



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL

A MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING COLLEGE

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we come up to half term let us hope for the good weather that we should have had during the summer. Certainly the weather last Saturday was beautiful for the family part of our Sponsored Walk. A small number of families and staff walked a combination of routes covering 1.5 - 13 miles depending on the enthusiasm and ability of those involved. A good day was had by all and we hope that the weather will be as good for our whole school Sponsored Walk on Friday.

This year the proceeds from the walk will go towards three charities Action in Africa, Iraqi Christians in Need and the Sports Hall.

Our Open Evening and Open Morning were once again a huge success, indicating St. Andrew's growing popularity within the local and wider community.

The Curriculum Booklets are currently being printed. They will be forwarded to parents within the first week back after half term. If you have any comments or ideas for addition or amendment in next year's booklet, please contact Mrs Haeffele on 01372 221221.

Students are now enjoying our wonderful new Sports Hall and our Basketball Academy has started well. Many thanks to those of you who have supported our fundraising and continue to contribute to the Sports Hall. My thanks also go to the Friends of St. Andrew's who have funded the new school basketball kit.

Gas Main replacement continues throughout November, posing a challenge to us all. Thank you for your patience during this difficult time but please remember that courteous parking is especially important when we have limited access. Please remember not to drive onto the school site to drop your child at school. The school car park is small and reserved for disabled vehicles and students arriving by minibus or local authority taxi.

This September we were joined by 150 wonderful Year 7 students. With more students than ever opting for a school lunch we need to extend time given to our second break. After half term 5 minutes will be added to the second break as registration now takes place in lesson time. I am considering extending the school day by 10-15 minutes from September 2010 to give us an even longer second break to ensure that all students have time to sit and enjoy their lunch without rushing. I will be writing to you before Christmas to formally consult you if the Governors and myself decide to extend the school day.

The Christmas mailing will be the last mailing we are sending out on paper. From January 2010 any information for parents will be e-mailed on a Friday afternoon as well as posted on our Website. After half term those families for whom we do not have a e-mail address will be asked to forward it to us. Only for those few families without access to e-mail will we provide a paper copy. I hope you will agree that cutting down on using unnecessary paper is the right way forward. If you do not currently receive information by e-mail but would be happy to, please forward your e-mail details with your child's name and form to Mrs Haeffele at dhaeffele@st-andrews.surrey.sch.uk

I hope you enjoy the half term break and look forward to students returning on Monday, 2nd November 2009.

Mrs K L Burke, Headteacher

Touchstone Parent Information Meeting - Thursday, 3rd December at 7.30 p.m.

At our meeting this term we plan to discuss National curriculum updates, 'Personalised' learning for KS 4, Post 16 qualifications and Higher Education.

All parents are welcome to attend these meetings. It is a good opportunity to find out what is happening in your son/daughter's school and discuss any ideas you may have.

A CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL SERVING THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Monday 26th -
Friday 30th

Half Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd
Monday 9th
Wednesday 18th
Monday 30th

All Day
7.30 p.m.
All Day

Students Return to School
Inset Day - School Closed to Students
GCSE Music Recitals
St. Andrew's Day

DECEMBER

Thursday 3rd
Friday 4th
Monday 14th -
Thursday 17th
Wednesday 16th
Thursday 17th
Friday 18th
Monday 21st -
Friday 1st

7.30 p.m.
All Day

All Day
7.30 p.m.
1.30 p.m.

Touchstone Parent Information Evening
NSPCC Number Day

Year 11 and Sixth Form Mock Exams
Academic Review Day for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10
Advent Service
Students Leave for Christmas Break

JANUARY 2010

Monday 4th

Christmas Break

Students Return to School

New arrival – Home School Link Worker

Hi, my name is Rosemary Pointon and I have just started work here at St Andrew's School (also at St Peter's, Woodlands and West Hill Schools) as a Home School Link Worker.

