



# St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are continuing to enjoy the sunshine while it lasts and you and your families are keeping well.

I should like to thank you for your understanding, support and patience during these very difficult times. It is incredible how many changes we have had to make. We are always looking for the best option when things have to be different and there are many factors to consider. In a time where things are changing on a daily basis please be assured central to any decisions we make is the wellbeing of the children, families and the school team.

I'd also like to share more details of the parent/ teacher meetings mentioned in my last newsletter. I'm aware that there has been some concern about the scheduling of these and I hope these further details will reassure you that we are as keen as ever to build the partnership between home and school.

Starting this week each year group will have a team photo on the classroom wall or window so you can see who the teachers and teaching assistants are working in the year group the majority of the time. These will also be on the school website.

We will then be running the 'meet the teacher' meetings in two phases. Phase 1 will be a Year group video call on Microsoft Teams, which will enable you to meet your Year group teachers, hear how the children are settling in and how we will be approaching the curriculum in school. Dates, times and teachers taking part are detailed below.

To take part in the meeting you will need to register your email address on School Gateway so an invitation can be sent out to you. Please ensure you have done this at least one day before the meeting as invites cannot be sent any later. Without an invitation you will not be able to access the meeting. Details of how to register are in the panel below.

If you have any general questions - not specific to your own child - that you would like covered on these calls, please also register them through the comments section on School Gateway and we will do our best to address them. If you are unable to attend the meeting online, the teachers will create a Q&A sheet and share it after the meeting.

Year group	Date	Teachers attending
Year 6	Thursday 24.09 4-4.30pm	Miss Stott Mrs Gerrish
Year 3	Tuesday 29.09 4-4.30pm	Miss Churchman Mr Nixon
Year 4	Wednesday 30.09 4-4.30pm	Miss Smith Mrs Rowley
Year 1	Thursday 01.10 4-4.30pm	Mrs Chapman Mrs Toms Mr Robards
Year 5	Wednesday 07.10 4-4.30pm	Mrs Ludlow Mr Gibson
Year 2	Thursday 08.10 4-4.30pm	Mrs Perryman Mrs Talbot Mrs Kershaw Miss Parsons

## Phase 2

Phase 2 will be individual 10 minute phone calls from your class teacher. This will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and discuss any questions you may have, including how we can work together.

These will be scheduled in from the week commencing **28<sup>th</sup> September until the 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. When you complete the email registration for the Phase 1 meeting, **please indicate your availability to meet within this time-frame (in the comments box)** and the teachers will do their best to accommodate the timings given.

**If you do wish to discuss your child more urgently (and you have not already done so) please call the school office, who will try to arrange a call from the teacher. But it would be appreciated if these could be kept to urgent queries only.**

### Steps to register for parent teacher meetings

1. **Register the email address you would like to use for parents' evenings, by entering it in the comments box on the School Gateway. This will be used for the Teams invitation so please double check it before sending.**
2. **Download the Microsoft Teams app to your device or laptop:**  
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>
3. **Add any general questions you would like answered in the comments box prior to the online meeting.**
4. **Enter the best days and times to call you for a 1:1 meeting.**
5. **Tick the consent box to confirm you agree with the Code of Conduct Guidance.**

### Foundation stage parent communications

**The above arrangements apply for all years from Years 1-6.** The EYFS team will continue to keep in touch with parents as needed and in term 2 there will be a 1:1 meeting or phone call to discuss how the children have settled in.

I hope this plan reassures you that we are looking forward to talking to you about your children, our plans and the curriculum, while at the same time continuing to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of everyone concerned.

Thank you for your support - Annette Mashru – Headteacher



#### **Exciting news...**

Meet Rosa Elizabeth Darlington. A beautiful baby girl, born to Mrs Darlington (Year 1 teacher) on 12.09.20 6lb 8oz. The Darlingtons are very happy but a little tired and everyone is healthy.

