

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to St Andrew's after what has been a glorious summer holiday. We would especially like to extend this welcome to our new reception pupils and their families who will be joining us in school from next week.

We have had a great start to the year launching our new school values; Resilience, Respect, Achieve, Aspire, Contribute and Integrity. Our pupils have been learning about these this week and understanding the behaviours that demonstrate them. We will be focusing on a different value each week which we will inform you of via our weekly newsletter. Our values are very important to us as they underpin all the behaviours that we as a school community want to nurture, develop and celebrate.

Behaviour and anti-bullying policy

We have re-launched our behaviour and anti-bullying policies with our pupils, which you will find attached. They are designed to support the way in which all members of the school can work together in a supportive way. They aim to promote an environment where everyone feels happy, safe and secure.

You will notice that we have introduced a number of rewards for our pupils who are demonstrating our school values and making good choices around behaviour and conduct, plus achievement and effort. These range from certificates in assemblies to a visit to Cobham book store to purchase a book of choice. We can't wait to start awarding these!

Our pupils are enjoying positive playtimes and from next week our KS2 pupils will have access to our newly installed children's gym which was funded by SASA. Pupils are busy collecting positive playtime awards to earn their class an extra play and fruit bowl.

Curriculum meetings

Next week we will start hosting curriculum meetings for each year group. The intention of these is to share the year group curriculum, what this looks like and the topics for each half term. It will also be an opportunity to share the homework schedule and ways in which you can support your child at home.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2 nd October 3.15pm	20 th Sept 3.15pm	19 th Sept 3.15pm	18 th Sept 3.15pm	13 th Sept 3.15pm	14 th Sept 3.15pm	2 nd October 3.15pm

In your feedback to us you have told us that you would like to be more involved in your children's learning. This is the beginning of developing this. In addition we will be running phonics and maths workshops this term, dates of these you will find in the school calendar that has been sent out.

Lunchtimes

Our pupils have been very excited about our new school lunch system and have been making a choice between three daily options (vegetarian, meat, jacket potato/pasta). They make the choice as

they come into class in the mornings and are given a coloured wrist band relating to their chosen lunch. Our dinner ladies then know which option our pupils have chosen.

School uniform

A big thank you to all our parents and carers for the high standard of uniform this term. We think our pupils are taking great pride in their uniform and are ready to learn as they walk into school. Those parents or carers still needing to purchase school bags can do so from the school office. In addition we do request that pupils bring in a glue stick and a whiteboard pen which can also be purchased from the school office. The opening hours of which are 8.30-9.30 and 2.45-3.30.

Summer works

As you will have seen we have been busy over the summer updating parts of our school site. A covered walkway at the front of the school plus a fence around the playground has been installed. We also have replaced our sheds which I am sure you will agree has made a difference to the entrance of the KS2 playground.

Finally, we look forward to a positive year, filled with fun and purpose enabling all to flourish and thrive, experiencing life in all its fullness.

With best wishes,



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