

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends of St Andrew's

**WELCOME**

*A warm welcome back to all our children and parents at St Andrew's and especially to our new reception and nursery families.*

*All the children have settled well and I am particularly impressed with the beginning of the school year.*

**Attendance**

Please support us in reaching our attendance targets by ensuring your child arrives at school on time and only keeping your child at home if they are genuinely unfit for school.

School follows government guidelines regarding attendance. We do ask that if your child is genuinely ill, or absent for any reason that you contact school by 10.00 am on the first day of absence or we have to contact you.

Please complete the leave of absence form when requesting time off school.

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

Tuesday 25th September 2018	Harvest Festival 
Wednesday 26th September 2018	Languages Day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Year 3 visit Manchester Museum
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Governing Board Meeting
Monday 1st October 2018	Nursery stay & play sessions
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018	Parents' Focus Group Meeting at 3.45pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018	Reception Parents' Reading Meeting at 2.45pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018	Y6 Macbeth with Smithy Bridge Primary School
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018	IPLCN UKS2 Netball at Marland Primary School
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Parents' Evening 4-6pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Parents' Evening 4-6pm 
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Nasal Flu immunisation
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	UKS2 Online Use and Exploitation Workshop
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	'We are one' premiers at the Odeon Rochdale
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Spelling Bee at Kentmere Academy
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	IPLCN KS1 Football at Soccer Factory
<b>Friday 19th October 2018</b>	<b>School finishes for half term at 3.30pm</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	<b>Staff Training day</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	<b>Children start school at 8.55am</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2018	St Andrew's CE Primary & Nursery Open Day

**Parents' Evening**

As last year we intend to give the children time to settle down and become accustomed to new routines before holding the Autumn Term Parents' Evening. This initial meeting, which will take place before half term, will give you the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and discuss your child's progress and expectations for the coming year. Subsequent meetings, later in the year, will give you the opportunity to see some of your child's work. As always, we will contact parents on an individual basis should we feel it necessary? Parents are always welcome to make an appointment to see either myself or any other member of staff if they have a concern. Alternatively, issues can be raised with Parent Governors.

**Building Work**

The building work is progressing and I'm sure you'll agree it's looking good. We appreciate your patience during the completion phase.

**Dogs**

To keep all our children safe please be aware that **dogs are not allowed** on the school site.

**Parents' Focus Group**

On Tuesday 2nd October at 3.45pm Mr Alletson and Miss Smith will be holding the first 'Parents' Focus Group' meeting of this academic year. If you'd like to come along with any ideas or questions we'd love to hear from you!

**Secondary School Applications**

As you may be aware, the **secondary school application** process for 2019 is open now and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. The **primary school application** process will open by 1<sup>st</sup> October and close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

You can use a PC, smartphone or tablet and the system is open 24 hours a day seven days a week for your convenience. You can make changes to the application until the deadline and also track the application progress, meaning there's no need to wait for the letter to drop through the letterbox. Also the following link may be useful for siblings and current Year 6 children <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/Pages/default.aspx>



Regards Mrs J Rainford and all St Andrew's staff

