



# St Andrew's CE Primary School Over Hulton



Autumn Term 1

*With God's help we aim high*

6th September 2019

What a lovely start to the new school year! There's been lots of smiling faces and our classes are full with children who are looking forward to their learning. We would especially like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and welcome back Miss Walsh to Year 1. Our first newsletter will hopefully bring you up to date with school events. There are also a few reminders of certain policies and procedures. As always, we will try our very best to make ourselves available should the need arise to speak to us for any reason.



### School photographs

Children will have **Class** photos taken on Tuesday 19/9/19

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!** We understand that there is limited room at the end of the day when picking up KS2 children. As always, please could parents and carers leave room for the children to exit the school. Children are having to use the grassed area to negotiate around groups of adults, prams, toddlers etc at home time. Thanks very much.

Please could parents return the Data forms sent out last term, as soon as possible.

**Our records need to be as up to date as possible** so that, in case of emergency, parents and guardians can be contacted quickly for the wellbeing of the children in our care. Thanks.

### Open morning—Reception 2020

Wednesday 6th November from 9:30am—11:00am. This is an open morning only for prospective parents. No appointment is necessary.



A polite reminder that, with the exception of guide dogs, dogs should not be brought on to the school grounds or into the school premises – whether carried or not.



Clubs	Before School 8:00am—8:45am	After School 3:30pm—4:20/30pm
Monday	Y3/4 Futsal	Ju Jitsu
Tuesday	Y5/6 Futsal	Y3/4 Rugby KS2 Choir
Wednesday	KS2 Tennis	KS1&2 Gymnastics
Thursday	KS2 Running	Y2-6 Fitness Y5/6 Football
Friday	Y5/6 Dodgeball	Dance

**Parent, Teacher and Friends Association**

The PTFA is holding its Annual General Meeting on 16th 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.

**Battery Recycling**

A recycling container is available in the entrance porch for children to bring in any used batteries in need of suitable disposal.

**Let's all do a little to help save our planet.**

Yet again, school had some building work completed over the summer break. The wall in our junior yard has been rebuilt and had our playground fences and rails repainted.



Please access our website at [www.standrewsbolton.co.uk](http://www.standrewsbolton.co.uk) or visit our Facebook page.



Please could any new families download the School Spider App so that school is able to send out texts and messages when required. Guidance for this has been sent home separately.



### Our Learning Challenges this half term

Reception All about me/Pirates and Mermaids

Year 1 What would Paddington Bear think of Over Hulton?

Year 2 What started London burning?

Year 3 What are the wonders of ancient Egypt?

Year 4 Why do people go to the Mediterranean for their holidays?

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 16th September  
2019

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.



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.

For payments to school—school meals, trip contribution etc, please make cheques payable to **BMBC**. Thank you

Reception class can choose to have milk each day in school. Key Stage 1 children have the option of choosing a piece of fruit at either morning or afternoon break each day.

Key Stage 2 children can purchase toast for their morning break snack but they also bring their own. Please could this be kept to having a piece of fruit or their own toast from home only.

All children are encouraged to bring in their own water (labelled/named) bottle from home which they can fill up in school and remain hydrated throughout the day. It should contain only still water and not juices, flavoured or sparkling drinks. Thank you.

We hope to begin an initiative this term of appointing Pupil PCSOs in our continued efforts to encourage positive parking for those who choose to drop off and collect children by car. Through initial informal meetings with the Community Police Officers, Highways Engineers and parents, we will continue a focus on making the area around school safer and healthier. From freshening up road markings to encouraging motorists to turn off their idling engines, to parents taking a lead to requesting the initial support of the Police, PCSOs and Traffic Enforcement in the campaign to tackle hazardous parking.

Pupil PCSO projects that already exist have proven that children were the best ones to 'encourage' (embarrass in some cases) their parents into being more considerate about parking, road safety and pollution and encouraging them into making different choices like walking to school. If anyone would like to be involved in this project, please contact the school to express interest. In the meantime, the link below gives more information. Thank you.

<http://headsip.russellscottblogs.net/2018/06/14/how-to-guide-running-your-own-junior-pcso-campaign/>

