 15 January 2021 and Year 6 parents must submit their secondary school applications by 31 October 2020.** Prospective parents for entry into Reception in September 2021 will still be able to view the school but it will have to be after 3.15pm when the site is clear and we will be asking all visitors to wear masks.

### Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is named (especially sweatshirts). This is especially important for this year with the current restrictions. Please could children wear school shoes rather than trainers.

### PE Kits

All children need to have 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 their pegs. Reminder letters will be sent home to parents whose children come without kit. If your child has ear-rings, they should remove these for PE and sporting activities. If they are unable to do this, then the ear-rings need to be covered by a plaster for PE lessons.

On Wednesdays, Years 2-6 will have PE lessons **outside** with our Sports Coach, Ed. As we have a tightened timetable for these lessons, with a rota for playtimes and the associated handwashing, we have decided that Year 2 and 3 should come to school on a **Wednesday** wearing their PE kit to allow full PE lessons for the younger children. Please ensure they also bring their PE kits on the other days too.

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### **Parking**

We would like to remind all parents that you should not park or drive along the lane at the side of school before or after school. For this reason, we now have a barrier put across the bottom of the lane at the start and end of the school day to protect our pupils (please do not park in front of the barrier either!). Parents must not use the staff car park for parking and turning, and under no circumstances should children be allowed to walk across the staff car park. If you are parking along Church Road, please park considerately as we often have complaints from local residents about parents parking on double yellow lines and blocking driveways. The safety of our children should be paramount for **all** parents.

### **Mobile Phones**

If your child **must** bring a mobile phone to school, it **must** be handed into their class teacher 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.

### **Communication**

**If you are still receiving a paper copy of this letter, please consider receiving school correspondence by email instead.** This method of communication is more reliable than putting letters in bookbags which tend to get lost en route, or mislaid at home. Those parents who receive paper copies will receive one copy only (via their eldest child). To request email instead, please contact [admin@st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk) with your email address. A copy of all letters is also published on the website under About Us – Newsletters, and a paper copy is available from the “Parent Letters” folder outside the Office.

### **“OurSchools” App**

If you have not already done so, why not download our free school app onto your phone to receive updates of school dates and other news? Go to the App Store or Googleplay, and search for “ourschoolsapp”. Once the app is downloaded, search for our school (postcode SP1 1QX) to complete the set up. If you feel you are receiving too much information, you can adjust the details that you receive by changing the app’s Notifications. **Please see the attached flyer giving information on how to access both the school app and the school website.**

### **Water Bottles**

All children should bring a water bottle to school filled with water (not squash). This can be re-filled from the jugs of water provided in each classroom during the day. Squash/fruit juice is only allowed to be drunk with lunch. The childrens’ water fountain has had to be put out of use for the moment.

### **Sports Tournaments**

You will see from the calendar of dates that there are no sporting events planned for this term as Wyvern St Edmund’s cannot organise inter-school tournaments. However, children will be having more PE, weather permitting, within school lessons.

### **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 1**

Monday 7 September	Term 1 starts for Year R (8.50am – 11.45am)
8&9 September	Year R in – 8.50am – 11.45am
10 September	Viking visit Class 5
10, 11 & 14 September	Year R in – 8.50am – 12.45pm
15 & 16 September	Year R in – 8.50am – 2pm
Thursday 17 September	First full day for Year R (8.50am – 2.45pm)
Tuesday 22 September	School Photographs (individual and sibling photos)
Tuesday 22 September	Year R Phonics Info Sessions for parents (4pm or 5.30pm)
Monday 28 September	Harvest donations being collected this week
Tuesday 29 September	Year R Maths Info Sessions for parents (4pm or 5.30pm)
14/15 October	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
Tuesday 20 October	Last Day of Term 1

### **TERM 2**

Monday 2 November	First Day of Term 2
9/10 November	Year 6 Bikeability Group 2
Tuesday 10 November	Year R – 3: Drama Workshops
Thursday 10 December	Am: Flu immunisations all year groups
Weds 16 December	Christmas Lunch and Party (in classrooms)
Thursday 17 December	Last Day of Term 2 – wear what you like day
Thursday 17 December	5.30pm- 7.30pm: Virtual School Disco ?

### **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
Tuesday 15 June	Class/Group Photographs and Whole School Photograph
Thursday 22 July	Last Day of Term 6

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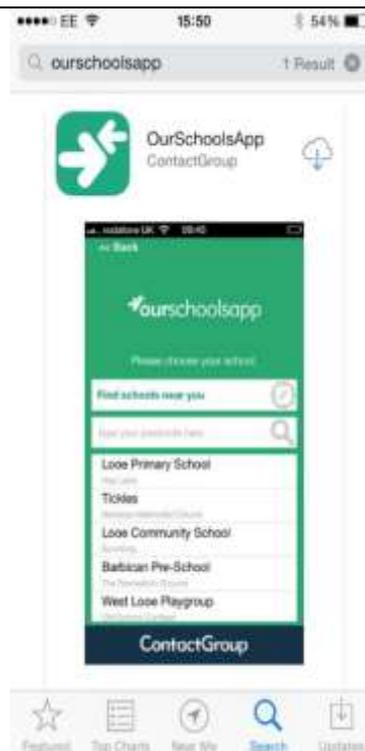


## 'Our Schools App' for St Andrew's Primary School

We would like to invite all parents and carers to download Our App. This will notify you of school events, news items and whenever we upload information to our website. It also contains useful information about school, including our key policies, and links to some of our website pages.

### Instructions for download:

1. Using your device (iPad, iPhone, smart pad, tablet or android phone), visit the relevant marketplace for your product (Apple Store or Google Play).
2. Search for 'OurSchoolsApp' and download the app.
3. Once downloaded, use the search bar within the app and enter the postcode or the name of the school.
4. Hit the search button.
5. Once you see the school name displayed, just touch the screen on the school name.
6. Confirm your choice by pressing 'OK'.
7. You will now be presented with the correct app for your chosen school which contains news, information, calendar events, contacts and any other relevant details.
8. If you wish to change the type and number of notifications that you receive from school, go to the Settings section of the app to customise this for your use.



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## **St Andrew’s School Website :** **[www.st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk)**

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**FLU VACCINATIONS – AUTUMN 2020  
MESSAGE FROM VIRGIN CARE SCHOOL NURSING TEAM**

**DATE FOR IMMUNISATIONS AT ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
IS THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 and they are therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/wilts>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082      Email: [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)

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