





### Our Learning Challenges this half term

Reception All about me/Pirates and Mermaids

Year 1 What would Paddington find exciting about our town?

Year 2 What started London burning?

Year 3 Who first lived in Britain?

Year 4 What made the Romans so powerful?

Year 5 What would we ask Henry VIII if we met him today?

Year 6 Why are rainforests important to us?



### Class assemblies

All class assemblies will be 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. Dates are yet to be decided but will be finalised by the next newsletter .



Year 5 and 6 races at Moss Bank Park begin next week. This will be the first of four consecutive events at this venue, each on a Thursday afternoon from 4pm.

### Meet the teacher

Monday 17th September  
2018

3:30pm to 5:30pm

A chance to speak to your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and find out more about their Learning Challenges , the weekly arrangements and specific expectations for this term and academic year.



### Parent Governor election

Due to the resignation of one of our parent governors, the position requires an election. A letter that clarifies the expectations of the position and the appointment process will be sent next week. We would like to thank Mr Leighton for his time and support during his tenure as a governor.

Please could we remind parents that school will **only** administer PRESCRIBED medication if the appropriate forms are filled in and sent to the office. Our Medicines Policy is available on our website.

Please could children for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 arrive at school as near to 8:45am as possible, for Health and Safety reasons, as they are unsupervised until we open the classroom doors at that time. Thank you.

### Parent, Teacher and Friends Association



The PTFA is holding its Annual General Meeting on 17th September at 6pm in school. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible - all parents are automatically a member and everyone is welcome. It's a good way to meet other parents especially for the new families in our school.  
MANY THANKS.

Movie Nights	2/10/18 & 21/11/18
Non Uniform day (bottles)	23/11/18
Non Uniform day (chocolate)	30/11/18
Christmas Fayre	7/12/18

For payments to school, please make cheques payable to **BMBC**.  
Thank you

### Applications to St Andrew's and other schools.

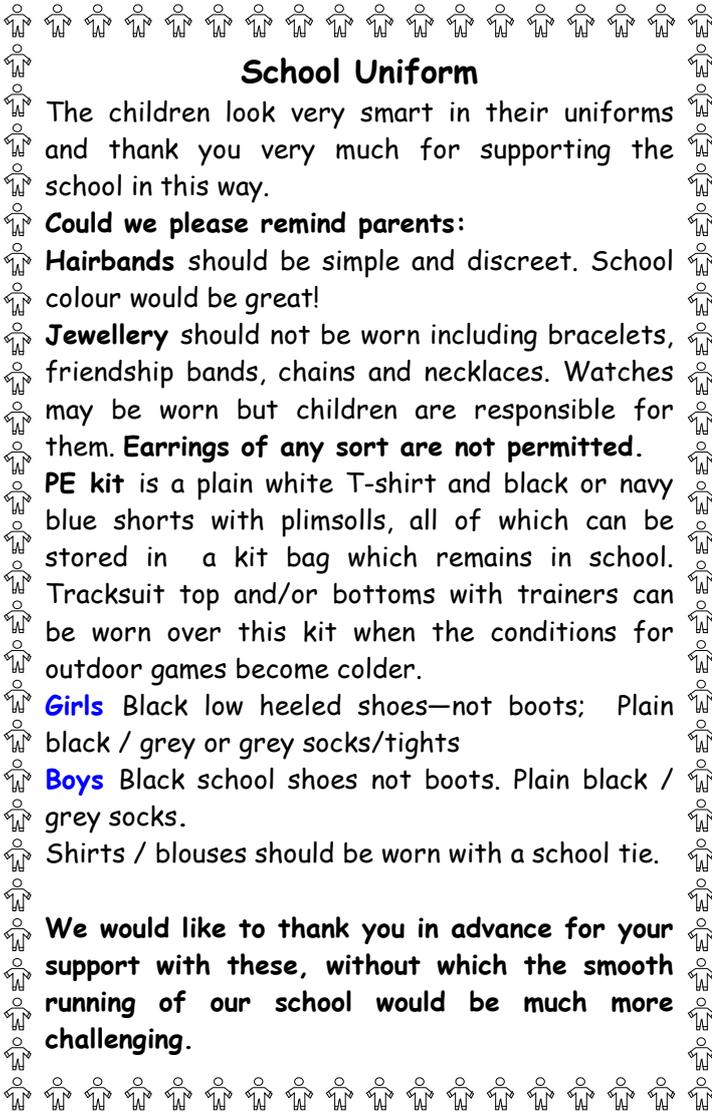
Please note that if you have a child who will have reached school age by September 2019, you **MUST** apply for a place at St Andrew's or any other school of your choice, **EVEN** if you already have older children at the school.

You should receive details of how to apply for a primary place from the Local Authority. These will be posted to you at the end of September. If you do not receive a pack, please contact the office or the school to which you wish to apply.

**Applications for secondary school 2019** At the end of the summer holidays a letter was sent out informing Year 6 parents/ carers they can now apply online for a secondary school place for 2019. The website parents need go to is below, the secondary school admission booklet is on that page as well (they do not post out booklets anymore).

**<http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/Secondarieschoolplaces.aspx>**

Paper applications have not sent out to the children yet, if parents have not applied online by the end of September 2018 , Bolton Council will send a reminder out with a paper application form.



## School Uniform

The children look very smart in their uniforms and thank you very much for supporting the school in this way.

