

St Andrew's RC Primary

Newsletter 5

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Welcome back and on behalf of the staff a very Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoyed Christmas and had the chance to relax and have a break. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for the many cards and gifts you gave us at Christmas. This is of course not necessary but is very much appreciated. Thank you also for your support of the Nativity and Carol Concert and Christmas Fair. The Parent council will be pursuing a donation from Persimmons to compensate for loss of takings due to the power cut. Thanks again to all those involved in organising the Fair.

We are delighted to expand our Nursery hours to offer full time spaces for all some of our learners. There are a few tired faces by 3pm but what a gossip they all enjoy at lunchtime!! Our Nursery is now full but I am in discussion with the Early Years Team re: our numbers and any further expansion plans.

We have a Parent Council meeting at 6.30pm on Thursday evening. Our agenda includes a discussion on the current parking situation – thank you for the many comments and e-mails of support for the closure of the gates in the morning and afternoon. Please do contact the school if this causes difficulty for anyone with a disability who requires access into the school grounds.

Liz Laird - Headteacher

PARENT PAY – PLEASE ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT FOR PAYING FOR SCHOOL MEALS AND MILK

CYBER SAFETY – we know that a number of our children received new electronic devices for Christmas. Please do not send these in to the school as the children cannot access the school wi fi on them and the school will not be liable for any loss or damage.

A reminder too, that all mobile phones need to be handed in to the teacher in the morning. They should not be switched on in the playground and certainly not be used to photograph or video other children. We have a number of children who, for a variety of reasons are not permitted to have their pictures on social media. If your child is doing this their phone will be confiscated until you can come to school to collect it.

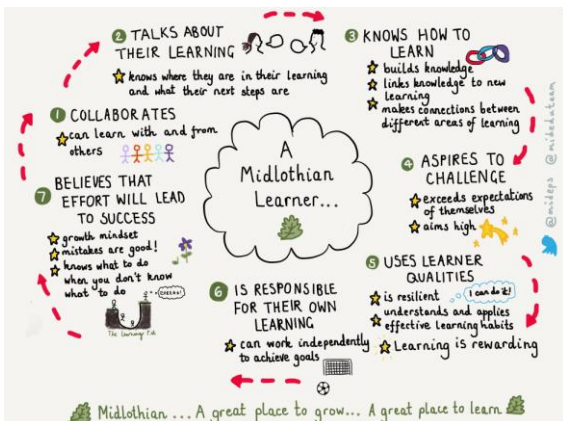
We have experienced a spike in the number of complaints from children experiencing bullying/inappropriate messaging on a range of social media platforms – please supervise your child's access to sites and apps.

We have also had a number of children reporting that they have been watching over 18 films or are playing over 18 games on gaming devices – these are not appropriate and can contain scenes of very explicit violence and sexual violence which the children are finding difficult to process. Please check this out too.

Congratulations to our P7 pupils who represented the school last week at the indoor athletics competition. Again they were a credit to you and the school. Well done.

We have an increasing number of children without their PE kit in school – please ensure your child has this and gets changed for PE especially in the upper school where good personal hygiene is especially important!!

REMINDER We have a number of children with food allergies in school including nuts. Please do not send in packed lunches or snacks containing nut products – common culprits are Nutella chocolate spread and Kinder Bueno Bars!! A small, healthy snack for playtime please.



This term every class is working on a Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM) project and we aim to have every class participate in an educational visit to support this area of learning. Each class has £300 to support a school trip from the Participatory Budgeting Grant we were awarded last year. If you can help out with trips please let the school office know. Thank you to our core of parent volunteers who have helped so far this year.

HEAD LICE

As you know this is a recurring problem in schools, especially after a holiday period. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis. Prevention is better than cure, so please tie back long hair for school. If your child does have head lice the whole family need to complete a course of treatment – this includes follow up treatment a week later to ensure that all eggs have been killed and any new lice are killed too. We have a number of recurring cases in school – your support and cooperation is essential to prevent head lice spreading throughout the class.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY 24TH JANUARY	PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 6.30PM
THURSDAY 31 ST JANUARY	MEETING FOR PARENTS P5/6/7 – SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION – KEEPING MYSELF SAFE 7.00PM PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT ST ANDREW'S RCPS FOR ST MARY'S & ST ANDREWS PARENTS
MONDAY 11 TH – FRI 15 TH	SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS – FEB HOLIDAY
25 TH FEB – 8 TH MARCH	FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT
FRIDAY 1 ST MARCH	P7 FRANCOPHONE EVENT AT ST DAVID'S
Monday 4 th MARCH	BOOK FAIR ARRIVES
TUESDAY 5 TH MARCH	SHROVE TUESDAY PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 5.30-8.30PM
WEDNESDAY 6 TH MARCH	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 9.30am IN SCHOOL PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 3.45-5.45PM
THURSDAY 14 TH MARCH	PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 6.30PM
FRIDAY 15 TH MARCH	COMIC RELIEF
THURSDAY 21 ST MARCH	MEETING FOR PARENTS RE: P7 SCHOOL CAMP 7PM MEETING FOR ALL SCHOOLS HELD AT ST ANDREW'S
TUESDAY 26 TH MARCH	HOCKEY FESTIVAL P7
THURSDAY 28 TH MARCH	P7 LITERACY EVENT AT ST DAVID'S HS
THURSDAY 4 TH APRIL	P5 CLUBGOLF EVENT
FRIDAY 5 TH APRIL	EASTER ASSEMBLY 9AM – ALL WELCOME END OF TERM
EASTER HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 8TH APRIL – MONDAY 22ND APRIL ALL PUPILS RESUME ON TUESDAY 23rd APRIL	