



St Amand's Primary School— Information for Parents

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very happy end of a very successful year for children and staff. The Carnival themed summer fete couldn't have gone any better due to beautiful sunshine, a fantastic turnout and excellent organisation and preparation by Mrs Andrews, Miss Price, Mrs Dickson and the all PTA and parents who helped. Thank you, a fantastic £1200 was raised and will be used in the coming year directly for your children; the first event being the Mayan drama day for KS2.

Thank you to all who attended our special leaver's Mass last Friday. Thank you for your patience when Fr. Andrew fainted but he is now fully recovered; he wrote a letter to children which was read out on Monday.

The climax of the year was indeed the two outstanding performances of **Cinderella Rockerfella**, the cast was absolutely brilliant. It showcased children at their very best and for our Yr6 children; it was a perfect way to end a brilliant year. We will miss all our Year 6 children as they truly are a wonderful group of characters, who have worked diligently and who have put 100% into everything they have done, including excellent KS2 SATs results.

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: school	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally	Average scaled score: school	Average scaled score: nationally
English reading	80	73%	106	104
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	75	78%	105	106
Mathematics	90	79%	106	105
English writing	90	78%	N/A	N/A
Combined Reading, Writing and Maths	75	65	-	-

Our EYFS, KS1 SATs results and phonics results were also very good. Full information can be found on our website.

A date for your diary – Wednesday 16 October 2019 There will be a parent engagement evening, on the subject of Language and Reading, combined with Cheese and Wine and the annual PTA AGM. More information to follow in the Autumn.

This week, it was time to say a sad **goodbye** to two members of staff who are leaving us due to retirement: Mrs George and Mrs Duggan, who have been a part of our school for a combined 45 years! They will be very much missed and we wish them a very happy retirement. We thank them for all they have done for children at St. Amand's. Miss Allott is also leaving us to pursue her ambition to become a teacher. Children and staff wish her good luck, we will miss her and hope that she will come back and visit us. We wish Matthew, James, Elvis, Antoinette, Melissa every happiness in their new schools and homes and wish their families farewell and good luck.

Today, Yr 6 ended the year with a tearful traditional **leavers' assembly**. We wish them all every blessing as they move to secondary schools. We bid farewell to the Cooke, Broad-Marr, Paxton-Doggett, Dyer, Drew, Currie, Nicholas, O Donoghue families, after a long association with St. Amand's and hope that they will keep us in their prayers.

Work in the summer holiday - We are having the car park in front of the main doors, the paving all around the school and the playground replaced. This is funded by LCVAP money obtained for us by the diocese and from the School Building Fund contributions that you make which supports the 10% that the governors are obliged to contribute to any project.

School Uniform Please adhere to our uniform code. Girls are not permitted to wear long cycle shorts that can be seen below their skirts or dresses- this has become somewhat a trend this term; culottes or trousers are an alternative. Please ensure skirts and dresses are not too short- girls have been folding over their skirts to make them shorter on occasions. Nail varnish is not permitted, and neither are odd colourful socks for boys or girls. School shoes should be worn to school, and not bright trainers as some boys have been wearing recently. Plimsolls or indoor shoes are a requirement please.

School begins for children on **Wednesday 4 September** for Yrs 1-6. Reception parents have dates for their induction. Please feel free to bring your child into the cloakroom on their first day, but from then on only parents of Owls class will be able to come into school in the mornings. As this has worked well this year, a TA will be on the door to greet children and pass on any urgent messages to teachers. Thank you.

The staff would like to thank you for your support this year, for their gifts and wish you all a happy holiday and may God keep you all safe wherever you travel.

Mrs Ellery

SCHOOL DINNERS

From September the cost of school dinners will rise to £2.30 per day.

All payments due have now been recorded on the school system. Please check your account online and pay any outstanding amounts before the start of the new school year.

A reminder to parents of children currently in year 2 that, with effect from September, they will no longer be eligible for Universal Infant Free School meals.

PACKED LUNCHES

Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL due to a child with a severe nut allergy**. Please do not send nuts or nut products, including peanut butter and Nutella, or chicken satay in packed lunches.

Unfortunately, the Hendred Estate have received complaints from two sets of tenants, both with properties on St Mary's Road. It would seem parents becoming, somewhat, more relaxed with their consideration when parking.

There have been several instances recently where cars have completely occupied the spaces for St Mary's Cottage, The School House and Godfreys Farm. The tenants have returned and not been able to park at their own homes. They have also gone to leave home in the morning and been unable to get their cars out as they have been blocked in. The driveway to Cozens Farm has also been completely blocked on more than one occasion.

Please do not park in the area by the garages in St Mary's Road as the garages are in constant use and the spaces are for tenants use only. Please also consider residents when parking elsewhere by parking considerately and not blocking any roads, garages, and driveways.