**Could we please remind parents:**

**Hairbands** should be simple and discreet. School colour would be great!

**Jewellery** should not be worn including bracelets, friendship bands, chains and necklaces. Watches may be worn but children are responsible for them. **Earrings of any sort are not permitted.**

**PE kit** is a plain white T-shirt and black or navy blue shorts with plimsolls, all of which can be stored in a kit bag which remains in school. Tracksuit top and/or bottoms with trainers can be worn over this kit when the conditions for outdoor games become colder.

**Girls** Black low heeled shoes—not boots; Plain black / grey or grey socks/tights

**Boys** Black school shoes not boots. Plain black / grey socks.

Shirts / blouses should be worn with a school tie.

**We would like to thank you in advance for your support with these, without which the smooth running of our school would be much more challenging.**

## Celebrating success

Merit systems in school are only beneficial when all children respond positively to the rewards offered. Again, our school 'Smilie' system is as follows:



Each class teacher will have their own class rewards and, therefore, there will be an annual 'refreshing' of our reward systems for each class as they move on to another year group and teacher.

We will keep the Smilie as a school behaviour reward. All classes have a 'Trackit' electronic behaviour chart in their room—please ask at the Meet The Teacher event.

Each Friday, if children remain on green for the week, a Smilie is awarded. The first 10 Smilies are rewarded with a Bronze Award (i.e. the soonest this can be achieved is 10 weeks), the next 10 Smilies with a Silver, another 10 earns a Gold. Certificates and prizes remain the same. As last summer, there will be a Reward 'Bouncy' Day when there will be lots of fun activities to take part in, participation in which will depend on the colour of award. (i.e. Gold Awards have access to more than Silver who have access to more than Bronze)



We still feel that this system was more measurable and has an ultimate goal next summer in which we hope the children will yet again respond to positively.

Please could you ensure that all children who bring a packed lunch to school, do so in a named lunch box or container and not in plastic/carrier bags.



Last term, particularly in the juniors, we have an increasing number of plastic bags left in school each week, some of which, when found ... *well, let your imagination take over!* The

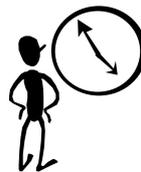
same applies for the lunch boxes - unnamed and unclaimed in too many instances. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.



Yet again, school had some building work completed over the summer break. We have a refurbished entrance porch that will soon also include an electronic entry system. Our art / intervention room now has a sliding patio door that opens into our 'quadrant' (accessed from the hall). This has now been decked courtesy of the PTFA and will soon have planters, seating and a water feature included to convert a once 'dead' space into a lovely new working / reflective area.

A massive thanks to the PTFA committee—hopefully everyone will soon be able to see yet another way their efforts are benefitting our pupils.

### **Punctuality**



Please could we remind parents that school gates close and school **begin** at 8:55am. When children arrive well after this time it can be unsettling for them and disruptive to the class.

Please help us to establish good life skills, such as punctuality, with our children to ensure the best preparation for their futures. As a matter of protocol, if any children are absent, please contact school as soon as possible. It is one of our procedures to call the contacts in our records after 9:30am. to find out reasons for any absences.

## DIARY DATES Autumn Term

We will also endeavour to keep you up to date at [www.standrewsbolton.co.uk](http://www.standrewsbolton.co.uk) and through our Facebook page

Thursday 13th September 2018	Roald Dahl non-uniform day Y6 Zoolab visit
Friday 14th September 2018	Cross Country—Moss Bank Park 4pm Life Education Bus— Science and PSHCE workshops
Monday 17th September 2018	Life Education Bus— Science and PSHCE workshops Meet the Teacher 3:30pm—5:30pm PTFA meeting—6:00pm Full Governing Body meeting 7:00pm
Thursday 20th September 2018	Class Photographs Cross Country—Moss Bank Park 4pm
Tuesday 25th September 2018	Yr 4 trip to Chester
Thursday 27th September 2018	Cross Country—Moss Bank Park 4pm
Tuesday 2nd October 2018	PTFA Movie Night
Thursday 4th October 2018	Cross Country—Moss Bank Park 4pm
Monday 15th October 2018	Multi Faith Week
Friday 19th October 2018	Vintage drumming day School closes for half term at 3:30pm
Monday 29th October 2018	School re-opens
Wednesday 7th November 2018	School Open Morning—prospective parents 2019
Wednesday 21st November 2018	PTFA Movie Night
Wednesday 28th November 2018	Parental Consultations 4:30pm—7:30pm
Thursday 29th November 2018	Parental Consultations 4:30pm—7:30pm
Monday 3rd December 2018	Full Governing Body meeting 4pm
Friday 7th December 2018	Christmas Fayre
Weds 12th/Thurs 13th December 2018	KS2 Production—Rock Bottom at 7pm (t.b.c.)
Thursday 20th December 2018	Dick Whittington Pantomime in school
Friday 21st December 2018	End of term—2pm finish

### School holiday pattern 2018 - 2019

#### AUTUMN TERM [73 days]

Term begins:	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
School closes for half term:	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Half Term:	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
School re-opens:	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Term ends:	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018

#### SPRING TERM [59 days]

Term begins:	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
School closes for half term:	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Half Term:	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019
School re-opens:	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Term ends:	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### SUMMER TERM [58 days]

Term begins:	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019
Bank Holiday:	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 (School Closed)
School closes for half term:	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Half Term:	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019
Half Term begins:	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019
Term ends:	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019