



# 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 Weekly Update

Date: 12.11. 21

Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,



We had a moving Remembrance Service this Thursday, led by Rev'd Sarah. It was a lovely service, with poems and readings by our Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Throughout the week all of the children have been completing work about the two World Wars, remembering the sacrifice that so many made for us. These pieces will be shared during our Collective Worship on Monday and will then be displayed in the hall.



Thank you to all who contributed to the lovely display of poppies at St Andrew's church, especially to Mrs Lovell who organised this activity. The end result is stunning. There will be a Remembrance Service held outside St



Andrew's Church this Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am where our School Captains will lay the school's wreath.

### Year 1 Visit to St Andrew's Church

As part of the classes' RE focus exploring how and why Christians worship, Year 1 visited St Andrew's Church and had a hugely enjoyable morning, exploring and looking for special things in the building. As you can see, a couple of dolls went with them on the trip, with one even being baptised in the font.



### Station Art

I was extremely pleased to hear about a second of our St Andrew's children being represented at the station. James (Yr 6) painted a stunning oil painting of our village, entitled 'Autumn in the Village'. We are very proud of him and he quite rightly was awarded a Headteacher sticker!



### Invitation to Phonics and Spelling Evening: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

As part of our focus on reading and writing, we have recently invested in a new phonics and spelling scheme. The Little Wandle Phonics scheme ties in very closely with our Big Cat reading scheme, which was introduced last year. In Key Stage 2, we have introduced the No Nonsense Spelling scheme which will build upon the knowledge that the children have been taught in the earlier years. To help explain how these schemes work and our approaches to the teaching of reading and spelling we would like to invite you to a Curriculum Evening, on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm**. These meetings for **Reception to Year 6 classes** will be held in the children's classrooms, the outside doors to which will be open five minutes prior to the start.



### Children in Need

Next Friday we will be having a Children in Need day, when the children can come to school ideally in something spotty or (if that is difficult) their own clothes, for a donation of £1. Please pay via WisePay. All of the proceeds will go towards Children in Need.

## Football

Our Football team played well against Hollybush School on Thursday. Although they did not win, Mr Chesterman was extremely proud of their sportsmanship and said that at no point did they give up. So well done all of you.



### You Can Toucan Awards

These awards are presented each week to those children who have gone beyond the expected and done something exceptional.

#### This week staff have chosen:

**Nursery: William** for recognising his name in the class environment.

**Reception: Hugo** for his fantastic attitude and effort in learning his words for the Nativity.

**Year 1: Bronte** for her wonderful smile and can-do attitude at all times.

**Year 2: Buddy** for his one hundred percent dedication to our Nativity rehearsals and **Adaley** for her continued improvement in her mathematics.

**Year 3: Dolly** for making huge progress in her maths and **Hugo** for his wonderful Remembrance work.

**Year 4: Millie A** for her perseverance with her maths this week.

**Year 5: Ava** for her fantastic effort with her learning this week.

**Year 6: Mia G** for her fantastic effort and attitude in all lessons.

### Our half-Term Value: Compassion



Our **Faith Factory** provided some dramatic content to our Wednesday Collective Worship as they enacted various school based scenarios asking the children whether the actions were compassionate or not. All of the children showed that they had a clear understanding of the value and how children should be behaving to show it at all times.

Our new **Value Advocates** for this half term are: **Noah (Reception), Ava (Year 1), Logan (Year 2), Harriet (Year 3), Joseph (Year 4), Holly (Year 5), Ollie (Year 6).**

They have chosen the following children as our Values Champions, who are children who have “lived” the value of compassion throughout the week:

**Nursery: Kane** for his thoughts on Remembrance

**Reception: Tommy** for always thinking of others

**Year 1: Jack W** for showing compassion to others

**Year 2: Daisy** for being a really good friend

**Year 3: Lilia-Mae** for being kind and compassionate towards all

**Year 4: Evan** for looking after others

**Year 5: Elliott** for showing kindness to the class

**Year 6: Mia A** for going the extra mile

I hope you have a happy weekend,

Kind regards,

**Mrs Gillingham**

### **OFFICE UPDATE**

#### **Super Star Sport After School Clubs – 2<sup>nd</sup> half Autumn Term**

A reminder to parents and carers that the after school clubs for this half term are now 'live'. Bookings can be made on the Super Star Sport website [www.superstarsport.co.uk](http://www.superstarsport.co.uk) – click on 'Book Now' and select the club your child wishes to take part in, under the heading of our school name.

