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NEWSLETTER 40 – FINAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMER TERM 2010

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Dear Parents and Children

Despite it being the final week of school, the children and staff have been extremely busy: Mr Chapman of St Andrew's Church came into school to present our leavers with 'moving on' books and then Class 8 shared their memories with everyone at their leavers' service in church when they were also presented with Year Books kindly paid for by the PTFA. In the evening on Monday, our governors attended a course looking at 'community cohesion' in school. Our children in Classes 7 and 8 came to school dressed as Greeks and then KS2 children enjoyed the disco provided by the PTFA. Class 8 had an end of term treat to Hollywood Bowl that they had been fundraising for earlier in the term.

'CELEBRATIONS – CONGRATULATIONS – AND FAREWELLS'

This morning we had our **FINAL ASSEMBLY** when we were able to thank those people who help us in school in so many ways. There are many parents who have helped support trips, hear readers and generally help in classrooms, without whom we could not do the many things we do. We thank them most sincerely.

Trophies were presented to:

KS2 Award for Art	Minnie Edwards
Grace Tracy Award for Maths	Josh Varley
Award for Endeavour	Sadie Jones
Sports Shield	Ashley Wilson and Josh Varley
Shield for Music	Ellie Manning
PTFA Award	Aiden Billett
Award for Performing Arts	Iwan Morgan
Shield for Progress in English	Liam Darch
Award for Information Technology	Ella Trego
Taunton Cup for Achievement	Lydia Burton
Burgess Award for Contribution to the life of the school	Chloe Brown
Environmental Shield	Jacob Arscott and Thomas London
John Power award for Progress in Music	Chloe Brown
Award for Achievement in English	Amara Shattock



THE BAKER ART TROPHY FOR KEY STAGE 1 OBSERVATIONAL DRAWING

Pam Baker - who was Headteacher at St Andrew's - came into school to present awards to children in Key Stage 1 for observational drawing. Every child had a picture entered into the competition and the results were:

Class 1	1 st Jacob Lansdell, 2 nd Millie Langford, 3 rd Jack Clarke with merit certificates for Keanen Ford, Annable Johns, Ellie Graham and Dulcie Furner
Class 2	1 st Gugu Mlotshwa, 2 nd Rebecca Mahon, 3 rd Billy Bradbury with merit certificates for Grace Thistlethwaite, Reuben Dowell and Kenzie Watson
Class 3	1 st Charlotte Seymour, 2 nd Annabella Finberg, 3 rd Angel Turner with merit certificates for Leila Jones, Logan Sully, Harry Hall, Katie King, Astrid Kiernan, Lucy Hyslop and Kaine Savery
Class 4	1 st Amy Udall, 2 nd Lucy Gibson, 3 rd Callum Jones with merit certificates for Lucy Lodge and Bethan King

Congratulations to them all. The winner of the trophy was **Charlotte Seymour**. Many congratulations to all of the recipients of the prizes.

ATTENDANCE

Here at St Andrew's attendance is extremely good, and I was delighted to present certificates for 100% attendance this term to 72 pupils. Certificates for **100% attendance** through the year were presented to Rosie Lansdell, Dylon Willis, Rebecca Mahon, Isobel Lansdell, Hannah Mahon, Leila Adlam, Imogen Dungworth and Ryan Willis. Many congratulations to them all.



MUSIC CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following musicians: Conor Osborne, Erin Staddon, Madi Fisher, Saskia Kieran, Josie Cross, Ashlee Barclay, Ellie Byrnes, Leila Adlam, Imogen Dungworth, Holly Wrighton, Chloe Brown, Chloe Hall, Hannah King, Kayleigh Riley, Lisa Sully, Melisa Huckle, Euan Frost, Crystal Chamberlain, George Loker and Ella Trego who achieved 6 Distinctions, 7 Merits and 8 passes in Associated Board Exams Grades 1 – 5

LEAVERS' GIFTS Some of the leavers have kindly donated books or other items to the school as their leaving gifts. Thank you to the parents who have been so generous. With each item is a nameplate stating the name of the child who has donated the book(s) and the time they have been at St Andrew's.



