

14th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

RECEPTION CLASS WELCOME LETTER

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to St. Andrew's. We are sorry that we are unable to hold our welcome meetings in the usual way this year but we hope that this letter answers some of your questions.

Topic this year

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<i>Let's find out</i>	<i>Let's dress up</i>	<i>Food Glorious food</i>	<i>Amazing animals</i>	<i>Once upon a time</i>	<i>Our favourite things</i>

We will send out the topic web via Parent Mail and they will also be available on our school website.

Homework

We are currently developing our online homework strategy. Until this is in place, there will be NO homework given out. However, we do ask that you continue to read with your children every night. (Please note that reading books will be sent home shortly).

Reading

We expect all children to read at home for a short time each night. Please make sure that you (or another adult) sign their reading diary every day.

At present, we will be sending two books home every Monday and collecting these books on a Friday. The children's reading diaries will be checked on a Friday. This will allow time for books to be left for 72 hours before going home again.

Supporting at home

We ask that your child goes to bed at a reasonable time each night and that screen time is limited so that they are ready for their learning each day in school.

P.E

In Reception, our PE days are **Tuesdays**. Please ensure that each item of your child's PE kit is in school on those days and is clearly labelled with their name.

Attendance and punctuality

It is really important that children are in school every day and on time. Being late does have a negative impact on their learning. We expect at least 96% attendance every year. However we do understand that, in these uncertain times, you must take extra precautions if your child is showing signs of Coronavirus. Please remember that if your child or any of your household is showing signs of Coronavirus that you must get tested and remain at home until you receive a negative test result or after 14 days from the first day of symptoms. Use this link for more information

<https://tinyurl.com/NHSCovidTest>

Safeguarding and Online Safety

We take safeguarding very seriously. Our first priority is of course your child's welfare and school is required to take any reasonable action to ensure the safety of its pupils. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team. There are details on our school website at <https://tinyurl.com/SafeguardingatStAs>

Children are taught about keeping themselves safe as part of our curriculum. We have online safety lessons every term as part of their computing curriculum and this includes how to report concerns about content and contact online. To support your child you can:

- Be open and involved in discussions with your child about what they do online
- Use parental controls at home
- Supervise your child's use of certain programs and apps e.g. YouTube, TikTok
- Remember that the use of social media is not permitted – the minimum age for apps such as whatsapp is 13
- If you have a concern about online safety, please speak to a member of staff

School uniform

We are really proud of our school uniform and of how smart the children look. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and make sure it is labelled clearly with your child's name. Please look at the school website for our uniform list at

<https://tinyurl.com/SchoolUniformatStAs>

Behaviour

We have really high expectations of behaviour at St. Andrew's. We also reward our children using Class Dojo which parents have access to. We will always talk to you if we need to about your child's behaviour.

Communication

We use Parent Mail to communicate with parents using text and email; including our weekly newsletter. You can also check Class Dojo. We appreciate that at this present time it is very difficult to speak to your child's teacher. Please speak to a member of SLT on the school gate or phone the school office who will pass messages on. The class teachers will phone you back after

school if you need to speak to them but please bear in mind that the teacher may have meetings after school and may not be able to call you back on the same day.

We will be holding an early Parent-Teacher meeting in the week beginning 21st September. This will be a ten minute phone call to give you an opportunity to have a 1:1 meeting with the class teacher. Please look out for more information on Parent Mail.

Social Media

We have a school Facebook and Twitter page where we share news and photos of school. We also have a school blog which we will start updating soon.

<https://www.standrewsprimaryschoolstockwell.org/st-andrews-all-stars/>

We never use children's names and will not post photos of children who have opted out.

Trips

Unfortunately there will be no trips for the foreseeable future. However when trips do resume, it is important that you pay your contribution or we will have to cancel.

Free School Meals

Please do send us your details if you think you are eligible for free school meals.

If you have any questions or concerns, now or throughout the year, then please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Reception team. We are here and available to give any support, guidance or advice that you or your child may need.

Yours sincerely,

The Reception Class Team

Mrs Willison, Ms Danks, Ms Betty and Ms Nadine.