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Message from the Headteacher...

Welcome back to school! I trust you had an enjoyable summer break.

A very warm welcome to the parents of new children to the school in Year 3. I hope that you will find the next four years at St Andrew's to be a positive and purposeful experience for both you and your children. The partnership between home and school is a key factor in the educational achievement of your/our children.

If you have concerns please make an appointment via the school office to see your child's teacher. Appointments are available for all parents, not just Year 3! Mrs Pettifer, our SENCo, is available for appointments on Mondays. As Headteacher, I am also available if you have any concerns, questions or comments. Details of the more formal parents' evenings in October will follow in due course. Enjoy the term!

Our School is a NUT-FREE ZONE

In order to safeguard all the children in our school who suffer from Nut Allergies, of whom there are now several, we are advising you that our school is a 'Nut Free' zone. Our kitchen has operated a 'Nut free' policy for some years, and in line with that, our entire school must also now be nut free. As a result, we ask you to ensure that no peanut butter, nuts, nut products or nut bars should be given to children for their morning snacks or in their packed lunches. We know you will understand that this rule must apply around the whole school for the safety of our pupils and we thank you in anticipation of your support and co-operation with this.

Dates for your diary

September

- 11 Photographer – individual and sibling photos
- 18 Governing Body AGM, 7pm
- 19 "Meet the Teacher!" Parents' meetings, 3.30pm and 4.00pm
- 20 Y3 trip to Chelmsford Theatre: Gruffalo
- 27 Year 6 Parents Meeting, 7.00pm
- 28 Year 6 Secondary Taster Day, Maltings.

October

- 2 Year 6 visit to Duxford IWM
- 4 Year 5 visit to Colchester Castle
- 11 Year 4 visit to the Victorian Experience at Colne Valley Railway
- Year 3 Ancient Greece Day
- 17 Parent/Teacher consultations, 3.30-6.00pm
- 19 Parent/Teacher consultations, 5.30-8.30pm
- 23-27 October Half-term

November

- 2 Joint Open Day with Infants (No. 1)
- 6 Flu immunisations
- 15 'History Off the Page' Year 5
- 23 Joint Open Day with Infants (No. 2)

December

- 7 JSA Christmas Bazaar
- 8 Whole School trip to the Pantomime 'Snow White' at the Mercury, Colchester
- 12, 13 Year 3/4 Christmas Production, 6.30pm at the church (admission limited to 2 guests per family, per night)
- 18 Christmas Carol Service, 10.00am
- 20 Last day of Term

January 2018

- 2 Non-Pupil Staff Training day
- 3 Children return to school



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Staff News

We welcome Miss Tindall to the teaching team as teacher for Base 1 and Mrs Draper as our new Office Manager. We trust they will settle quickly as they get to know the children, staff and parents at St Andrew's.

We welcome Mrs Arnold and Mrs Pettifer back from Maternity Leave. Mrs Arnold is sharing the teaching in Base 4 with Mrs Smith, and Mrs Pettifer has returned to her role as SENCO. Mrs Black, our Deputy Head who has covered the SENCO role is now teaching Base 7.

Healthy snacks at break time

Children may bring a snack to eat at morning playtime. Children are allowed to eat fruit and/or vegetable snacks only. For example, an apple, banana, a peeled orange or satsuma, a small tub of grapes, raw carrot etc. Dried Fruit is also acceptable; raisins, sultanas, dates, etc. Crisps, biscuits, cheese, cereal bars and chocolate are **not** to be eaten at break time, although children may still have these at lunchtime as part of their packed lunch.

Children are not allowed to bring sweets to school.



Pupil Data Forms

A sheet outlining the electronic data we hold for your child is coming home soon. Please check it thoroughly and add any information that may be missing or has changed. Year 3 parents, please ensure you check dietary and medical information and add it if necessary. Many thanks for your assistance.

Autumn Term (School-led) Clubs

Monday:

3.15-4.15	Art	Miss Delf
3.15-4.15	Running	Miss Hall

Wednesday:

3.15-4.15	Football (Yr 4,5,6)	Mr James
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Thursday:

3.15-4.15	High 5	Mrs McQueen Miss Brennand
3.15-4.15	Gardening	Mr Ferguson

Lunchtime on a day to be arranged:

12.30-12.55	Choir	Mrs Black
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Clubs start week beginning 18th September.

