

Thursday 18th October 2018

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends of St Andrew's

Half Term

School will close for half term tomorrow at 3.30pm and will re-open at 8.55am on **Tuesday 30th October 2018** as Monday is a staff training day.
Have a great break!

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents, carers and relatives who attended Parents' Evening. If you were unable to attend or parents require separate meetings with the class teacher please get in touch.

**This Term's Diary Dates.....**

Thursday 18 th October 2018	IPLCN KS1 Football at Soccer Factory
Friday 19th October 2018	School finishes for half term at 3.30pm
HALF TERM	
Monday 29th October 2018	Staff Training day
Tuesday 30th October 2018	Children start school at 8.55am
Thursday 1 st November 2018	St Andrew's CE Primary & Nursery Open Day
Tuesday 6 th November 2018	Year 2 trip to Chester Zoo
Tuesday 6 th November 2018	IPLCN Archery Festival at Greenbank
Tuesday 6 th November 2018	Reception parents phonic workshop
Wednesday 7 th November 2018	IPLCN Student Council day at Ashfield Valley
Thursday 8 th November 2018	Parents' Focus Group at 6pm
Thursday 8 th November 2018	St Andrew's Governing Board meeting
Friday 9 th November 2018	Individual school photographs

Parents' Focus Group

On Tuesday 2nd October Mr Alletson and Miss Smith held the first 'Parents' Focus Group' of this academic year. *Please note all your contributions on the return slips were included at the meeting.*

They discussed

- The times of meetings so a meeting will be held at 3.45pm in the first half term and 6pm in the second to accommodate all parents
- Parents felt break time snacks should be fruit only
- Physical Education was discussed, with school looking to resume specialist provision once all building work is completed.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th November 2018 at 6pm in the school hall. Please pass on agenda items to Mr Alletson or Miss Smith, or via the office email office@standrewce.rochdale.sch.uk

**Macbeth**

Year 6 classes worked with the children at Smithy Bridge Primary last week on Macbeth. Part of the work on William Shakespeare has included a drama workshop with the Young Shakespeare Company the children have thoroughly enjoyed this work and enjoyed acting out the play.

Packed Lunches

After half-term we are going to encourage all children on packed lunches to bring home what they haven't eaten. This is due to the amount of items being thrown away from children's lunch boxes. You will then be aware of what they have eaten

OPEN DAY

Our annual **Open Day** will take place on Thursday 1st November from 9.15-11.15am and 1.30-3.15pm. The children really enjoy the opportunity of welcoming visitors to school and we hope to see as many parents, friends and relatives as possible.

Manchester Museum

Year 3 classes visited Manchester Museum on Thursday 28th September. They viewed the exhibits, asked lots of questions and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

**Reception Reading Workshop**

At the Reception Parents' Reading Meeting, parents received a book for their child. The class teachers talked about how the children can be supported in the early stages of reading. Also Mrs Bradley explained she is running a 5 week phonics workshop every Tuesday afternoon for parents-see the letter for more details or contact the school office.

Harvest Festival

We celebrated Harvest Festival on Tuesday 25th September. Rev. Rachel and Year 6 led a Harvest Festival in church for Years 2 to 6 and the other children celebrated in school. We thank everyone for the generous contributions of food for Rochdale Foodbank. They were very grateful for your very kind donations. **A big**

thank you!



Regards *Mrs J Rainford and all St Andrew's staff*