



5th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below our school notices for this week:-

- St Andrew's Church is hosting a **family disco** this Saturday at 6.30pm in the church hall for all ages. All donations go to Brighton food bank.
- **St Andrew's Church Harvest Service** takes place at 10am this Sunday. Food is being collected for Brighton Food Bank and the items listed are what they particularly need. They will be very grateful for any donations.

HARVEST 2018
We particularly need the following items -

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Fruit
- Instant Coffee
- Pasta Sauces
- Tinned Desserts
- Jams & Spreads
- Rice & Couscous



Thank you for your fantastic support!

- **Individual and sibling photographs** are being taken on Tuesday 9th October. Please can all children wear smart winter uniform.
- **Year 2** are going on a trip to **Brighton beach and Volk's Railway** on Friday 12th October. Children will need to wear school uniform and bring a waterproof jacket if rain is forecast.
- **Parents' Evenings** will take place on Monday 15th October (15:50 to 19:00) and Wednesday 17th October (15:50 to 18:00). Please use our online booking system that goes live from Friday 5th October at 17:00 by visiting <http://standreshove.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> and logging in as prompted. If you have any difficulty logging in please contact the school office on 01273 770082 or email bookings@st-andrews.brighton-hove.sch.uk. Appointments can also be made to see Mrs Chambers (Head of Inclusion) and Mrs Partridge, if they work with your child, on Tuesday 16th October (14:00 to 17:00) and Wednesday 17th October (15:50 to 18:00).
- The opening of the gate into Haddington Street at pick up time at the end of the school day has resulted in an **increase in traffic in Haddington Street** and parked cars. If you drive your car in Haddington Street at the end of the school day please be considerate to our neighbours in Haddington Street and be mindful of your speed and where you park as there are obviously many young children around at this time of day. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **2019/20 term dates** (without inset days) are now on our website along with the current year's term dates and inset days. Please do check dates before booking your holiday. Our Attendance Policy does not allow holidays to be taken during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.



- Please can we request that **children bring in everything they need for the day when they arrive in the morning**. We understand that sometimes things get forgotten but, as the school gets bigger, we are not able to routinely deliver lunchboxes, snacks, coats, water bottles, instruments, homework, raincoats, gloves, sunhats, etc etc., to classrooms.
- **If your child borrows an item of clothing from school** please can you launder and return it for someone else to borrow. If you have any clean, outgrown girls' knickers suitable for Reception and Key Stage 1 children, please drop them into the office.

- PTA message about shoeboxes:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today your child will be coming home with a leaflet telling you about the Christmas shoebox appeal we are excited to be supporting, for local Worthing charity Link to Hope.

Link to Hope has been involved in the Christmas box appeal since 1992 and provides families and communities with vital clothing and essential items in the form of Christmas gifts and presents.

These boxes really do provide a life line for families and individuals as a Christmas present like this would simply not happen without the support and kindness from you. To give you an idea of the amazing work that is done at Link to Hope and the very remote parts of the countries the boxes are delivered to please visit www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2018.

This will then allow adequate time for us to get the boxes to Link to Hope in Worthing and then onto the lorries where they will be dispatched to Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania.

The leaflet gives a list of vital clothing and essential items that can be included within the boxes. Please note the items that are prohibited as for security reasons sometimes the boxes will need to be checked. Essential items can be obtained very reasonably at either 'Flying Tiger Copenhagen' in Churchill Square or The Pound Shop.

A lovely idea in addition to the gifts is to include a family photograph allowing the person receiving their box to know who it has kindly been donated by. The photo can include first names written on the back but please do not include any surnames or personal information.

Gift aid forms and £2 coins also need to be returned in an envelope and handed to the class teacher or office, while the boxes will be collected in the hall with the list of included items in the box securely attached.

Thank you for your continued support and happy Christmas shopping!

St Andrews PTA

- Over the next few months, we are looking to undertake a number of exciting artwork projects in the school. These may range from giving some of the walls a bright new look to large scale 2D or 3D artworks. If you are passionate artist (or a dab hand with a paintbrush!) and are able to give up some time and expertise to support us then please let the office know. When we know the numbers of helpers we require we can then contact you with ideas and timescales. Thank you. Mr Lincoln