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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Our Value this half term is **SERVICE**

### YR Trip to Church Farm



Reception had a wonderful time at Church Farm, Ardeley on Friday. They made their own bug houses, saw a variety of animals and got to feed them, and finally collected eggs from the chicken coops!

A huge thank you to our parent helpers and a big well done to the children for a great day out.

### Nursery Pop up Town Visit



On Tuesday morning Nursery class welcomed a visit from a Pop Up Town. The children had the choice of 4 role play areas including a café and post office as well as an arts and crafts table. Nursery children had the opportunity to let their imaginations run wild all morning.

## **The Selfish Giant**



On Tuesday afternoon, as a special treat for the children, Image Theatre Group came with their production of the play *The Selfish Giant* to Years R – Year 6. It was a very entertaining and enjoyable show with plenty of audience participation.

## **Year 3 Come and See**

Last Thursday Year 3 welcomed parents and carers to *Come and See*. It was very well attended. Parents and carers listened to the children singing and were shown a montage of photographs from the recent school trip to Cambridge. The children shared their topic work with their families, demonstrated their sewing skills and showed their parents the patterns they'd been working on, linked to our trip and our Ancient Greece unit.



Thank you for coming.

## **Year 5/6 Production**

We are excited to announce the Year 5 and Year 6 production of **'Go for Gold'**, which will be performed on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 2.00pm and 5.30pm.

## **School Reports**

School reports will be going home from today. Please be aware that all reports need to be collected by a parent or carer or another designated adult (please let us know in the school office who is the designated adult). If your child usually walks home after school we will still need an adult to collect their report. After today all reports will be in the school office for collection.

## **Lost Property**

Please claim any lost property as all left items will go to charity over summer. Lost clothing is on the clothing rail and smaller items/sandwich boxes etc are in the box on the floor in KS2 glass porch.



# Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!



With the introduction of the new Department of Education (DfE) National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

## **Per Parent, Per Child**

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

Parent refers to anyone with parental responsibility and may include carers, step-parents, grandparents or any other adult with parental responsibility.

## **National Threshold**

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice **must** be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

### **First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave of absence or unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

### **Second Offence (within 3 years)**

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child within 28 days

### **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)**

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court.

- Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines up to £2,500
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'

## **Pupil Premium/Free School Meals – Reception, Y1 and Y2**

The school is aware that with the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme automatically providing all children up to the end of Year 2 with a free meal every day, many families do not apply for means-tested free school meal provision until their child reaches Year 3. **This could mean parents are missing out on other sources of support they are entitled to**, linked to household income and the benefits of associated pupil premium funding. Please see link below to check eligibility:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>



As part of our ongoing effort to become more environmentally friendly we are starting a 'reduce, reuse and recycle' section here in the newsletter. Please consider donating your items to school if you have a Summer clear-out.

## **Our School Development Plan**

### **School Development Priorities – St Andrew's three main priorities 2023-2024:**

- 1 For pupils to play a more active role in their learning journey – including a greater awareness of their own progress towards the end points for each subject.
- 2 To improve children's emotional literacy across the school, to help them articulate their feelings positively.
- 3 To improve the school's carbon footprint and the children's understanding of creating a more sustainable future.

Mrs Dimond looks forward to sharing our progress against these priorities at the end of each term.

## **Diary Dates 2024**

**\*\* Parents and carers are invited to the events that are highlighted \*\***

Thursday, 11/07/2024 – Moving Up Day

Thursday, 11/07/2024 – PTA Quiz Night

Tuesday, 16/07/2024 – KS1 Shepreth Trip

Tuesday, 16/07/2024 – Y5/Y6 Production – Performances at 2 pm and 5.30 pm

Thursday, 18/07/2024 – Y6 Leavers Day

Friday, 19/07/2024 – Last day of term. School finishes at 2 pm.

