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

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

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Matthew 4:19

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# St Andrew's Weekly Update

Date: 19.7.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham Value: Peace

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Change to School Hours**

From September and in order to comply with the DfE directive that all children receive a minimum school week of 32.5 hours, our school doors will be open from 8.40am, with the expectation that all children are inside the building and beginning their learning by 8.45am. This will ensure that all children are receiving the correct provision time.

#### **Test Results**

Congratulations to our Year 6 cohort who received their Year 6 Assessment Test results last week. We were really proud of them. Our results are significantly higher and are above the provisional national average. Given that this cohort, as the DfE recognises, 'experienced disruption to their learning during the pandemic, particularly at the end of Year 2 and in Year 3' their achievement is even more wonderful. All of the children (and staff) had worked so hard for this testing period and I would like to thank them for their effort.

Similarly, parents & carers of Year 1 and Year 4 children will have received their results of the Phonics Screening and Multiplication test respectfully. Once again our school results rose in both areas and are a testament to both the staff and children's determination to do as well as they possibly could.

#### **Sporting News**

Some of Year 2 had an exciting time last week when they went with Mr McNaughton to Sele School to play Rapid Fire Cricket. They were taught a number of skills and had small group games. The children were excited to take their new skills back to school to teach the rest of the class.















#### **Sport Results**

Later in the week - on Wednesday, we had a joyful KS1 Sports Morning. The children showed excellent sportsmanship - cheering each other on and helping where necessary. The two classes contributed to the final score, which was incredibly close. However, the final honours went to Stort. Well done to all of the children for making all of the sporting events such fun.



Stort	87
Ash	86
Millstream	85
Lea	76















#### **Platinum Award**

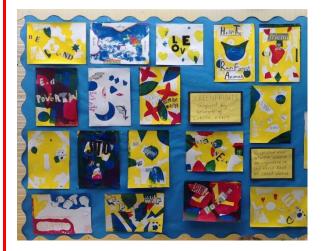
We are very proud to announce that Mr Cooper has led the school to achieve our Platinum School Games Mark, which is the highest award we can get.

As the Schools Games Mark team said, 'It is a true reflection of all the hard work you put in to PE & Sports Provision within your school.' Mr Cooper had to submit a case study around the impact of sporting opportunities we are providing. I would like to thank Mr Cooper for all of his hard work in this important area of the school.



#### **Open Evening**

Thank you for everyone who came to visit on our Open Evening. I am sure that you had a wonderful time looking around at the variety of work on show in all of the classrooms. I hope that you were given a complete tour by your child/ren. Thank you to our Governors for manning the refreshment stall and keeping us all going with delicious scones and cream. Here are some examples of the work on display.

















#### **Year 6 Community Day**

Last Friday Year 6 visited Chauncy School to take part in their annual Community Day. The children took part in a range of different activities including Mini Olympics, Media Workshop, Art and Design and Photography. The children had a great day and enjoyed taking part in all of the activities.



















What a production this has proven to be. The children sang and performed brilliantly and it was lovely to see such confidence shining out from them all. Well done to Mr Cooper, Miss Sewell, Mrs Hoskin, Miss Kumm and Mrs Murray for pulling it all together.

















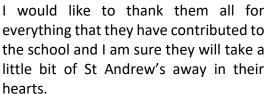
#### **Farewells**

As this is the final newsletter for the year and it would be remiss of me if I did not mention all of the wonderful staff who are leaving. I know that the school will continue in September, as special as it always is, however it does feel that we are marking the end of an era as we wave goodbye to Mrs Davey, Mrs Hoskin and our newer members of staff Mrs Dear, Miss Nolan and Miss Karahasan.



Mrs Davey and Mrs Hoskin have worked so long at St Andrew's that they have become part of the fabric of the school and we will all miss them terribly. However, we also know that Mrs Davey is quite rightly going on

to become a new Headteacher and we are really proud that we have helped and supported her to take this important step. Mrs Hoskin, after nineteen years with us, is now ready to see what life offers her after doing some travelling.







And finally.....I would like to say an enormous goodbye to our Year 6 as they leave us to go to their new schools. I am sure, they too, will take our St Andrew's values with them and will shine at their new schools. They have been a brilliant Year 6 and wonderful role models to our younger children in terms of their behaviour, work ethic and leadership. We wish them all the very best as they take the next step in their education.













During our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, we awarded our **Value Champion Award** to **Joseph** (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. Whilst this award could have been given to many of our Year 6 children, the staff felt that Joseph embodied all of the values throughout his time at St Andrew's.

#### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

Last week's mini league winner: Year 5



#### **You Can Toucan Awards**

The You Can Toucan awards are presented each week to those children who have gone above and beyond the expected. The following children received the award for the **week beginning 8th July** 

#### This week staff have chosen:

Nursery: Mario for his wonderful drawing.

Reception: Lola for her hard work and kindness.

**Year 1: Tuesday** for her perseverance in English.

Year 2: Olivia for her enthusiasm for her writing.

Year 3: Stella for all of her hard work and for being an

amazing helper. Isabella for her hard work and Caitlin for her

creativity.

**Year 4: Emily** for her kindness towards others. **Joe** for his

positivity towards school life.

Year 5: Izzy for her effort in all of her learning.

Year 6: Evan for his help and fantastic support during KS1 Sports Morning.



### **Our Half Term Value: Peace**

'Blessed are those who work to make peace, for they shall be called children of God.'

**Matthew 5.1-10** 

The following children received the award for the week beginning 8th July

Class Value Advocate	Class Value Champion	
Nursery: Denis chose	Arabelle for being kind and friendly.	
Reception: Olivia chose	All of Reception for their positivity and can-do attitude.	
Year 1: Stanley chose	Amelia for being a calm and peaceful presence in the class.	
Year 2: Amelia chose	Florence for being a kind and peaceful friend.	













Year 3: Noah chose	Glory for living all of the values all of the time.	
Year 4: Louie chose	Max for living all of the values each and every day.	
Year 5: Isabelle chose Bela for always including others and being a peacemaker.		
Year 6: Eifa chose	Blessing for his kindness and support of the younger children.	

## Red Certificates

Our end of term Red Certificates are given to two children per class who have shown outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning throughout the term.

This term they have been presented to:

Nursery	Myla for her brilliant attitude to learning and to school life.
	AJ for his wonderful enthusiasm for school life. Thank you for your beautiful singing.
Reception	Freya for her positive attitude to her learning and showing great progress in her
	phonics and growing in her independence.
	Jamie for his brilliant attitude, thoughtfulness and sense of fun.
Year 1	Olivia for her wonderful positive attitude to learning and to school life.
	Marshall for being a fantastic member of the class and his fabulous progress in his
	learning over the year.
Year 2	Darcy for her progress, kindness and creativity.
	George S for his dedication at all times and for being an excellent role model.
Year 3	Cianna for always doing her best, working diligently, being a super friend and a
	lovely student.
	Jack R for always working hard and doing his best in all areas of the curriculum.
Year 4	Joe for being a fantastic and kind member of Year 4.
	Bella for her positive attitude to school life and her success and progress at her
	learning.
Year 5	Lilia-Mae for her amazing effort and perseverance with her learning.
	Alex for being such a thoughtful, kind and inclusive member of the class.
Year 6	Mitchell for giving one hundred percent to everything he does at school.
	Emma for always approaching every challenge at school with fantastic attitude,
	humour and a smile.

Thank you for all of your support over the past year, which has helped to make it such a successful one. I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday. The children and staff all deserve a well-earned rest and I look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.** 

With kind regards,

Mrs H Gillingham











#### **OFFICE UPDATE**

#### **Uniform – Summer Orders**

Message from Mapac: The summer is finally here and although here at Mapac we've already built up great stock levels to ensure your order is sent out in record time, there can always be issues that are out of our control, with this in mind please order as early as possible, especially if your child is starting school for the first time!

Orders placed up to and including the 31st of July will take priority over all our current stock so please place orders as soon as possible – This will help ensure that you receive your uniform in time as orders placed after this period are more likely to be subject to delays.

#### **Super Star Sport - After School Clubs**

Super Star Sport clubs for <u>next half term</u> are now available to book: <u>https://superstarsportuk.class4kids.co.uk</u> – Superstar Sport also continue to provide after-school care from 3.15pm – 5.45pm, Mon-Fri.

#### <u>Super Star Sport – Summer Holiday Camp</u>

Super Star Sport have now released their bookings for their summer camps at St Andrew's, their camp program flyer is attached to this newsletter for further information. Bookings can be made via the links below:

Full day booking link:- <a href="https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/93">https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/93</a>
Half day booking link:- <a href="https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/94">https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/94</a>

For any queries: email info@superstarsport.co.uk or phone 01992 766 707.

#### **TERM DATES**

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept: Return to school

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept: New Reception parents' coffee morning – 9am

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Sept: New Nursery parents' coffee morning – 9am

**Mon 9**<sup>th</sup> **Sept:** Piano lessons restart

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Sept: Individual photos









