



St Andrew's Church of England (VC) Primary School

'Learn to love and love to learn; in God's love each one will shine.'

St Andrew's End of Year Update

Date: 21.7.21

Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

This isn't a weekly update – rather a tying up of a few loose ends before the summer break.

Firstly, thank you for all of the good wishes and presents which I and my staff have received. It is very kind of you all to think of the staff in this way and they are all greatly appreciated.

Even though it has been a short week- we have managed to fill it with lots of wonderful activities.

Year 6 had a fantastic time at "The Edge" on Monday. Many of the children overcame initial fears and achieved things that they almost didn't feel possible.



On Tuesday Year 6 performed Olivia to their parents. This was our first public performance for over eighteen months and felt very special.



Today Rev'd Sarah led our End of Year Service in our outside space. This was the first time we had all collected together physically and so, like the evening before, felt very special. Each class took one of our values, which we have explored this year and presented either a song, poem, piece of art work etc to share with the rest of the school. Year 6 were presented with their Bibles and shared their favourite memory – many of which seemed to

involve the cutting of hair! It was a truly lovely service.



During the service we awarded our Value Champion Award to Hannah (Y6).



This award is given annually to someone who the staff feel has “lived the values” throughout their time at St Andrew’s and who has had a major impact upon the school. Hannah, with her Eco determination has initiated a number of actions which have helped the school to save electricity and reduce our waste. She has also been an active member of our Library Team who have helped our new library flourish. She has ensured that books are looked after and has helped make the space warm and inviting. Well done Hannah.

Details about September return

The information we have had from the Government about school’s operation is that, as from 19th July 2021 we are now in Step 4 of their roadmap.

Please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>)

Under this guidance, **unless we are told otherwise prior to our return our school**, many of our covid measures will be changed for the children’s return in September.

- Whole school gatherings – such as Collective Worship, performances, School Fayres etc will re-start.
- We will no longer continue with our bubble system for classes, playtimes and lunchbreaks.
- Staff will no longer wear face masks unless they wish to in communal spaces or if we have an outbreak.

We will however continue with some of our covid measures such as:

- Continued promotion of regular hand washing and use of hand gel on entry to the school, before eating and breaktimes.
- Continued promotion of good respiratory hygiene i.e The ‘Catch it, Bin it, Kill it’ approach.
- Enhanced cleaning of key areas – toilets and shared areas.
- Ensure good ventilation of classrooms.
- Use of our hall as a second dining space to help spread the children out further.

If anyone in our school develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#), however mild, we will continue to send them home and they should follow public health advice.

If a positive case is reported to us in school, we will follow public health advice, however close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and the school will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Many parents (and staff) have said that they prefer the soft drop off to school. From September we will therefore continue the soft drop off – doors will open at 8.45 – 8.55am. Pick up will be at 3.15pm

Year Group	Classroom	Drop off and collection point Drop off – doors open at 8.45 – 8.55am. Pick up will be at 3.15pm
Nursery (once their phased start has been completed)	Nursery Room	Nursery Door - parents & carers to wait in zoned-off car park
Reception	Reception Room	Main Lower School Door
Year 1	Y1 Classroom	Main Lower School Door
Year 2	Y2 Classroom	Y2 Door
Year 3	Y3 Classroom	Y3 exit and entrance door
Year 4	Y4 Classroom	Y4 exit and entrance door
Year 5	Y5 Classroom	Y5 exit and entrance door
Year 6	Y6 Classroom	Conservatory Door
Breakfast Club		Conservatory Door
After School Club		Up to 5.30pm - Conservatory Door 5.30pm - From Main Entrance

As mentioned in our staffing letter, if you are unsure of the whereabouts of your child's next classroom, please ask at the School Office.

School uniform

Our normal school uniform expectations will be in place from September 2021.

We will also continue to ask the children to wear their PE Kit to school on the days which they have PE, however we will insist that the children wear only the St Andrew's Kit and not other items/ football team kits.

Uniform details can be found on this school link:

<https://standrews323.herts.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

School Marathon Medals

We apologise for the delay in getting these medals. They have been ordered and will be given to the children, who participated, in September. We will post the medal to any child leaving St Andrew's this term.

I hope this answers questions you may have had about the September start.

We look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on Thursday 2nd September.

Kind regards,

Mrs H. Gillingham