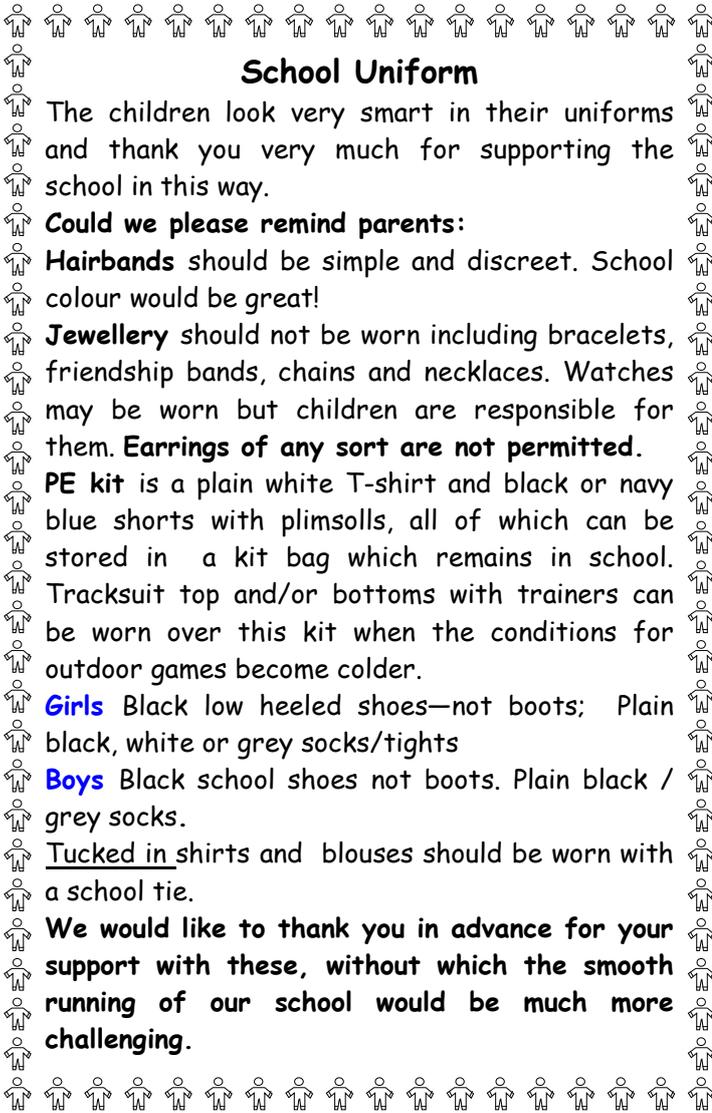
### Applications to St Andrew's and other schools.

Please note that if you have a child who will have reached school age by September 2020, 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 2020** (Closing Date 31/10/19) A letter has been sent out informing Year 6 parents/carers they can now apply online for a secondary school place for 2020. 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).

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/secondary-school-places>



## 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, white or grey socks/tights

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

Tucked in shirts and 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.



Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

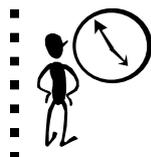
**Over the summer, for those children who wish to cycle to school, the school have installed new bike racks on the grassed area near the main entrance, where pupils of our school can store their bikes in the safety interests of all.**

Unfortunately, the school can take no responsibility for bikes left in this area. Only pupil's bikes can be stored in this area (no scooters please). All cyclists are asked to dismount on entry to, and when before leaving, the boundaries of the school. Thank you.

**In addition to this, the cycle racks have been fitted as such and not as playground play equipment. In the interests of safety, please could parents ensure that their children refrain from using them as a 'mini climbing frame'. Again, thank you for your support with this matter.**

Could we please remind parents that we endeavour to be a nut free environment as we have a number of pupils and staff who have nut allergies. When preparing Packed Lunches, please could this be kept in mind there are still a number of children are bringing in 'nut / chocolate' spreads and products, as well as nutty cereal bars. Thank you for your support with this matter.

**Punctuality**  
Please could we remind parents that school gates close and school **begins** 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 2019

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

Wednesday 11th September 2019	Y6 trip to the Lakeland Wildlife Oasis
Thursday 12th September	Cross Country—Moss Bank Park 4pm
Monday 16th September 2019	Meet the Teacher 3:30pm—5:30pm
	PTFA meeting—6:00pm
	Full Governing Body meeting 7:00pm
Tuesday 17th September 2019	Year 2 trip to Staircase House
Thursday 19th September 2019	Class Photographs
	Cross Country—Moss Bank Park 4pm
Thursday 26th September 2019	Cross Country—Moss Bank Park 4pm
Monday 30th September 2019	Harvest Service at church—donations for WinterWatch requested
Tuesday 1st October 2019	Macbeth—Young Shakespeare Company—Year 4,5 and 6
Wednesday 2nd October 2019	Reception Trip to Bring Yer Wellies
Thursday 3rd October 2019	Life Education Bus— Science and PSHCE workshops
	Cross Country—Moss Bank Park 4pm
Friday 4th October 2019	Life Education Bus— Science and PSHCE workshops
Tuesday 8th October 2019	Nasal Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 9th October 2019	Reception Class—Oral Health workshop
Thursday 10th October 2019	Y3/4 Cross Country—Moss Bank Park 4pm
Monday 14th October 2019	Multi Faith Week
Friday 18th October 2019	School closes for half term at 3:30pm
Monday 28th October 2019	School re-opens
Wednesday 6th November 2019	School Open Morning—prospective parents 2020
Monday 11th November 2019	Remembrance Service at church
Thursday 21st November 2019	Yr 4 trip to Chester
Wednesday 27th November 2019	Parental Consultations 4:30pm—7:30pm
Thursday 28th November 2019	Parental Consultations 4:30pm—7:30pm
Thursday 19th December 2019	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime in school
Friday 20th December 2019	End of term—2pm finish

### School holiday pattern 2019 - 2020

#### AUTUMN TERM [73 days]

Term begins:	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
School closes for half term:	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Half Term:	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
School re-opens:	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Term ends:	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019

#### SPRING TERM [59 days]

Term begins:	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
School closes for half term:	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Half Term:	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
School re-opens:	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Term ends:	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020

#### SUMMER TERM [58 days]

Term begins:	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Bank Holiday:	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 (School Closed)
School closes for half term:	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
Half Term:	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
School re-opens:	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020
Term ends:	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020