



# 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: 18.9.20**

**Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham**

**Value: Hope**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a lovely week- not least because of the wonderful weather but also the feeling that the classes are all settled down and really pushing forward with their learning. I couldn't resist this picture of EYFS enjoying the new road markings that Mr Price has painted onto the pathway in the EYFS garden, especially as all of the children were observing the correct side of the road to travel on.

Our Breakfast and After School clubs are also flourishing. Yesterday, the After School Club made pizza - which were delicious - I know as I was given a slice!



### Policies

The Autumn term is always a very busy one in terms of catching up and refreshing school policies. We have just updated our GDPR school privacy notices which are concerned with how the school holds and protects information about individuals. These can be found on the following link;

<https://standrews323.herts.sch.uk/our-school/gdpr/>

You can also find the updated Home School Agreements on our policies page and your class page. Our children in Year 1 and Year 3 will be receiving the new copies to be signed.

<https://standrews323.herts.sch.uk/our-school/policies/>



Year 2 and Year 4 had a delicious treat today as Alina and David brought in two lovely cakes to share with their class as a goodbye present. We are really sad to see them leave St Andrew's but know that they and their family will thrive in their new adventure. I managed to get this lovely photo before Year 4 ate their cake but I was too late in Year 2 as it had already disappeared!

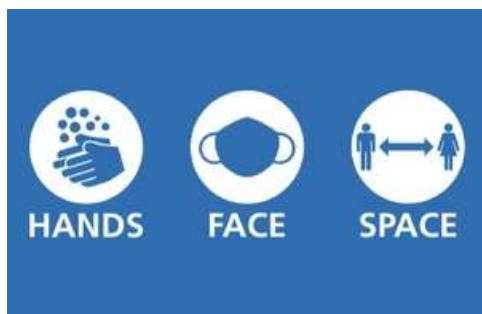


Thank you also to the family for their book gift to the school. It will be well read.

### **Important Information with regard to communication**

Please be reminded that the class email addresses are presently to be used only for curriculum purposes. They should not be used on a daily basis for any other communication to the school, as the teachers are not able to monitor these on a regular basis. eg. collection, lunch and health arrangements. Directives to staff regarding these should be sent to the school email account at: [admin@standrews323.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@standrews323.herts.sch.uk) Thank you.

### **Covid-19 Safety Information**



**Hands, Face, Space Campaign** – Thank you for continuing to help keep everyone safe on our school site by ensuring that you are at least one metre plus away from each other and by wearing face coverings in the narrower parts of our school grounds- e.g alongside Year 4 and around the EYFS building.

### **CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING**

Advice for parents and carers on looking after the mental health and wellbeing of children or young people during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak can be found on the following link;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>



This week's **You Can, Toucan** awards, chosen by the staff, go to:

**Nursery: Florence** for always doing the right thing and for being helpful.

**Reception: Harriet** for fantastic sounding out of her phonics this week.

**Year 1: Max** for being a thoughtful friend and always working hard and **Eliana** for trying hard with her reading.

**Year 2: David** for being a super classmate and friend.

**Year 3: Mimi** for her fantastic handwriting.

**Year 4: Jacob** for taking on advice and improving his handwriting and **Alina** for her all round sunniness and positivity.

**Year 5: Sky** for her excellent effort across the curriculum.

**Year 6: Lucy and Mollie** for their fantastic behaviour and hard work all week.

### Our Value: Hope



In our Collective Worship we explored the lines of the Lord's Prayer unpicking their meaning and their guidance for how we can help God's kingdom on earth through our acts and words. One such shining example is by Amany (Y5) who is completing a fifteen mile bike ride, raising money for a local hospital's cancer unit. She has a just giving page which you can donate to – the details of the page can be supplied by the School Office.

Today Ethan (Y2) arrived at my office bringing with him a lovely presentation of the Lord's Prayer, which he had completed at home. He had decorated the prayer with images from the Old testament story of Adam and Eve, which had been the theme of Tuesday's class Collective Worship. I was so impressed with his response that I thought I would share it with you all.

### **Harvest**

In discussion with the classes about our Harvest Festival focus this year, the children overwhelmingly said that they would like to collect dry or tinned food items for the local foodbank. If you are able to and would like to donate – then food items can be given to the class teacher or left in the box (marked 'Harvest Festival') outside the main entrance.



