



St Amand's Primary School— Information for Parents

NEWSLETTER 11 January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to all our families

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Welcome back to a New Year and term. We welcome Mrs Sylvine Druce to our school, who is now teaching part-time in the Owls class.

Year 6 have had a fabulous time on their residential trip to Yenworthy, Devon. For the most part the weather has been dry and sunny; they even went surfing. Centre staff reported to Mrs Baker and Mrs Ashby-Crane that, 'children are an absolute credit to the school, and they have never met such a happy, cooperative and resilient group of children.'

Online Safety news from #WakeUpWednesday

For our first #WakeUpWednesday in 2019 we've created a free online safety guide for schools to share with parents, carers, staff and children about 'Fake News'; the epidemic plaguing our social media timelines and influencing behaviours across the globe!

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1082967693202993152>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/photos/a.1681508315488685/1946517172321130/?type=3&theater>

Parent Online Safety Session- 12 February 2019

We will be hosting an online safety session from 3pm until 3.45pm in the school hall, which will be led by Mr Will Webb, a local headteacher and Guru for Gooseberry Planet. This is the online safety teaching platform that we have purchased. Come before pick up and have a cake and a coffee while you listen. Younger toddlers and school aged children will be looked after by staff in a classroom.

Coats, indoor shoes and shoes

Please can you ensure that your child wears a warm coat to school during the winter months as some children came without a coat or a jumper this week. In order to keep the school free from mud, please ensure that your child has plimsolls or indoor shoes at school. Some of the KS2 children have been wearing trainers to school; school shoes are part of our school uniform and trainers are required for PE and can be worn at lunchtimes.

Rabbits and Hedgehogs

Well done to these children for coming into school independently this week. Thank you parents.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for term 1 and 2 was 97.2%, which is very good. Let's hope this continues.

Reminders:

School starts 8.55am and anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late. We appreciate that from time to time, there are road incidents/road works that delay everyone's journey.

Please leave the school field promptly at the end of the day because the children at Sunshine Club are unable to come outside until the gates are locked. Thank you.

Wake and Shake is available to all on a Thursday morning with no charge; there is no need to book just come along 8.15am, doors will be closed at 8.20am.

Kind regards

Mrs Ellery

School Dinners.

For those parents who like to pay for school dinners in advance the amounts for Terms 3 & 4 are:

Term 3 - £66.00; Term 4 - £66.00 and for both terms £132.00

Please remember that payment for school dinners **should not be in arrears**. Payments should be made weekly or in advance by using the www.eduspot.co.uk payment portal. If you have any problems logging on or using this site please speak to Debbie who will be able to help you.

Diary dates w/c 14 January:

Mon 14 Jan – Football coaching begins

Weds 16 Jan – Volleyball/Badminton club begins

Thurs 17 Jan – Table Tennis club begins

Fri 18 Jan – Forest School begins

FREE SCHOOL APP – The best way to keep up to date with school information is to download the free school app. Notification settings will allow you to filter push notifications you are interested in, e.g. schools news, dates, your child's class etc. This is quick and easy to access much like other social media apps and will allow you to keep in touch without having to visit the website, although there will be a link to the website on the App.

To download the app just go to your usual app store and search for School Jotter, (green pencil icon). Once downloaded just enter the school name or post code.

