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22/9/17

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Scholastic book fair**

The Scholastic book fair will be in school from tonight, Friday 22nd September until Wednesday 27th September and will be open between 3:00-3:30pm. This is an ideal opportunity to purchase early Christmas presents or to simply share a love of reading with your child. Please support our school fund by purchasing books for family and friends.

**Safety issues**

**Bikes/scooters**

I would like to ask parents and carers to be ensure their children are being considerate when

coming onto and leaving school grounds. We have had a number of children who are riding bikes and scooters into school grounds and this is not acceptable. Children must dismount and walk their bikes/scooters into school and store them safely in the shed. We have had a number of our younger children who have been bumped into or knocked over as result of other children being careless in their actions. Staff will be monitoring children who bring bikes/scooters into school and if children are repeatedly riding these on school grounds they will be stopped from being them in future. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Walkway**

I am sure many of you already recognise the bottleneck that happens every time you bring your children to school. This has resulted in frustration as people try to pass each other and also in children being squashed, tripped or hurt as such a volume of people pass through. We therefore propose to open the black gates that lead from the side road into the school. Hopefully, this will allow people to move more freely around the space. I MUST POINT OUT HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY AND THEREFORE IS USED BY TRAFFIC. It remains your responsibility to supervise your children whilst using this space and the school takes no responsibility for those using this access point. The current route into school will remain open as the ‘safe and advisable route’ but I appreciate that at points it does become narrow.

**Mobile Phones**

I would also like to remind parents that mobile phones should not be brought into school. Children should not need these during the school day. Any technology that is required will be provided by the school and bringing phones into school leaves children vulnerable to internet misuse. Whilst we teach esafety to all of our children we are not able to monitor children’s phones and cannot place them or staff at risk. If children need a phone in an exceptional circumstance please arrange this with the class teacher. All phones will be removed from children and stored until the end of the day.

**Sealed Bids**

I am so pleased to say that the sale we had has been extremely successful and winners are being notified by telephone. I will not reveal the winners in case anyone has purchased them as gifts. I hope you all enjoy your new items!

**Harvest**

Please remember we are currently accepting donations for our Harvest Festival.

As always please contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours Sincerely

Miss J Nugent

****Key Dates for Academic Year 2017-18

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| Date | Time | | Event |
| Tuesday 12th – Tuesday 19th September 2017 | 3.00 – 3.30 | | School Book Fair & Art Auction |
| Wednesday 13th September | 3.45 – 5.00 | | Year 5 & 6 Cross Country tournament |
| Monday 18th September | 9.30 – 2.30 | | Year 6 Transition Day at Whitworth Park School |
| Tuesday 19th September | 4.30 – 5.00 | | Year 6 Parents’ Meeting – Ski Trip |
| Friday 22nd – Wednesday 27th September | 8.30 – 9.00  3.00 – 3.30 | | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Tuesday 26th September | 9.00 – 12.00 | | Year 2 Trip to Botanic Gardens TBC |
| Friday 29th September | 1.30 | | Harvest Festival at St. Andrew’s |
| Monday 2nd October | 9.00 – 3.00 | | Year 6 Trip to Nissan |
| Tuesday 3rd October | 3.45 – 5.00 | | Year 5 & 6 Football League begins |
| Friday 13th October | 9.00 – 12.00 | | Year 3 & 4 Multiskills Tournament |
| Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th October | 3.00 – 6.00 | | Parents’ Evening |
| Tuesday 17th October | 9.30 – 2.30 | | Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Tournament |
| Thursday 19th October | 3.30 – 4.45  5.00 – 6.15 | | NO LONGER THE HALOWEEN DISCO!! |
| Thursday 19th October | 5.45 | | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| Friday 20th October | ALL DAY | | CPD Day – School Closed  Holiday Club Available |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 31st October | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens  **EYFS & KS1 Halloween Disco**  **KS2 Halloween Disco** |
| Wednesday 1st November | | 5.00 | Open Evening for Prospective Reception Parents |
| Tuesday 7th November | | 12.00 - 3.00 | Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition |
| Wednesday 8th November | | 3.45 – 5.00 | Year 5 & 6 Netball League begins |
| Friday 17th November | | ALL DAY | Children In Need |
| Monday 24th November | | 9.30 - 12.00 | Year 2 Multiskills Tournament |
| Monday 27th November | | 4.00 | Full Governing Body Meeting |
| Friday 1st December | | 3.00 – 5.30 | Christmas Fayre |
| Monday 4th December | |  | Nativity Tickets On Sale |
| Friday 8th December | | 9.00 - 12.00 | Year 5 & 6 Boccia Tournament |
| Wednesday 13th December | | 9.30  2.00 | EYFS & KS1 Christmas Nativity  KS2 Christmas Nativity |
| Thursday 14th December | | 9.30  2.00 | KS2 Christmas Nativity  EYFS & KS1 Christmas Nativity |
| Tuesday 19th December | | 1.00 – 3.00 | EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties |
| Wednesday 20th December | | 11.00  1.00 – 3.00 | Advent Service at St. Andrew’s  Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party |
| Thursday 21st December | | 1.00 – 3.00 | Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party |
| Friday 22nd December | | 5.45 | School Closes for Christmas Holidays |
| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Monday 8th January 2018 | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens |
| Wednesday 10th January | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 1 Multiskills Tournament |
| Tuesday 23rd January | | 12.30 - 3.00 | Year 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament |
| Friday 2nd February | | 1.00 – 2.30 | KS2 Swimming Gala |
| Friday 9th February | | 5.45 | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 19th February | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |
| Tuesday 20th February | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 3 Sports Skills Tournament |
| Wednesday 21st February | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 4 Sports Skills Tournament |
| Thursday 1st March | | ALL DAY | World Book Day |
| Friday 9th March | | 11.30 | Mothers’ Day Afternoon Tea |
| Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th March | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents’ Evening |
| Friday 23rd March | | ALL DAY | Red Nose Day |
| Thursday 29th March | | 11.00  5.45 | Easter Service at St. Andrew’s  School Closes for Easter Holidays |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Monday 16th April | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |
| Monday 7th May | | ALL DAY | May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed |
| Monday 14th – Thursday 17th May | |  | Key Stage 2 SATs Week |
| Friday 25th May | | 5.45 | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 4th June | | ALL DAY | CPD Day – School Closed |
| Tuesday 5th June | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens |
| Friday 15th June | | 1.00 | Fathers’ Day Event |
| Wednesday 27th June | | 1.00 – 3.00 | EYFS & KS1 Sports Day |
| Thursday 28th June 2017 | | 1.00 – 3.00 | KS2 Sports Day |
| Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th July | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents Evening (Pre-School to Year 5) |
| Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th July | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents Evening (Year 6) |
| Wednesday 18th July | | 1.45 | Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly |
| Thursday 19th July | | 6.00 | Year 6 Sleepover |
| Friday 20th July | | 5.45 | School Closes for Summer Holiday |
| SUMMER HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Tuesday 4th September | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |