



Welcome back to the new academic year! We hope you all had a great summer! This term we welcome Mrs Finn who is working with both Year 4/5 and Year 1. We also welcome back Mr Fox who will be continuing Forest School with KS1 initially and later with KS2.

#### **School Uniform.**

Our children have returned looking very smart and are wearing our uniform with pride. Just as a reminder our uniform is a pale blue shirt, grey trousers or skirt, school tie and sweat shirt, white or grey socks and black sensible shoes. Foundation Stage uniform exchanges the blue shirt and tie with a pale blue polo shirt. Our PE kit is a white tee shirt, black shorts and black pumps. No earrings should be worn in school. We like to be out in all weathers and so it is important that children come to school in appropriate outer wear - waterproof coats, wellies etc.

#### **Bike It**

As we mentioned at the end of last term we are a Stoke on Trent Bike It school. This project is aimed at getting kids and their families on their

bikes safely and sustainably. We will be launching with an assembly next Tuesday at 10.15am with members of the Bike It team. If you are free please do come and join us via the hall door!

#### **Bike Storage**

We have been successful in gaining storage for our bikes. The foundations are laid and we are just awaiting the arrival of the units.

#### **Tour of Britain**

KS2 have been invited to take part in the Tour of Britain celebrations on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The City Council will be providing all the transport so that we can be there to cheer the riders off from the Britannia Stadium in the morning and welcome them back into Hanley in the afternoon. Consent slips should have been returned today as numbers needed to be confirmed. This should be a really exciting event and starts our year of cycling in style!

#### **Monitors 2009/10**

Year 6 monitors will be presented with their badges next Friday at our celebration assembly. It is usually a time of suspense and you are welcome to join us at 9.10am on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. We will open the hall doors for you.

#### **Swimming**

Swimming begins for year 5 and 6 on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Children will need to be in school for 8.45 for early registration. The coach leaves at 9.00am. A reminder that goggles are not recommended and may only be worn with a letter of permission from parents to the coach. Jewellery is also not permitted. If your child is unable to swim for any reason they will still accompany their class and sit poolside. Swimming is a part of the National Curriculum and Year 6 will be tested in the subject in the summer term. If your child misses three consecutive lessons you will need to provide a medical note to explain their non participation.

#### **Parents Meetings**

Will take place week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September. Look out for your letter coming soon!

#### **Your prayers please.**

This week marks the first anniversary of Mrs McKenzie's death. We ask that you remember the family in your prayers. We are working towards a friendship bench for the playground in her memory.

## **Housepoints**

This week our house teams scored:

St Andrew - 108

St David - 71

St George - 62

St Patrick - 44

**Congratulations to Saint Andrew's!**

## **Stars of the Week!**

St Nicholas - Shane

St Therese - Alex Wong

St Christopher - Callum Quinn

St Maximillian - Lauryn Fitchford

St Martin's - Thomas Leese

St Chad's - Emily Roberts and Caitlin  
Davis

**Well done you!**

**100% Attender of the Week**

**Robyn Nelson**