I am here to support parents and children where there are issues affecting a child's ability to get the best out of school life. Some of the times I may be able to help are when:-

Your child is feeling anxious, for example after a school move

You are finding your child's behaviour challenging

Your child does not want to go to school

Your family may need some support at a time of illness or parental separation

You feel you want support around your coping strategies as a parent.

Whatever your home-school concern, I can either meet you at school or at home to listen and help you find solutions, or support you to find the appropriate specialist services or parenting group.

I am available at St. Andrew's School most Tuesdays in term-time from 9.30 to 12.00 a.m. (you will find me in an office near to Mrs Nagel, Student Support Services). Please call me if you would like to arrange an appointment on a Tuesday morning or at another time more convenient to you, or please feel free to drop-in on a Tuesday and chat.

I look forward to meeting you!

Rosemary Pointon

Home School Link Worker, Ashted and Leatherhead Confederation
0780 5672441 (or 01372 813615)

Uniform

Can I remind you of the following uniform regulations during the winter terms:

- Students need to wear a **plain** dark winter coat. A reflective strip is a good idea if walking after dark.
- The school jumper is compulsory.
- If your daughter is growing rapidly please put in an order for a new kilt.
Kilts should be at knee length and not above.
- Girls can only wear **plain** black/navy or flesh coloured tights.
- Students can only wear a **plain** black/navy or school scarf (which is available from Mrs Nagel).
- A sizeable secure school bag is needed. Large handbags and plastic bags are not appropriate.
- Students should not wear jewellery to school, with the exception of a plain gold stud earring in the earlobe of each ear if they wish. Hair should be neat, tidy and off the face. Number 2 is the shortest hair cut allowed. Hair dying or extremes of fashion haircuts are not allowed.
- All uniform and PE kit should be clearly labelled with the student's name.

MUSIC

It's been a busy start to the year; preparations are underway for the GCSE music concert on 18th November. The singing group are rehearsing every Tuesday 3-4 p.m. and school band every Wednesday 3-4 p.m.; any new comers are always welcome.

We have had a large uptake of students wanting instrumental tuition which is fantastic; if you would like to apply for lessons we offer, Guitar (Electric, Acoustic, Classical and Bass), Drum Kit, Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet, Piano and are in the process of appointing a singing teacher, application forms are available from the music department.

Mrs Toombs, Music Department

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

St. Andrew's currently has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in becoming a governor and would like more information please contact Mrs Burke c/o

amcenaney@st-andrews.surrey.sch.uk

LRC

Student Library Helpers Wanted.

St. Andrew's library is a busy, bustling place and help is always appreciated. We are looking for friendly and helpful students who are interested in assisting with lending books, introducing students to using the facilities and generally helping with Book Fairs and other special events.

If you are interested please speak to Mrs Boyce or Mrs Stade in the LRC during break time.

Mrs Boyce and Mrs Stade, Librarians

ICT

Our ICT Robotics Club continues to flourish. If anyone is interested in joining please see Mrs Webster or Mr Burton.

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Year 10 Work Experience 24th - 28th May
Please return to school by Monday, 23rd November, 2009 (*this form must be returned even if you are arranging your own placement*).

Own Placement Form – return to school by Monday 4th January, 2010

Year 8 – Go-To-Work Day (please read enclosed letter) Thursday 11th February

Please return contact details form to Mrs Ekoku by **Monday, 18th January**

The Careers Department have now received a certificate in Investors In Careers Stage 1. Mrs Ekoku is now working towards Stage 2.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 7 Rugby The boys year 7 rugby team have had a valuable start to the year playing some tough games against Hinchley Wood, Therfield and Howard of Effingham school and are unfortunately yet to record a win. The boys have shown that they are willing to improve and have shown some fantastic passages of play in their matches. Enthusiasm and effort throughout each match has been impressive and there have been some stand out performances with Alfie Clark setting the mark in defence, Lewis Falconer showing some excellent attacking play and Ollie Ellaway has impressed showing some Jonny Wilkinson-esque kicking. Training will continue up till Christmas and there are some more games booked in after February, against The Beacon, Blenheim, Ashcombe and Esher.
New players are more than welcome to join.