As usual, children already booked onto the Super Star Sport After School Wraparound Care, will have the option of joining the sports clubs for their year group, on that evening.

**If you are a parent in receipt of Free School Meals**, we are able to offer the opportunity for your child (ren) **to take up a sports club for this half term, free of charge**. (Please note: this will apply to the club appropriate to your child (ren's) year group and is not applicable for the Art Club). Parents and carers should follow the link above and click 'Pay Later'. We ask that this is followed up by an email to [admin@standrews323.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@standrews323.herts.sch.uk) letting the School Office know that you wish the school to pay for the club on your behalf. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the School Office on 01920 870097 or to check your eligibility.

The after school clubs will be offered first-come, first served via the Super Star Sport booking website.

#### **Nasal Flu Immunisation - FINAL REMINDER**

If your child has not received their nasal flu immunisation e.g. if they were unwell or absent on the day – **a further catch up session will take place in school next Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November**. We have been told that the local doctors' surgeries do not undertake these sessions. Please ensure a permission form has been completed and returned to the School Office to enable the NHS Nurse Team to include your child in their catch up rota. Further copies are available on request. Thank you.

#### **Applications for Reception class for Sept '22**

**Herts County Council online admissions applications for Reception class in September 2022 is now open**. This is applicable to children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. The application deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Prospective Reception class parents, including our current Nursery class parents, are encouraged to book onto a tour with Mrs Gillingham for an opportunity to look around the school and ask any questions. Please contact the School Office to book an appointment. Thank you.

## **Reminders**

Please be reminded that the school does not allow any dogs to be brought on to the school site, whether on a lead or being carried.

## **Other news**

**Just Talk week competition:** Just Talk week 2021 is taking place between 15 – 21 November 2021. This year's competition theme is 'The Five Ways to Wellbeing'. There are 5 competition strands for primary schools to get involved in. Please see the following link for more information:

<https://www.justtalkherts.org/news-and-campaigns/just-talk-week-competition.aspx>

## **Upcoming dates:**

Please Note that if we have an outbreak of Covid-19 or have further guidance from the Government and/or Hertfordshire County Council preventing larger gatherings of adults or children then we may have to cancel dates below at short notice.

- 15<sup>th</sup> November:** Yr 3 Development Day at Wodson Park
- 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Catch-up nasal flu vaccine
- 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Curriculum Evening – 6pm, details to follow
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November:** Yr 4 Development Day at Wodson Park
- 25<sup>th</sup> November:** Yr 3 trip to St Albans Cathedral
- 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Yr 4 trip to The British Museum
- 30<sup>th</sup> November:** Nursery & Reception trip to Audley End Miniature Railway
- 1st December:** Choir - Herts & Ware Music Partnership Carol Service - Christchurch, Ware – details to follow
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Outside FOSTA Christmas Fayre (weather permitting) – 3.30pm-6.00pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Nativity (Yr 1 parents) – two performances 10.00am and 2.00pm (maximum capacity 30 adults to each performance – 1 ticket per child, per performance. Tickets to be sent home prior to performance).
- 8<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Nativity (Yr 2 parents) – two performances 10.00am and 2.00pm (maximum capacity 30 adults to each performance – 1 ticket per child, per performance. Tickets to be sent home prior to performance).
- 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Yr 5 STEM trip
- 11.00am - Nursery Christmas Carols and Cake (maximum capacity 30 adults – 1 ticket per child)
- School Disco (4.30pm-6.00pm Y1, Y2 & Y3)  
(5.30-7.00pm Y4, Y5 & Y6)

- 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Choir - Festival of Carols, Hoddesdon High St - details to follow  
11.00am - Nursery Christmas Carols and Cake (maximum capacity 30 adults– 1 ticket per child)
- 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception Nativity – two performances 10.00am and 2.00pm (maximum capacity 30 adults to each performance – 1 ticket per child, per performance)
- 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
- 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Church Service (children and staff only)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Panto (am)  
End of Term - Finish Early 1:30pm