USE OF FRONTER LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



Parents or carers that have a concern about cyber bullying or inappropriate use of language/images within Fronter Virtual Learning Environment during a school holiday should send an email to e-concerns@somerset.gov.uk. Please provide: Name of school...Name of child...Details of incident

The Local Authority will take the necessary immediate action and then report the matter to the school involved who will be able to follow up the incident when term recommences.

This email box is **only monitored** on week days **during Somerset school holidays**. Any incident which occurs during the school week or weekends during term time should be reported to your child's school.

'FACEBOOK' AND 'CEOP' JOIN FORCES! www.facebook.com/clickceop

As you know, the earliest age that a young person can 'legitimately' open a Facebook account is 13, but I am aware that there are children well below that age who have set up accounts. The good news is that the Child ~Exploitation On-line Protection ~Centre (CEOP) has joined forces with 'Facebook' and users can now add the option to 'ClickCEOP'. Through this app, people can access advice, help and support from the CEOP centre. Crucially young people will be able to report instances of suspected 'grooming' or inappropriate sexual behaviour directly from their profile to specially trained investigators. If children in your care are on 'Facebook', get them to search 'ClickCEOP' in Facebook and give them a chance to be one click away from help, if they should ever need it.



SECURITY OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING AND PROPERTY

The long summer holidays are a time when the schools are very vulnerable and St Andrew's is no exception. May we ask all those families who live near school to help us look after it in the holiday. If you see anything suspicious, please contact the police who have contact numbers for the key holders. Mr Green will be working on site for a large part of the holiday, however please report anything that looks suspicious to the police on 08454567000.

KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT

During the holiday, Mr Wright and Mr Jones will be refurbishing the old kitchen in the school: Mr Wright is giving his time as a thank you for supporting Wesley during his 7 years here, with units and appliances supplied by Magnet. Our thanks to them – and to Mr Green who will be assisting in clearing and decorating the kitchen.





OUR RAINBOW IN THE VICARAGE PLAYGROUND IS COMPLETE Thanks to all who contributed Fruit Shoot bottles – we don't need any more! We have sent a picture of the magnificent rainbow to Robinson the makers of Fruit Shoot to show them our creative use of the bottles !! My thanks, to Mrs Jones for coordinating this project.

WE SAY 'FAREWELL' AND WISH GOOD LUCK TO:

- **Class 8**, who are inevitably moving on. We will miss them and wish them all every success in their new schools.
- We will be sorry to say farewell to the children who are leaving us for new schools and we wish them good luck.
- **Mrs Joanne Bale** who leaves us after 7 years as lunchtime supervisor and teaching assistant
- **Mrs Lyn Burgess** who is leaving to take on a new role at Holy Trinity School. Lyn has been working at St Andrew's since 1993 and her contribution to the school as teaching assistant and latterly as ICT coordinator has been immense. I thank her for all she has done and wish her well for her future.
- **Mrs Wendy Welch** who is retiring after 22 years at St Andrew's. Wendy has supported and helped many children across this time. She has always put the children's learning first and has been a supportive and professional colleague to work alongside. I know she has plans for her retirement but the occasional visit to St Andrew's is very much part of these. Relax, enjoy and sincere thanks from us all.



Mrs Close and Miss Whalley are leaving the UK tomorrow for a trip to South India (an hour south of Bangalore) with 8 other teachers from Somerset to take part in a project about sustainable practices in education. They will be looking at a variety of different schools and collecting artefacts and resources to bring back and share with the children. We wish them good journeys and a very fruitful and enjoyable time.

It has been a busy and positive year for our school. The team here have again worked tirelessly to care for, support and challenge our children. Thank you for all your support, encouragement and enthusiasm for everything that we have done during the year. It is very much appreciated by the children and all who work here. Have a very good holiday, enjoy the weather and have a restful time.

Wednesday 1 September

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM

Yours sincerely

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HAVE A LOVELY HOLIDAY

