



St Andrew's CE Primary Over Hulton



With God's help we aim high

16th January 2017

Spring Term 1

Welcome back to the new term.

We would like wish all members of our school community a very happy and healthy 2017

We hope you enjoyed the festive period with family and friends. This term promises to be an exciting and busy time, with many new learning experiences for all the children, aided by the development of our outdoor learning environment and the replacement of our interactive screens in each classroom- see the reverse of this newsletter for this term's Learning Challenges. As always, staff are always happy to help if you have any questions so please contact school to make an appointment if required.

Spring Diary Dates for church

Visits to church are planned for the following dates and parents are welcome to join us for any of these services.

16/1/17, 6/2/17, 6/3/17,



Week Beginning
16th January 2017
WINTER WELLIES WEEK



All classes will be utilising the outdoor environment to stimulate their imagination to produce a range of artistic pieces of work. Wellies at the ready!

Our After School Clubs Spring Term (...so far)

- Monday KS1 Board games
- Tuesday Y2-6 Street Dance
- Wednesday PAIS RE Adventurers Club (Y2-6)
(KS1 Mad Science)
(KS2 Mad Science)
- Thursday Y2-6 Tag Rugby
- Friday Y2-6 Fitness
- Y1 Stepping Stones



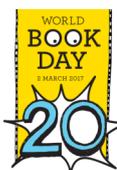
Term Dates 2017

Spring Term 2017

Re-open Tuesday 10th January 2017
 Mid term closure Friday 17th February 2017 (3:30pm)
 Re-open Monday 27th February 2017
 Closure on Friday 7th April 2017

Summer Term 2017

Re-open Monday 24th April 2017
 Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017
 Mid term closure Friday 26th May 2017 (3:30pm)
 Re-open Tuesday 6th June 2017
 Closure on Friday 21st July 2017



**Fancy Dress
non-uniform day
Friday 3rd March 2017**



Please access our website at www.standrewsoh.com or visit our Facebook page



Mad science

Our children enjoyed a demonstration assembly last week from **Mad Science**. A letter has been sent home with the details of an After School Science Club on a Wednesday. We hope to run separate KS1 and KS2 clubs. Owing to their previous popularity, a limit of 20 for infants and 25 for juniors has been set for first come first served.



Could we please request that parents ensure that their contact details are up to date with the office, so that communication remains as efficient as possible. E-mail addresses and mobile phone numbers are especially important when we utilise the Teachers2Parents text and email service. Thank you.

As we begin to develop our school grounds, you may have noticed that we have replaced the Reception class' grass area with artificial turf. As previously mentioned, our copse area has a pathway marked, ready for layers of wood chippings, courtesy of Mr Wotherspoon and Cool Canvas. Other plans are in their infancy but grants are being sought to develop the school grounds so that we can further enhance our curriculum with opportunities to utilise our outdoor areas.

DIARY DATES Spring Term

We will also endeavour to keep you up to date at www.standrewsoh.com and through our Facebook page

Monday 16th January 2017
 Wednesday 25th January 2017
 Friday 3rd February 2017
 Tuesday 7th February 2017
 Wednesday 8th February 2017
 Wednesday 15th February 2017
 Friday 17th February 2017
 Monday 27th February 2017
 Friday 3rd March 2017
 Wednesday 8th March 2017
 Wednesday 15th March 2017
 Friday 17th March 2017
 Monday 20th March 2017
 Wednesday 22nd March 2017
 Friday 24th March 2017
 Wednesday 29th March 2017
 Friday 31st March 2017
 Wednesday 5th April 2017
 Thursday 6th April 2017
 Friday 7th April 2017
 Monday 24th April 2017

Winter Wellies Week—Art Project Week
 Year 3 School Linking Project with Kearsley West
 Poet visit to school—Matt Goodfellow
 Year 3 and 4 School Linking Project with Kearsley West
 Year 3 assembly
 Reception assembly
 School closes for half term break
 School re-opens
 World Book Day themed non uniform day
 Year 5 assembly
 Year 2 assembly
 Year 3 School Linking Project with Kearsley West
 Year 5 Living Eggs Project
 Year 4 assembly
 Non-Uniform Day—Easter Egg donations
 Year 1 assembly
 PTFA Easter egg Bingo
 Parental Consultations (4:30-7:30pm)
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 School closes for Easter break
 School re-opens for Summer Term

Our Learning Challenges this term

- Reception - China (New Year) then Harry and the Dinosaurs
 Year 1 - Why can't a meerkat live at the North Pole?
 Year 2 - Why would a dinosaur not make a good pet?
 Year 3 - What are the Wonders of Ancient Egypt?
 Year 4 - Has Greece always been in the news??
 Year 5 - What is so special about the U.S.A?
 Year 6 - Who were the early lawmakers?



The ticket sales from the 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies' raised over £350 for the Phakamisa charity which our school regularly supports.

PHAKAMISA

A Zulu word meaning 'to uplift'

Class assemblies

All class assemblies are at 9:05am in the school hall unless otherwise stated. Parents, family and friends are very welcome to come along and support their child's assembly.

Rec	15/2/17	28/6/17
Yr1	30/11/16✓	29/3/17
Yr2	10/11/16✓	15/3/17
Yr3	8/2/17	14/6/17
Yr4	7/12/16✓	22/3/17
Yr5	23/11/16✓	8/3/17
Yr6	16/11/16 ✓	+ Leavers' Assembly*



*PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE

THE 2017-2018 HOLIDAY PATTERN IS NOW AVAILABLE VIA THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. (in the 'Our School' Section)

Parent, Teacher and Friends Association



Thank you for all your recent support with the fundraising events prior to the Christmas break.

At the start of the academic year in the AGM, school expressed a wish to update the interactive screens in each classroom as soon as possible, finance depending. Initially this was a 2, maybe 3, year plan. However, the amazing efforts of our PTFA has meant that we take delivery of **all** screens this week and will have them fitted by weekend. You may have read in The Bolton News that the Over Hulton Community Group 'got wind' of our needs and were eager to support in whatever ways that they could. Their amazing contribution through fundraising events and some astounding contributions from beneficiaries, with links to our local area, cannot be ignored.

So, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your time and effort in participating, organising, attending and supervising all PTFA 'fundraisers' or for simply signing up for the 'Your School Lottery' and 'Easy Fundraising' schemes. A massive £8500 has been donated to school for our new screens, the software required, the technical support package and the fixtures and fitting. Our staff and especially our children will benefit greatly from our new resources much sooner than we expected.