



# 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: 14.1.22

Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Courage

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought I would begin, by sharing with you this lovely picture of the new flower shop role play area in Nursery. The children helped to make and paint the flowers, which they are now busy selling.



Other than the excitement of new role play areas, this has been another quiet, focused and hard working week for the children and staff. As you know, we introduced our new Phonics scheme of work in the Autumn term and we are already seeing the benefits of this, both in terms of the consistency of teaching and the progress of the children. On Thursday we had a visit from a Headteacher from another primary school who wished to see the scheme in action, before investing in it. After her visit she said that she would certainly be developing the scheme at her school having seen how well it was working here.

### Health and safety Matters

We had a brilliant fire practice on Wednesday. All of the children showed that they understood and followed the procedures. Indeed, Year 2 and Key Stage 2 got to their zoned areas in record time. This Friday afternoon we have had the annual Governor Health and Safety Walk around the school. This is a really important monitoring activity, which does help the school ensure that the buildings, both inside and out, are as safe as they can be.

### Parent Governor

Last week our Chair of Governors and I sent out election papers for a new Parent Governor. Please be reminded that all nomination forms need to be returned to the School Office by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January**. Parent Governors are an important voice on our Governing Body, so please do give the post serious consideration. If you have any questions about the role and life as a Governor, we will be happy to answer them.

### SEND and INCLUSION corner: Mrs Davey

#### Do you need advice about special educational needs?

The 'Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Services' (*SENDIASS*) provide a service for all families seeking help for all aspects of special needs including appeals and legal advice.

As part of the [Children and Families Act 2014](#) it is a legal requirement that all local authorities ensure children and young people with SEND and their parents have access to a SENDIASS service. As statutory services (ones that must be provided by law) SENDIASS are all funded by the Local Authority (LA). However, they are all expected to be at 'arm's length' of the local authority and to provide impartial information, advice and support.

You can access Herts SENDIASS via email, phone or letter:

[info@hertssendiass.org.uk](mailto:info@hertssendiass.org.uk)

Telephone: **01992 555847**

**Monday to Thursday 9.30am – 3pm**

**Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm**

County Hall  
Pegs Lane,  
Hertford  
SG13 8DQ

### You Can Toucan Awards

The You Can Toucan awards are presented each week to those children who have gone above and beyond the expected.

**This week staff have chosen:**

**Nursery: Valentina** for her fantastic, independent writing.

**Reception: Digory** for always pushing his learning further.

**Year 1: Evie** for her fantastic attitude towards her learning.

**Year 2: Buddy** for taking immense pride with his writing.

**Year 4: Eloise and Millie F** for their brilliant book reviews,

which were presented beautifully.

**Year 5: Ruby** for her excellent effort in maths this week.



**Year 6: Poppy** for her overall attitude and work ethic throughout the week. **Jasmine** for her positivity and effort in her maths work.



### Our half term Value: Courage

Our new **Value Advocates**, who are; **Emily (Nursery)**, **Florence (Reception)**, **Frankie (Year 1)**, **Daisy (Year 2)**, **Abigail (Year 3)**, **Rebecca (Year 4)**, **Annabelle (Year 5)** and **Dolly (Year 6)** have chosen the following children as our **Values Champions** for the week:

**Nursery: Louie** for trying new things at snack time.

**Reception: Hugo** for being brave in sharing his ideas and thoughts to the whole class.

**Year 1: Bella** for having courage to challenge herself.

**Year 2: Lexi** for showing courage throughout the week.

**Year 3: Antonio** for being kind to others at lunchtime.

**Year 4: Isabelle** for showing courage and confidence in class.

**Year 5: Elliott** for being smiley and positive at all times.

**Year 6: Sophia W-B** for being courageous in her maths work

I hope you have a happy weekend.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Gillingham**

### OFFICE UPDATE

#### **Applications for Reception class for Sept '22 – DEADLINE APPROACHING!**

**Herts County Council online admissions applications for Reception class in September 2022 closes tomorrow, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.** This is applicable to children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. 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.

#### **Applications for Nursery class for Sept '22 – NOW OPEN!**

**Applications for the Nursery class starting in September 2022** are now open. The closing date for on-time applications is Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Further details are available on our school website. Application packs are available from the School Office or can be emailed as requested.

Prospective Nursery class parents are encouraged to book onto a tour with Mrs Gillingham or with Mr Price, for an opportunity to look around the school and ask any question. Please email [admissions@standrews323.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@standrews323.herts.sch.uk) or contact the School Office for more information.

#### **Gourmet Burger Day**

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> January is Gourmet Burger Day!** If your child usually has a home-packed lunch on a Thursday and would like to join in for just this lunch, please complete the form sent home via ParentMail earlier this week. If you have any queries, please ask at the School Office.

### **Super Star Sport – Spring term 2022**

Super Star Sport are advertising their clubs for the first half of the Spring term. Please book online at [www.superstarsport.co.uk](http://www.superstarsport.co.uk)

#### **Upcoming dates:**

##### **Spring Term**

**27<sup>th</sup> January:** Year 5 – Stibbington residential – parents’ meeting

**31<sup>st</sup> January:** Year 1 - Castles Workshop in school

**7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 5 - Bikeability week

**7<sup>th</sup> February:** International Languages Day

**8<sup>th</sup> February:** Parent Consultation meetings

**10<sup>th</sup> February:** Parent Consultation meetings

**11<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 6 - Bletchley Park visit

**11<sup>th</sup> February:** End of term - school closes 3.15pm

**21<sup>st</sup> February:** Inset day

**22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Children back into school

**22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Number Day

**2<sup>nd</sup> March** Year 2 - St Albans Cathedral

**3<sup>rd</sup> March:** World Book day (Character costumes welcomed)

**9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 5 - Stibbington residential trip

**1<sup>st</sup> April:** End of term

**19<sup>th</sup> April:** Children back in school

##### **Summer Term**

**First Half Summer Term: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May:** May Day Bank Holiday

**9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> May:** Key Stage 2 Test Week

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 - PGL residential trip

**30<sup>th</sup> May-3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Summer Half Term

**6<sup>th</sup> June:** Additional Bank Holiday - Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

**7<sup>th</sup> June:** Inset day

**Second Half Summer Term: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**