

STMS newsletter January 2018

Dear Parents

As this is the first newsletter of 2018, may I wish all a families a very happy and prosperous new year.

Since returning, life in school has very quickly returned to normal. The children are busy and teachers and staff have lots of fantastic learning opportunities planned.

The weather this term has been particularly cold and wet. This might be a reason why a number of children have been late for school Please allow extra time to get to school on these wet busy mornings.

Last term I announced that Mrs Lindley is expecting a baby in April and that we would update you after the Christmas break on who would be covering her maternity leave. I am delighted that Mrs Pinnington, our Early Years Leader has agreed to cover Mrs Lindley's 2 days. As Mrs Pinnington already knows the children and leads the practice in Foundation Stage, this should guarantee consistency and significantly reduce any transition issues that might otherwise happen.

Flu is very topical at the moment. We are taking extra steps to control any spread of infection in school. We are encouraging children to wash their hands regularly, use tissues when sneezing and wiping noses and we are disinfecting surfaces more regularly. This means that children with colds can still attend school but when they display flu like symptoms, which are different and more serious, they should stay at home and rest for a couple of days.

Mrs Livingstone has just joined our office staff. She will work at the front desk with Mrs Skerratt dealing with your enquiries and administration tasks. Mrs McCann will still be on hand to support but will have more of a finance role and will manage attendance and admissions. Please do make Mrs Livingstone (Emma) feel welcome.





The Road safety team will be on duty on 23rd January, which is the date of Mr Ross's funeral.

Please ensure you do not park directly opposite the school from 2.00pm onwards on this day.

Church News

27th January - ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. No need to register in advance and no charge. For more information and directions, see website: www.altonrenewal.com or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

27th January—Quiz Night St Patrick's Hayling Island, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets @ £10 include a 2-course supper of chilli and dessert: bring your own drink. Up to 8 players per team. Please contact clareahill@yahoo.co.uk 023 9246 6782 to book and give Clare the name of your team and any dietary requirements.

Junior Librarian

Junior Librarian is not working at the moment, Hampshire IT are working to fix this as soon as possible.

Please accept our apologies.

Childcare

Please ensure all bookings are made by the Friday before you require the childcare and this will need to be paid in advance.

All childcare accounts must be cleared by Friday 2nd February 2018.

Cancellations of childcare bookings must be made 48hrs before the session or you will be charged.

ITEMS FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 24 January	2.30pm	KS1 Liturgy
Wednesday 31 January	9.00am - 11.00am	Reception Family Learning
Friday 2 February	2.30pm	Family Learning and Titanic Day
Wednesday 7 February	2.00pm	Aquila Mass
Friday 9 February	3.15pm	Last day of half term
Monday 19 February	8.45am	First day back after half term break
Wednesday 21 February	2.00pm	Pegasus Mass
Tuesday 27 February	10.00am	Reception Liturgy
Thursday 29 March	3.15pm	Last day of term
Friday 30 March		Good Friday
Monday 16 April	8.45am	First day back after Easter holidays
Monday 23 July		INSET DAY