They will run from the 18th for 4 weeks before half term as there will be no Clubs during the week beginning 16th October due to Parents' Evenings. Clubs will resume immediately after half-term from the 30th October for 5 weeks finishing at the end of November. There will be no Clubs during December due to the many Christmas activities. Please make a note of these dates in diaries now!

Once children join a club we expect them to attend every week and ask you to inform us if they cannot attend. If a Club has to be cancelled we will do our best to notify the children in advance, e.g. in assembly or calling a short meeting and we will also contact you via Parentmail. We will text or phone for a same-day cancellation (e.g. if a Club is being cancelled due to a sudden change in weather)

If by all these means it has not been possible for us to contact you for same day cancellations, we will look after the children at school until the time the club should have finished. Children are not allowed to attend a different Club if their regular Club is cancelled.

We often find Clubs are oversubscribed and in such cases the teachers will explain to the children how they will manage this, for example by letting half the children attend for a few weeks and then swapping over; or drawing names out of a hat; or on a first-come, first-served basis.

PG films in school



From time to time teachers show clips from well known films as part of a lesson or as an end of the week treat for Golden Time or during a wet play time. The majority of what we show is rated U but a few films have a PG label, for example, "Matilda", "Open Season", "Toy Story", "Paddington" and "The Snowman". The British Board of Film Classification defines PG as follows; "PG stands for Parental Guidance. This means a film is suitable for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for younger children. A PG film should not disturb a child aged around eight or older. Parents should consider whether the content might upset younger or more sensitive children."

We hope that parents will trust the judgment of the teachers on the few occasions when PG films are shown. However, if you would rather your children didn't watch PG films in school, or would like to know when they will be watching such films so that you can make your own decision, then please write a brief letter to your child's teacher.

School meals costs

Please send in money in a sealed envelope with your child's name, the amount enclosed, and ideally the days on which they are having meals.

Meals cost £2.15 per day, £10.75 for the week or £70.95 up to October half-term.

Year 6 Parents' Meeting

We shall be holding a secondary school transfer meeting in the school hall on **Wednesday 27th September** at 7.00pm where we shall provide details of the procedures that need to be followed for choosing an appropriate secondary school for your child. This will also be an opportunity to hear about other things that are of particular relevance to Year 6, including SATs tests and the trip to the Lake District. Children may attend.

Year 5 Parents

Feedback in the past has suggested that Year 5 parents would value an early opportunity to hear about the secondary transfer process. To this end, Year 5 parents are very welcome to attend the first part of Year 6 meeting to hear about this year's secondary transition.

School Term Dates 2017/18

These are available to download on our website

www.hatfieldpeverelstandrews.uk.org.
Paper copies are available from the office.

Home-School-Pupil Agreement

Please look out for the letter coming home in the next few days with our Home-School-Pupil Agreement.

Dates into 2018

Feb 12-16	Half Term holiday
Feb 27	Parents' evening, 3.30-6.00pm
Mar 1	Parents' evening, 5.30-8.30pm
May 14-18	Year 6 SATs
May 21-25	Year 6 Lake District trip
June 22	Sports Day (morning)
June 29	Reserve Sports Day
July 18	Open Evening, 6-8.00pm

Parent volunteers



Teachers are always looking for volunteers to help with classroom activities or trips and special events. Please let your child's teacher know if you are willing to volunteer.

Mrs Pettifer (our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) is also looking for volunteers to listen to individual readers across the school, especially first thing in the morning. We are all aware of the importance of reading and there is no substitute for regular practice. Giving children the opportunity to read aloud to an adult and then being able to discuss unknown words or where the story might be leading is invaluable.

If you are able to help please contact the School Office to let us know what days/times you may be able to offer to us.

New Year Group Parents' Meetings "Meet the Teacher!" Tuesday 19th September 3.30 and 4.00pm



Children are most successful when parents and teachers work together in partnership. Each year group will be holding parents meetings after school on Tuesday 19th September to discuss in more detail the work for the coming term. This will be an opportunity for you to hear about aspects of the curriculum, classroom routines, timetables, the expectations the teachers have and important dates. These meetings are not intended as a focus for specific concerns from parents about their own children but rather as a general introduction to the new school year in your child's class with their new teacher. As some of you have children in more than one class, we will do two sessions – one at 3.30 pm and the next at 4.00 pm. We will provide supervision of your children on the school playground whilst you are in the meetings (or in the hall if it is raining!).



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