



## Dairy Dates

<b>Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET Day</b> – school closed to children
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last day of Term 3
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET Day</b> – school closed to children
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last day of Term 4
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day of Term 5
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank holiday
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 SATs week
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Last day of Term 5
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	First Day of Term 6
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Last day of Term 6



## Home Learning Policy

Please find attached a copy of our Home Learning Policy for your information.

As always, all our policies are on the website.

## Sports kit

We are looking for a sponsor for new sports kit for the pupils who go and represent the school at a range of events. If you know of any company or contact who might be interested, please speak to Mr Pike.

## Attendance

Following our last newsletter, extra focus will be on attendance next term and the importance of arriving in school before 8.45am. Not only can a late arrival be unsettling for the child and disruptive to the class, it also takes a lot of Mrs Massey's time letting pupils in.

If you need support getting your child into school on time, please arrange an appointment with Mr Pike via the school office.

With regard to whether your child is fit to come to school, please take some time to look at the advice on the NHS website [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

## From our neighbours

Please be reminded that parents should not sit in their cars outside school with the engine running. We understand that as the temperature drops this is more tempting but please be mindful of our neighbours.

Similarly, school & the surrounding outside area is a non-smoking zone. Please respect this and encourage guests/visitors to do the same.



Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of the Autumn time, it is now a good time to take a moment, draw breath and reflect on the year so far.

It has been a real privilege to become Head teacher of St. Andrew's Primary School. Since the beginning of September, we have achieved so much together as a school community and it is a pleasure to lead the school with the support of a committed team of staff, governors, PTFA and parents. I am also very proud of the children and how well they have responded.

I would also like to thank everyone for their words of encouragement and support during the OFSTED inspection last week. Once the final report is published next term, we will hold an extra Headteacher, Governors and Parent's forum to share the outcomes and next steps in terms of school improvement.

Over the last few weeks we have been busy with the Christingle service, T@3 concert, the infant nativity and the Christmas carol concert. If you were able to attend one or more performances, I am sure you will agree that the pupils really gave their best and were a credit to the school. A fantastic term ends with our Santa Dash and fair!

On Wednesday, all the children sat down for a delicious Christmas dinner. Thank you to Mrs Martin for all her hard work. We would also like to say a big well done for yet again achieving a 5 star Hygiene award from the South Glos Environmental Health team.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2024.

*'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'* Luke 2:14

Graham Pike  
Headteacher

## Sports leaders

This week the some of our Year 5&6 sports leaders have organised sports events for all children across the school to compete in. All the children from our youngest to oldest gave their all and gave each other plenty of encouragement. Well done to our older children for all their hard work, especially adapting the events for each class.



Merry  
Christmas  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

