



St. Andrew's C of E (Aided) Primary School

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Spring Term After-School and Lunch Clubs

Dear parents,

Welcome back to everyone for our Spring term. The children have made a really good and settled start back to school, which is very pleasing following all the fun and festivities of the Christmas holidays!

The sign-up link with all the timings and details of the after-school clubs will open from 7p.m. this evening.

As a school we are wanting to broaden our extra-curricular club provision, not just with St Andrew's staff but also with external club and coaching providers bringing specialist skills into the clubs programme. I am delighted that there will be new opportunities for the children this coming term, which I would like to explain a little further here:

'Show in a Term' – this will be a drama club for Years 2 through to Year 6, provided by Heidi Lewis, a trained teacher, and our Violin teacher. This club will, as the name suggests, allow children to enjoy and develop their drama skills culminating in a show for parents near the end of term.

Tag Rugby Clubs led by Plymouth Albion – there will be opportunities for children to enjoy and learn the game of Tag-Rugby, with separate clubs for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children, provided by Plymouth Albion Rugby club players. These same players will also provide curriculum teaching and also support reading with older children in the school, which is part of our plans to motivate every child to enjoy reading books!

Drama Club – this club is a Drama club for Key Stage 2 children provided by Tristan Stevenson-Coulshaw, the new church youth worker at St. Andrew's Church. He will run this with his wife; Sarah who is a trained teacher. The club will merge drama with learning about Christian themes and Bible stories and will link with some assemblies in school and possibly with Messy Church.

Dance Club – This term, Jaz, from the OCRA dance teaching group, will offer a dance club for year 1 to Year 6 children, focusing on contemporary dance and other dance styles

The **JH8 Football Academy**, with Micky, will continue to run for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, in addition to curriculum teaching time. Unfortunately, **District Sports** are not able to offer a club this half-term but hope to be able to do so for the second Spring Half-term. We are also hoping to have a Cricket club for after half-term, provided by a Devon County Cricket Coach.

This term we are also having Michael Bevington, a qualified Football coach with Horrabridge Rangers, providing a lunchtime Football club for our younger football players as well as supporting myself with offering a lunchtime LEGO club each week. Finally, as part of our campaign to improve our school environment, I will be starting a voluntary lunchtime St Andrew's Citizenship club, with older children involved in projects such as paper recycling, garden care and other practical projects.

As we extend our extra-curricular programme, we do kindly request that all parents follow the same procedures to help us operate the clubs effectively:

1. **Children can only join a club if they are signed up using the online link.** Please do not simply send your child along to a club expecting they can just join in. The office staff can assist you with this process if you are struggling to access the system: <https://standrewsprimary.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>



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2. **Club numbers are limited.** By offering a range of clubs for various ages, we want to provide good choices for all the children, but naturally there are limits to club numbers and we advise signing up early to avoid disappointment.
3. **Following all after-school clubs, we will continue to send children home from the main school entrance.** We may occasionally also use the Year 4 and 5 exit next to the library if there are many clubs on a particular day.
4. **Attendance for externally provided clubs is chargeable.** However, we aim to keep these as low and affordable as possible. Payment is usually a block payment using the Gateway system.

I do hope your child is able to participate in a number of these clubs and will enjoy the activities available.

You will have received the **Spring Term school calendar** by email today. This may be updated from time to time, and updated versions will be available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Harvey - Head teacher