Year 8 Rugby Year 8 rugby continues to develop and the team are looking stronger than ever. The boys have had several matches this half term, the first against a mixed Yr 8 & 9 Therfield team and losing 24-33 despite some very hard work, with Thomas McEnaney organising and running the backs in both attack and very strong defence and a debut from Ben Roche making a very strong addition to the team. When playing against a strong Ashcombe team the boys some showed fantastic grit and determination winning a second half after being down 46-7 at half time. The match would have been a complete loss if the boys hadn't refused to give up, Joe Mallet continued with his powerful runs and earned his first try, Alex Chater showed fantastic strength and speed scoring several tries, Harry Fay & Connor Cox kept the forward momentum with some epic defence breaking carries. Final score 33-66. Training will continue up till Christmas and there are some more games booked in after February, against The Beacon, Blenheim, Therfield and Esher.
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Football A big congratulations to our u13 girls football team who have progressed to the next round of the Surrey Schools cup after a convincing 4-1 victory over Woking high School. In a difficult encounter the girl's hard work and positive team ethic made the difference as Ellen Martin & Kayleigh O'Neill bagged a brace! Unfortunately our year 7 boys were defeated in the 2nd round of the Surrey Championship going down 4-0 To Glyn Technology College but they fought incredibly hard against one of the best schools in the county and should be commended on their efforts.

Mr Drew and Mr Warbis, P E Department

MOBILE PHONES, IPODS ETC

These devices are allowed to be brought into school but not allowed to be used or switched on during the school day. Devices turned on or being used during the school day will be confiscated. Items confiscated on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday will be returned to students at 3.00 p.m. on the Friday of that week. Items confiscated on a Thursday or Friday will be returned on the Friday of the following week. Students can pick up confiscated items from reception on a Friday at 3.00 p.m. Please note that 3.00 p.m. on a Friday is the only time students can pick up confiscated items.

Please do not phone your child during the school day. If you need to make emergency contact please phone our reception on 01372 277881.

HALLOWEEN AND BONFIRE NIGHT SAFETY

two week operation targeting anti-social behaviour over Halloween and Bonfire Night is being launched on the 26th October by Surrey Police, Surrey Fire and Rescue Services and other local agencies.

Surrey Police are also giving out advice to ensure our younger residents have a safe and enjoyable Halloween. Youngsters heading out trick or treating are urged to heed the following safety advice:

- Be careful not to frighten people – particularly elderly people.
- Only trick or treat at houses where you know the residents.
- Always go trick or treating with an adult or with a group of responsible friends.
 - Stay as a group – do not split up or go off alone.
 - Never enter a stranger's house or talk to strangers.
 - Stay in areas that are well lit, and carry a torch
- Don't knock on doors where there is a sign saying No Trick or Treaters.

Finally, Police are urging people to keep an eye out for Surrey Police's Pumpkin Patrol car which will be out and about in half term week talking to youngsters and their parents about how to enjoy Halloween safely.

PARENTS OF YEARS 7, 8, 9 AND 10

Please note that Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will have an Academic Review Day on Wednesday 16th December.

Students will be given work to do at home that day but need to come in to school for their review interview accompanied by a parent. The LRC will be available for students to work in if there are difficulties in attending the review owing to transport issues.

GAMES, PUZZLES AND JIGSAWS

We need second hand games, puzzles and jigsaws for our Breakfast Club and the LRC for breaks during inclement weather. Scrabble, Drafts, Chess etc are particularly popular. Please could you also look for any old jigsaw cases for keeping the partly completed puzzles in.

Thank you

STUDENT SERVICES

If your child is unwell please ensure that you telephone the school on the morning of each day that their child will be absent. The direct telephone number to Student Services is 01372 221213.

