# ST ANDREW'S **CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**



A MEMBER OF THE SW9 PARTNERSHIP



### Newsletter

# Friday 23rd September 2016

#### **TERM DATES 2016—2017**

#### **AUTUMN TERM 2016**

First Day of Term Tuesday 6th September 2016 Half Term Monday 24th—Friday 28th October 2016

Last Day of Term Friday 16th December 2016

#### **SPRING TERM 2017**

First Day of Term Wednesday 4th January 2017 Half Term Monday 13th—Friday 17th February 2017 Last Day of Term Friday 31st March 2017

#### **SUMMER TERM 2017**

First Day of Term Tuesday 18th April 2017 Half Term Monday 9th May —Friday 2nd June 2017 Last Day of Term Friday 21st July 2017

#### SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

Friday 25th November 2016 ST. ANDREW'S DAY Monday 1st May 2017 **BANK HOLIDAY** 

# **International Day of Peace**

On Wednesday the whole school celebrated International Day of Peace, with prayer.

International Day of Peace.org





**Year 1** are off to **Shrek World of Adventure** on Tuesday 18th October.

Sparkly Year 2 are visiting the Tower of London on Tuesday 27th September, to attend a 'Guy Fawkes' Workshop. This enlightening trip should 'go with a bang'!





Magnetic **Year 3** are paying a visit to the Science Museum to investigate 'Forces' on Wednesday 12th October.

## Contact us: 0207 274 7012

Don't forget to check out the website: www.standrewsprimaryschoolstockwell.org Children's blog: www.standrewsallstars.org

# **Scarlet Fever**

We are notifying you that we have had a suspected case of Scarlet Fever at School this week.



It's important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of scarlet fever so that early treatment with <u>antibiotics</u> can be given.

#### **Scarlet fever symptoms**

Scarlet fever usually follows a sore <u>throat</u> or a skin infection, such as <u>impetigo</u>, caused by particular strains of streptococcus bacteria.

Initial symptoms usually include a sore throat, headache and a high temperature (38.3C/101F or above), flushed cheeks and a swollen tongue.

A day or two later the characteristic pinkish rash appears. It usually occurs on the chest and stomach before spreading to other areas of the body, such as the ears and neck.

The symptoms of scarlet fever usually develop two to five days after infection, although the incubation period (the period between exposure to the infection and symptoms appearing) can be as short as one day or as long as seven days.

The rash feels like sandpaper to touch and it may be itchy. On darker skin the rash may be more difficult to see although its rough

texture should be apparent. Scarlet fever usually clears up after about a week, but if you think you or your child may have it, see your GP for a proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment.

It can easily be treated with antibiotics. Liquid antibiotics, such as penicillin or amoxicillin, are often used to treat children. These must be taken for 10 days, even though most people recover after four to five days.

Your GP should be able to diagnose scarlet fever by amining the distinctive rash and asking about other symptoms. They may also decide to take a sample of saliva from the back of the throat so it can be tested in a laboratory to confirm the diagnosis.

Scarlet fever is very contagious and can be caught by:

- breathing in bacteria in airborne droplets from an infected person's coughs and sneezes
- touching the skin of a person with a streptococcal skin infection, such as impetigo
- sharing contaminated towels, baths, clothes or bed linen It can also be caught from carriers people who have the bacteria in their throat or on their skin but don't have any symptoms.

It's important to be aware that your child will still be infectious for 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has begun, and therefore they shouldn't attend school during this period.





We have over 200 children in our school. It would be very helpful to all parties, if your child's uniform, coats and bags were clearly marked so that we could return them to their owners if found.

**Please note** that the school will not take responsibility for any item of clothing, which goes missing.

**Parents** are also urged to return any items of uniform that they do not recognise as belonging to their child.



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