

# St Andrews Primary School

## Newsletter

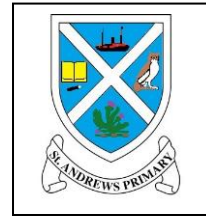
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### Welcome

Welcome back to school, we hope you had an enjoyable summer break. We are looking forward to another busy school year ahead with lots of opportunities for parents/carers to come and join the learning in St Andrews School.

This is a short newsletter to let you know our return to school information, a more detailed newsletter will follow.

### Class Newsletters

Class newsletters will be sent out by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

### Reporting to Parents

Our school reporting calendar will be sent out to Parent/Carers next week with information for the year ahead.

During term 2 there will be a Parent Meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023, this will give the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about your child progress.

### Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will take place in September, date to be confirmed.

### After School Clubs

After School Clubs will be starting in a few weeks, information and application forms will be sent out later this week.

Lunchtime Clubs for P4-7 will start during term 1 once pupils have been consulted about the choices available.

### Healthy Snacks & Packed Lunches

Health Eating in Schools the 'Food and Drink Regulation in Schools 2020' guide provides information regarding healthy food choices for our pupils. Please follow the link below for further information.

[Healthy Eating in Schools: guidance 2020 \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Pupils should take a healthy drink to school each day preferably water for all drinks provided, no fizzy or high energy drinks at permitted. Water or flavoured water is the only drink pupils can take while in the classroom.

The NHS Dental service has raised concerns about the standard of teeth hygiene and the high level of decay due to unhealthy drinks and snacks in our school.

### PE

PE will take place outdoors in term 1. Pupils should continue to come to school on their gym day wearing the following;

- **School jumper/sweatshirt**
- Trainers
- Leggings, joggers, tracksuit trousers etc
- Minimum of 2 layers e.g t-shirt and sweatshirt
- Waterproof jacket

Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents that;

- Long hair must be tied back
- Jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed, they can be taped up.

### Label School Clothing

Please make sure all school clothing is labelled with your child's name and class to ensure missing items can be returned to the owner. Lost property will be available to view on a weekly basis, please contact the school if your child has lost any property taken to school and we will assist with returning it to you.

### Road Safety

Road Safety around our school is an ongoing concern. There are a few things that you can help us with:

- Ensure pupils wear helmets when coming to school on a bike or scooter.
- Park in safe place and drop off your child swiftly.
- Park and stride when you can.
- Use the School Crossing Patrollers to cross the road safely.
- WOW (walk to school) badges are awarded termly to reward pupils who walk to school.
- Please let the school know if there will be a change to who will be collecting your child at the end of the school day.

### Medication

If your child requires to take any medication during the school day please contact the school office to request the appropriate form for completion.

Thank you.

### Calendar 2023-24

Term 1	
<b>August</b> Monday 21 August Tuesday 22 August	<b>INSET Day</b> <b>School Starts</b>
<b>September</b> Tuesday 5/12 September	Eco School event
<b>October</b> Tuesday 10 October Friday 13 October	Parent Meetings School Holidays start 3pm

### School Holidays 2023-24

Please follow the link below for information about the school holidays

[School Year Calendar 20/21 - 24/25 \(aberdeenshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/school-year-calendar-2021-24-25)