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Dates for this term:

12th March	World Book day celebrations
13th March	Year 1 trip to Transport Museum
27th March	2.30pm – School closes for Easter Holidays
13th April	School re-opens for summer term

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been so lovely to be introduced to the school as the new interim head teacher and to meet the children too. I have worked in Primary Education for nearly thirty years and have undertaken a number of different roles during that time. I am confident that working at St. Andrew and St. Francis will be very rewarding and I am looking forward to working in partnership with you and the local community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns; I will be in the playground before school each morning and often in the afternoons too.

I would like to invite you all to afternoon tea in Andrew Hall on Friday 13th from 3.30pm onwards. I do hope that you will be able to join me.

Trips & Visits



In order to enhance the children's learning, we continue to arrange various educational trips and visits throughout the year. Where possible we aim to travel to these on free public transport, but from time to time, there may be a cost involved through hiring a coach, or paying entrance fees.

Where this is the case, we ask that all parents pay as soon as possible using our Parent Pay system online.

Don't have a Parent Pay login? Please talk to one of our friendly office staff who will be only too happy to help you set up your account.



Homework



Please ask your class teacher if you do not have a copy of the class homework schedule. All children from Year 2 – 6 should have two pieces of homework to be completed each week from their “Workabooks”. (Of course this is in addition to reading, spelling and times-tables practice!)

School environment

Very shortly we shall be having 2 large projects beginning in school.



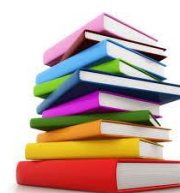
- In order to enhance site security, we shall be automating the pedestrian gates in Belton Road. These gates will be open in the morning and at the end of the day. During the school day and from 5.30, the gates will operate on a buzz-in system, similar to the new car gates.
- At the end of this term we shall have our new library installed in Oxgate classroom. This will work on a system similar to a public library, where the books will be electronically catalogued and scanned in/out of stock. This will help us to track the reading habits of children and hopefully encourage them to access our stock of books more frequently.

Charity giving

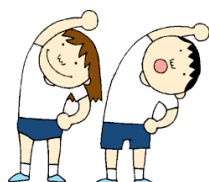
On the 18th of February we started our “**Pennies for Leprosy**” appeal, which we run every year during the season of Lent. ***With every £10 it is possible to buy the medicine needed to cure someone of Leprosy.*** Our children find it rewarding to think that they can count the money their class has raised during the 6 weeks of Lent and work out how many people they can help to recover from this terrible, yet easily remedied disease. Please encourage the children to bring in their spare change each day and put it in their class jar. As usual, there will be a prize for the class who collect the most.

World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 12th March. Just to remind you, we have asked the children and staff to dress up as a character from a book. There will be prizes for those costumes judged to be the most original. In addition, the school will be holding a book fair in the new library. So, look out for more information.



PE Kits



The school is lucky enough to have a specialist PE teacher. Please make sure that your child/children have the correct equipment in school on their PE day. Please also make sure that their names are clearly visible on clothing as things get very busy in the classroom and it is not always easy to sort out everyone’s belongings.

Mrs. R. Hastings
Headteacher