



## St. Andrew's C of E (Aided) Primary School

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Dear parents,

As we conclude this Spring term, I wanted to write to update you on a few matters.

### Year 3 & 4 Easter Service

Well done to all the children and staff from our Year 3 and 4 classes who presented a lovely Easter service for us today at St Andrew's Church. They retold the Easter story, in word and song, beautifully!

### World Book Day

A big thankyou to all parents who helped prepare their child's costume for World Book Day. The children and teachers enjoyed a variety of interesting and exciting book related activities with quizzes, treasure hunts, competitions and class buddy reading sessions taking place throughout the day.

### Parent Skills Survey

Thank you to those parents who have completed our parents skills survey. This is very valuable to us a school as we do appreciate the time, energy and skills many parents contribute to the school and if we can enhance that parental partnership, I'm sure that will bring positive benefits for the children and the school.

Here is the link for the survey: [St Andrew's Parent Skills Survey](#)

### Residential Trips

We have been completing a review of school residential trips. This year, as part of the Year 5 and 6 Activities week, as well as providing a sailing programme for those children who wish to do this, we will also be providing a varied programme of outdoor pursuits based around the local area, culminating in an overnight camp for the Year 5 and 6 children, which we hope will be a fantastic experience for the children, but also a more affordable option for parents. In addition, we are reviewing next year's planned residential trips, with the overall aim to make **some** of the trips slightly shorter in length and possibly closer in proximity to the school. This I believe, will reduce the strain on the school in terms of staffing provision, but again make such trips more affordable. We will aim to maximise the experience of each trip by selecting the 'highlights' from our current trip programmes, and also explore new opportunities, so that the children have a great time away together!

### Summer Term Dance Clubs - Variety Dance and Zumba Kids!

Along with various after-school clubs being provided by the teaching staff, next term there will be some new dance clubs taking place. Firstly, Sophie Davies, an OCRA approved dance teacher, and colleague of Jessica Squire, our linked dance teacher, will provide a Variety Dance club for Years 4-6 children for the first half term only, on a Friday from 3:15 to 4:15p.m. As an externally provided club, there will be a charge for this club of £3.50 per session, totalling £21 for 6 sessions.

There will be a Zumba Kids dance club for Years 1-3 children, for the whole term, on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:15p.m. - 4:15p.m. This will be provided by Katie Drew, another member of Jessica Squire's dancing team. The cost of the club will be £3.50 per session, totalling £38.50 for 11 sessions. Both clubs are available on a first-come first served basis and payment can be made for these clubs on the School Gateway system.

### New School P.E. Hoody

Since joining the school, I have noticed that we have quite an array of sports tops in various colours worn by some of our pupils. As part of our 'smart school' drive, we are introducing a new school sports hoody that is to be used for outdoor PE lessons and sports events, especially with our weather being quite cold for most of the school year, an outer garment is necessary for PE lessons. This is being introduced in this



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summer term and can be ordered through the school Gateway system or directly from the school office at a cost of £13.50. This hoody will become a **compulsory item in the school PE kit from September.**



New St Andrew's PE Hoody as modelled by our Headboy and Headgirl: Josh and Eleanor.

Thank you to all parents who have helped with the very busy life of St Andrew's this term, offering your time and help in various ways, it is appreciated.

I do hope you all have a happy and restful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely,

Phillip Harvey

*Headteacher*