## ***Summer Holidays***

Monday, 02/09/2024 and Tuesday, 03/09/2024 – INSET Days (no school)

**Wednesday, 04/09/2024 – First day of term**

Monday, 15/09/2024 – Nursery starts

Wednesday, 25/09/2024 – Friday, 27/09/2024 – Y5 Aylmerton Trip  
 02/10/2024 and 03/10/2024 – Photographer – individual and sibling portraits  
 Monday, 16/12/2024 pm – Pantomime Trip to South Mills Arts Centre – Robin Hood

Monday 02/06/2025 – Friday 06/06/2025 – Y6 Brenscombe Trip

*(Collective Worship starts at 9.10 am and lasts approximately 20 minutes)*

### **Term Dates for 2023/2024**

<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	
<b>Monday, 15 April 2024</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024	Half term
Monday, 3 June	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Friday, 19 July 2024</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
Monday, 22 July 2024	<i>Inset – School closed</i>
Monday, 23 July 2024	<i>Inset – School closed</i>

### **Term Dates for 2024/2025**

<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	
Monday, 2 September 2024	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
Tuesday, 3 September 2024	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Wednesday, 4 September 2024</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 28 October - Friday 1 November 2024	Half term
Friday, 29 November 2024	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
<b>Friday, 20 December 2024</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
Monday, 6 January 2025	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, 7 January 2025</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 17 February to Friday, 21 February 2025	Half term
<b>Friday, 4 April</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 22 April 2025</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 26 May to Friday, 30 May 2025	Half term
Monday, 2 June 2025	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 3 June 2025	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Wednesday, 23 July 2025</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>



# School Noticeboard

## Summer Camps

### YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

**Venue:** St Mary's Junior School, Heath Drive, SG12 0RL

**Dates:** 22nd July - 2nd August & 12th August - 23rd August 20

**Times:** 9am - 3:30pm / 5:30pm

**Price:** £13.99 per day (4 yrs) | from £24.99 per day (5+ yrs)

**Ages:** 4 - 12 years old

**Additional info:** BRAND NEW ACTIVITIES FOR SUMMER!

#### PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this Summer with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities - from archery to fencing, dodgeball to cricket, plus much more!

**Book now** for a Summer full of fun!

#### CAMPS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



**TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!**

\*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.



### YOUR NEAREST FOOTBALL CAMP

**Venue:** St Mary's Junior School, Heath Drive, SG12 0RL

**Dates:** 26th July, 2nd, 16th & 23rd August

**Times:** 9am - 3:30pm / 5:30pm

**Price:** £13.99 per day (4 yrs) | from £24.99 per day (5+ yrs)

**Ages:** 4 - 12 years old

**Additional info:** 10% off for siblings or if you book all available d.

#### PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Our 5\* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the summer holidays.

Children can meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

For football fans, our sport-specific camps are the perfect way to spend the school holidays.

**Book now** for a summer full of fun!

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**2pm – 4pm**

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**AGES 6-9  
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GAMES & PLAY**



## Other Information



**The Extraordinary Time - Travelling Adventures of Baron Munchausen**  
Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Jul | 2pm  
£15 | 6+



**Technical Workshop Week**  
29<sup>th</sup> Jul - 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug  
£150 | 14+



**Kids Crafts - Marionette**  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup>, Wed 7<sup>th</sup> &  
Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Aug  
10am-2pm | £1 | 4+



**An Inclusive Workshop with Herts Inclusive Theatre**  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Aug  
3pm - 5pm | £10



**Kids Crafts - Finger and Peg Puppets**  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup>, Wed 14<sup>th</sup> &  
Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Aug  
10am-2pm | £1 | 4+



**Inside Out 2**  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Aug  
2pm | £8 | £6 Conc.  
(under 16s) | U



**West End Magic**  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jul | 7pm  
£17 | £14 Conc.



**Kids Crafts - Glove Puppets**  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup>, Wed 31<sup>st</sup>  
Jul & Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Aug |  
10am-2pm | £1 | 4+



**Storytime - Can Wibbly Pig find Pigley**

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Aug |  
10.30am  
Ages 2.5 - 5 | Free



**Once Upon A Time**  
Thu 8<sup>th</sup> - Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Aug  
£15 | 4+



**IF**  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Aug  
11am £8 | £6 Conc.  
(under 16s) | U



**Pop Party**  
Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Aug | 2pm  
£16 | 4+

## Summer Break!

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southmillarts.co.uk

To book your tickets please visit

**southmillarts.co.uk**

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