

St Andrew's CE VC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term No 1

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On behalf of staff and governors we welcome you back to a new school year.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that your children have a happy year and achieve their 'Personal Best.'

In order to achieve this aim we ask parents to ensure regular communication with teachers on all aspects of your child's development so that we can work together to support 'next step' targets and deal promptly with any concerns you may have. Consultation appointments can be made via Mrs Flack in the school office:

Mrs Stroud, Miss Parsley and Miss O'Keeffe — Wednesdays after school

Mrs Granger, Mrs Rogers, Mr Hawes and Mrs Smith — Mondays after school.

We would also like to welcome Miss O'Keeffe and Mrs Rogers who will be teaching Years 2 and 4 respectively.



DIARY DATES

September	Thursday 14 th	FoSTAPS AGM 7.30pm in School Hall—All welcome
	Saturday 16 th	Messy Church 3-5.30pm Email: messychurch@marksteychurch.org.uk to book
October	Wednesday 11 th	Harvest Assembly 9.15am All welcome Non-uniform day (harvest colours) £1 donation. Please bring an item of fresh or tinned food for the Harvest Table—all donations will go to the Salvation Army in Colchester
	Mon 23 rd -Fri 27 th	HALF TERM
	Monday 30 th	Non-pupil Day
December	Tuesday 5 th	Whole school Pantomime at the Mercury Theatre p.m.
	Tuesday 12 th	Key Stage 1 Xmas Performances 2pm & 6pm (EYFS, Year 1 & 2)
	Wednesday 13 th	Key Stage 2 Xmas Performances 2pm & 6pm (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
	Wednesday 20 th	Christmas Assembly 9.15am Term Ends (Children return Wednesday 3 rd Jan 2018)

Remaining 'Term Ahead' curriculum meetings for parents 2.45pm in the School Hall

Friday 8th September - Year 1 Miss Parsley Monday 11th September - Year 3 Mrs Granger
 Tuesday 12th September - EYFS Mrs Stroud Wednesday 13th September - Year 5 Mr Hawes
 Thursday 14th September - Year 2 Miss O'Keeffe Friday 15th September - Year 4 Mrs Rogers

ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM

Year 6 - Thursday 12th October Year 5 - Thursday 19th October Year 3 - Thursday 2nd November
 Year 1 - Thursday 9th November Year 4 - Thursday 16th November Year 2 - 23rd November
 EYFS - Thursday 30th November

All assemblies will take place at 10.15am in the School Hall

Allergy Awareness



As we have several children who have allergies, we would like to remind you of the potential severity of reactions and in particular of nut and seed allergies which exist within school. We request therefore that you please be mindful when choosing food and drinks for packed lunches and if possible avoid products containing any type of nut, such as peanut butter and chocolate spread. Thank you for your co-operation.

Goodbye.....

At the end of the summer term, we said a fond farewell to Miss Balaam who, after 16 years teaching EYFS, has taken her well-earned retirement. She has taught children from many families and will be missed very much. We wish her a long and happy retirement.



Congratulations.....

....to Miss Goodwin who is now Mrs Carroll following her marriage over the summer holidays.



New Library

We would like to say a huge thank you to members of FoStAPS and some family members who have not only raised money to refurbish our school library, but who have also taken time out of their summer holiday to redecorate and update it. The library looks amazing and there will soon be more information and pictures on the FoStAPS page of the school website.

Website Improvements

Following your feedback, you will now find Diary Dates up to the end of this academic year on the Calendar page of the website. Please be aware that some of these dates could change and any changes will be notified via this Newsletter as well as on the website. Thank you for your suggestions, which are always welcomed and accommodated where possible.

Not long until Messy Church.....

....on Saturday 16th September at St Andrew's Church at 3-5.30pm. Come and join us for messy art, science and food activities, followed by a time of bible story and singing ending with a sandwich tea.

Please email messychurch@marksteychurch.org.uk to book your family's place.

We suggest a contribution of £3 p.p towards food and activity materials.



**Dear God, In our lives we are faced with many choices. Help us to make the right choice.
 If we make a wrong choice, please help us to turn it into a right choice. Amen.**

By Miss Balaam

