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10<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to you all and a very happy New Year, especially to new pupils who have joined our school family this term.

### **Morning Coffee**

The governors hold a coffee morning every Monday in the studio from 9am. It's a great way to start the week and you are all very welcome to attend with your pre-school children.

### **Emergency Contact Details**

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date so we can reach you if your child has an emergency.

### **Attendance**

Following advice from the Local Authority, the school's Governing Body has adopted a whole school Attendance Policy, which sets out our commitment to supporting maximum attendance of all pupils to enable their full benefit from all educational opportunities the school offers. We will be following clear procedures to inform parents and carers if children are absent or late on significant numbers of days. This includes a 'first day' contact if pupils are absent, so if the school is not informed of an absence, we will contact parents/carers for information. Please be assured that we are doing this to ensure the best provision for all children. The policy is published in full on the school's website.

### **School clothing**

It is important that children go outside to make the most of the fresh air at play and lunch times, so they need to be equipped for the colder weather with warm, waterproof coats, with hoods and appropriate footwear. Warm P.E. kit and Muddy Day clothing is also essential so that pupils can take part in the full school curriculum.

### **School Meals review**

Please look out for a short questionnaire in which you will be consulted about plans for reviewing our school meals provision in the future.

In addition, it is important that our catering numbers are accurate, so please encourage your child to remember whether they are having school dinner or a packed lunch!

### **Clubs**

After school clubs will begin the week starting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. A full list will be published next week, with opportunities to sign up for a range of activities. Parental support at these clubs would be very welcome, so if you are interested in helping out, please contact Mr Jones at school.

All music lessons from external teachers start the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Spanish family Learning**

The next session will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January from 6.30-7.30pm in the IT suite and will introduce the Linguascope website and give you a chance to use the interactive programmes. Everyone welcome.

### **Walking Bus**

This will start again on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Please meet in the Garden House car park at 8.25am, with departure at 8.35am.

### **Sparks and Sparklers Kids' Club**

There will be a new club for the younger children, called **Sparklers**, and this will be for pupils in Reception and Year 1 & 2. This will start on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January from 3.15 to 4.30pm. This will be held in the **Buckland Chapel** (next door to the school). Leaflets were sent home last term with all details. Nick and Trudi can collect children from school to take them to the club, if an enrolment form is completed and returned to the school reception before 3.15pm on Friday.

Children should be collected from the Buckland Chapel at 4.30pm. If you require them to go to the FFC afterwards, please let Nick and Trudi know. Subs are £1 per sessions.

### **Sparks Kids' Club**

This continues for children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and starts on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January from 6.30-8pm in our NEW VENUE the **Buckland Chapel**. New members are very welcome. You can get further information about both clubs from Nick and Trudi Massey, St. Andrew's Youth Workers on 852328.

### **Newsletters**

Sign up for newsletters at  
[newsletter@standrewscofe.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@standrewscofe.co.uk).

I look forward to catching up with you all in the playgrounds and do pop in to see me for a chat or by phone or email if you have any concerns.

With best wishes,



Sarah Pendle

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fantastic Fun Club (FFC)</b> <b>Vacancies for before and after school care and summer holiday club - enquire at school</b> <b>01822 853153</b>  <a href="mailto:admin@standrewscofe.co.uk">admin@standrewscofe.co.uk</a> Vouchers can be used</p>
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### **PTA news**

Happy New Year to you all from the PTA Team. Now we are settled into a new school term the PTA team are now starting to look at new and exciting ways for parents to socialise and for us to raise a few pennies too! One idea is for us to hold a tea, coffee and cake morning in the studio each Friday after your child's assembly. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with other parents in your school year over a quick cuppa. The first assembly is this week on 13th January for Reception Class. Please have a look on the school website to see when your child's assembly is and we will look forward to seeing you then!

Please come along to our next PTA Meeting which will be held at The Drake on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.45pm or if you are unable to be there and wish to join the team or have some great fundraising ideas you can always contact Sharon Mitchell on 07709228790 or any of the PTA members in the playground. Notes can also be left for us in the PTA box in the school office.

**NEXT SOCIAL EVENT ... QUIZ NIGHT** on Friday, 2nd March .. More details will follow, look out for the table plan in the school foyer.