**I look forward to seeing the children all dressed smartly in their uniforms, ready for their individual school photograph on Monday.**

Kind regards,

**Mrs Gillingham**

## **Office Update**

### **Photographs – Individual and St Andrew’s Siblings:**

Our school photographer will be in school this coming Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September to take the children’s annual, individual school photograph. As in previous years, the photographer will also take photographs of siblings for those children who attend St Andrew’s.

Sadly, due to Covid health and safety restrictions, this year it **will not** be possible to come in earlier and bring in any younger siblings **who do not attend St Andrew’s**.

**All children need to come to school on Monday wearing full school uniform** (ie. not in PE kit for those who usually have PE on a Monday).

### **Music:**

We are delighted to announce that our Herts Music Service piano lessons will re-commence at the end of September, with our new piano teacher – Mrs Tracey Barone. Mrs Barone has a wealth of experience and is looking forward to meeting our children. Further information regarding the lessons and a link to the Hertfordshire Music Service will be sent out on Monday, via ParentMail to all those continuing or taking up piano lessons.

Brass lessons are still to be confirmed.

### **Dinners:**

As the children are settling well and are more used to the COVID routines in school, we are now looking at gradually introducing a hot meal option. We are pleased to announce that on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October (our School Census Day) and on every Thursday up until the end of the half term, we will be offering a choice of a hot cheese and tomato pizza with chips or fish finger roll for children in Reception – Year 6. (Children will need to bring their own packed lunch on these Thursdays if they do not require a hot meal). The option of a school packed lunch, with a choice of either; ham, cheese or tuna roll will still be available on all other days. Our Reception parents will be receiving further information under separate cover with regard to Herts Catering offer of a taster meal.

### **Refunds:**

All parents & carers who were due dinner money refund for the period 20<sup>th</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> March have been contacted and refunds have now been made. All other refunds for that period are now being processed and parents & carers with refunds due will be contacted next week.

### **Nasal Flu Immunisation:**

Vaccination UK will be offering all children from Reception to Year 6 a nasal flu spray, in school, during the next half term. A letter will be sent home shortly detailing the vaccination nasal spray together with a consent form which all parents and carers of children in Reception – Year 6 will need to complete.

### **Payments:**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the COVID situation has meant the School Office is currently **unable to accept cash or cheques** for any accounts in school. If you need to make payment to the school, please do so via your child's Wisepay account. If you have any queries or need help accessing Wisepay, please contact the School Office. Thank you.

### **Books:**

Thank you to all those who have returned school reading books, however, we are still missing lots of books, especially in the Early Years. Please could we ask parents & carers to have another good look around to see if you have any lurking (behind sofa, in an old bag, under the dog?!). We have a box outside the main reception (marked 'Books') where any books can be left. Thank you.

### **Meet the Teacher sessions:**

Due to the current situation, you will be aware that we are unable to hold our usual 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in our classrooms this year. We are instead replacing them with Zoom meetings. Invitations will be sent out via ParentMail a few days prior to the session date. On the day, your child's class teacher will hold a session at 2pm and another identical session at 6pm.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have already had their meetings – the rest of the class dates are below:

Nursery	Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September
Reception	Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
Year 1	Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept
Year 2	Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September

### **Secondary School Applications:**

Also as a reminder, our Year 6 parents need to apply for a secondary school place via the HCC website: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Please refer to information sent in earlier newsletters for details of the secondary school open events. The latest notification regarding John Warner's Open Event has been sent to our Year 6 parents today. The School Office is happy to help if you have any concerns / queries.

### **Data Collection:**

Parents and carers are reminded that the School Office must be informed, in writing, of any changes to contact details or child/ren's medical information. This can be done via email: [admin@standrews323.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@standrews323.herts.sch.uk), or via a letter which parents & carers can hand in to the School Office.

**FORTHCOMING DATES:**

**September**

**21<sup>st</sup>    Individual School Photos**

**21<sup>st</sup>**    Year 2 'Meet the Teacher' via Zoom - 2.00pm & 6.00pm

**22<sup>nd</sup>**    Year 1 'Meet the Teacher' via Zoom - 2.00pm & 6.00pm

**23<sup>rd</sup>**    Reception 'Meet the Teacher' via Zoom - 2.00pm & 6.00pm

**30<sup>th</sup>**    Nursery 'Meet the Teacher' via Zoom - 2.00pm & 6.00pm