



19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already beyond the halfway point of January. It certainly feels like January, with the extremely cold weather that we have been experiencing. Please can I take this opportunity to ask you to ensure that your children are coming into school with warm clothing (hats, scarves, gloves) to protect against the elements. The children will still go outside at break times and lunch times unless it is wet, so it is important that they have appropriate clothing with them at all times. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Collective Worship

It has been an absolute pleasure to lead Collective Worship for the children in school over the past couple of weeks. On our first day back, we discussed three key objects that relate to my own life (ask your children what they were to see if they can remember!). These three objects linked to the key words 'faith', 'support' and 'family'. As a school, we have faith in each of your children to do their very best in all that they are undertaking; we support the children in all of their activities, whether they are excelling or finding things difficult; these acts help us to work together as a strong school family. I look forward to developing this theme further in upcoming acts of worship during the term ahead.

Staffing Update

It has been lovely to welcome new members of staff to our team this term. Mrs Pledger joins us as Year 6 teacher, Mrs Allen is our new Pastoral Lead (not to be mistaken with the other Mrs Allen, our SENCo!) and Mrs Richardson joins our team of teaching assistants, supporting in Year 5. In addition to this, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Curt back to Lincoln Class, where she has formed a job share with Mrs Mohr. We hope you will make our new members of staff feel welcome as they start their roles in supporting our children across the school.

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Whalen later this year, who has taken the decision to retire from her roles as Senior Administrator and Midday Controller. Mrs Whalen has had a long association with St. Andrew's, dating back twenty three years to when she began volunteering at the school. As many of you will attest to, Mrs Whalen has always been a smiling and helpful face at our school office and is well known to countless children and parents, both past and present. We will miss her greatly when she leaves at Easter.

New Headteacher Coffee Morning

I would like to invite you to a coffee morning on Thursday 1st February, from 9:00am – 9:45am in the school hall. This will be an informal occasion where we will be serving tea, coffee and a selection of biscuits. As part of the morning, I will be giving a brief presentation on my values and vision for the school moving forward. If you are interested in this event, please return the attached flyer to the school office by Friday 26th January at the latest so that we able to appropriately cater. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 1st February.



Parents' Evening

As you are aware from the date sheet sent out last week, our Spring Parents' Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th February. Details for how to book an appointment, as well as when appointments will be released, will be sent to you shortly. Please do ensure that you book an appointment to see your child's class teacher, so that they are able to update you on academic progress and attainment.

New Email Address

A letter was sent out earlier this week detailing a change to the contact email address for the school. Please use enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk for all email correspondence going forward.

2024/25 Term Dates

Please see attached to this letter the term dates for the 2024/25 academic year. These will be published on our website shortly.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers, as well as the whole school community, for making me feel incredibly welcome as I have begun my role as Headteacher. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many new faces over the last few weeks and I look forward to continuing to build positive relationships with all stakeholders.

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mr M W Baker
Headteacher

*** Thank you to the PTFA for organising toast today – it was much appreciated by the children! ***





St. Andrew's Church of England Primary School

2024/25 Academic Year Term Dates

Autumn

Term 1

Wednesday 4th September – Friday 18th October

HALF TERM – Monday 21st – Monday 28th October

Term 2

Tuesday 29th October – Thursday 19th December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Friday 20th December – Friday 3rd January

Spring

Term 3

Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February

HALF TERM – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Term 4

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

EASTER HOLIDAY – Monday 7th April – Tuesday 22nd April

Term 5

Wednesday 23rd April – Friday 23rd May

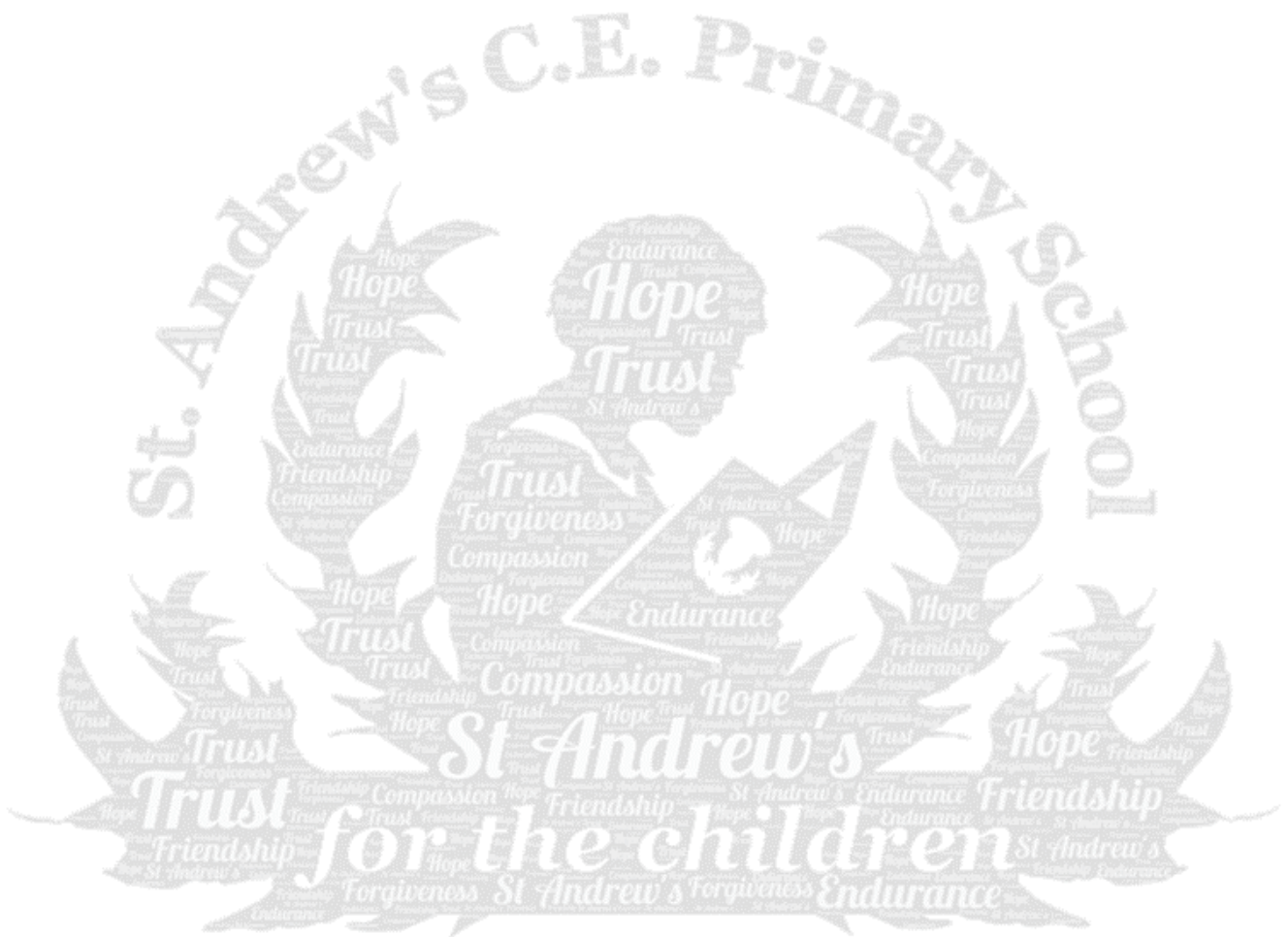
HALF TERM – Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Term 6

Monday 2nd June – Tuesday 22nd July

Staff Training Days

Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September, Monday 28th October, Tuesday 22nd April
(+ one day disaggregated against twilight training).



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