We would be grateful for any school uniform that your child has grown out of for our second hand uniform store. Please pass the (clean) items to me in Student Services.

We also have a large lost property pile at the moment. Please ask your child to come and have a look to see if any of their items of there. Any items not retrieved after the half term holidays will be either, kept for our second hand store or given to the local charity shop.

Mrs Nagel
Students Services
01372 221213

FOSA

Dear parents, friends and students,

Welcome back to a new and busy term for the friends of St. Andrew's. We had a lovely afternoon on 17th July at the opening of the new Sports Hall although the weather could have been nicer to us.

Our next event is a **Christmas Shopping Night on Thursday, November 19th** this will be held in the school. If you would like to hire a table please contact me via school website or leave a message at reception. I enclose a flyer with full details of the evening, please bring your family or friends and make it into a social occasion.

With funds that we have already raised we have purchased the school Basketball Team kits. I am sure you will agree that the students look very smart and professional.

Don't forget our lucky numbers draw. This year we have seen a good increase in numbers and the more people in lucky numbers the more money we can raise and give out in prizes. If you are interested please contact me in school. The winners of our September draw were: 1st Jackie Williams, 2nd Mrs Cavaree and Third Mrs Bass.

This is a plea to all parents, I will be stepping down from post of chair at the agm and we are also looking for a secretary. If you can help in any way please contact me via the school office or via e-mail through the school website.

Kind regards

Mandy Callaghan, FOSA Chairperson

Global Enterprise Week - 16th - 22nd November

Students at St. Andrew's will have the opportunities to participate in Global Enterprise Week. This is a global initiative to develop the ideas and entrepreneurial talents of students from all over the world. GCSE and A' Level Business Studies students will be entered into the Mark Your Mark Challenge 2009 in which they will be asked to generate and present ideas for new products. The competition is both national and international so it gives a great platform for inspirational ideas.

Mr Saunders, Business Studies

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

The Drama department has made a significant change to its course offer for sixth form students. Actors and dancers now follow the BTEC Performing Arts course which is more vocational and involves a greater amount of practical and performance work. Students are looking forward to showcasing some of their performances later this year.

Year 13 actors are working on their adaptation of J M Barrie's 'Peter Pan' which will be interpreted in such a way that deals with topics relevant to the development of pupils further down the school. This production will take place in December, and will be reviewed in the next newsletter.

This year students in the Year 10 Drama group will be working towards an examined performance of Roald Dahl's 'Revolting Rhymes'. This production will take place in the Drama Studio. Dates and costs to be confirmed.

The Drama Department is looking to extend its wardrobe. Currently we have a lot of 'old clothes' but very little that we can use in performances. We are looking for hats, cloaks, masks and period or military outfits. If you have an item that you think the department could use please contact Mr Kemp at the school (dkemp@st-andrews.surrey.sch.uk / 01372 221229)

Mr Kemp, Drama Department

FUNDRAISING

We still need to raise £105,000 to pay for our new Sports Hall. If you have not yet completed a Standing Order form please do so if you can.

If each family gave £10 per month we could complete this project.

This money makes a real difference to our students.

Mrs Haeffle, 01372 221221

BASKETBALL ACADEMY

St. Andrew's School Basketball Academy have started off very well this year, 14 Students in the 6th form started training in September ready for the new season. Players train 10 hours a week and are competing in not only the Surrey Schools League but also the National English Schools Basketball League.

Their first academy game was a very tense game, after 40 minutes of hard work; the game was a tie 72-72. They played an extra 5 minutes overtime to then gain the victory. The next academy game is on the 5th November in the Surrey Schools League against Richard Challoner School, this is an away game. We would like to wish the team good luck.

St. Andrew's Basketball Academy would also like to thank the 'Friends of St. Andrew's' for donating a full brand new basketball team kit. The team donned the blue and yellow kit for the first time with a big win against Wimbledon College and are looking forward to their next match.

Mr Hall
P E Department

