



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: 20.10.23 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all who attended this week's Parent Consultation Meetings. We hope that you found the discussions helpful in terms of your child/ren's next steps in their learning journey. Thank you for all of the questionnaire responses. The Governors will be reviewing your comments and will report on their analysis as soon as possible.

Year 3 Homework

It is clear that Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying their topic-based homework. Isabelle and Cianna bought in stunning recreated models of Stonehenge, while Conor and Thomas brought Stonehenge-inspired cakes. Both boys had helped bake and decorate their creations and both were equally delicious. One was enjoyed by the class and the other shared with the school staff. Superb quality all round.



Staffing News

We are rather sad, but very proud, to announce that Mrs Amanda Murray has been snapped up by 'Safer Places' to work as a Child and Family Support Worker. She is eminently suitable for this role and we know that she will absolutely shine as she supports children and families in our area. Fortunately for us, Mrs Murray will still be able to work for us for one day each week – so we are not completely losing her nurturing and caring skills. We are presently advertising for her replacement.



Make Lunch

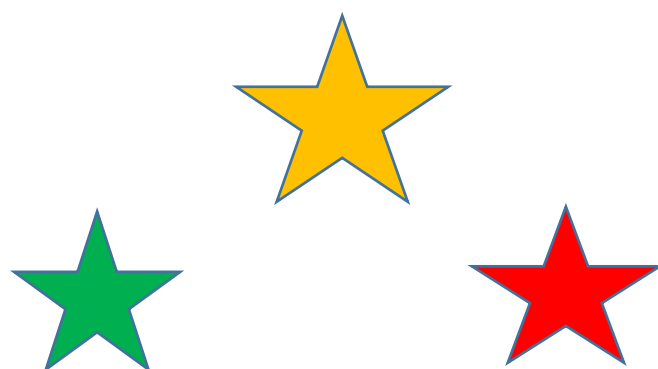
During the half term break on Monday 23rd October and Friday 27th October (12.00-2.00pm) there is the opportunity to join in with other children and parents for the 'Make Lunch' sessions. Run by church members, you and your children are invited to have some lunch and join in with a range of fun activities. I believe on the Friday session there is a special 'Light Party', where there will be films, games and treats! To join in with the fun, please contact Revd. Sarah - vicar@3churches.net

Year 6 DT task

Year 6 used some of the vegetables picked from their trip to Stanstead Bury Farm to make leek and potato soup and harvest vegetable soup as part of their Design Technology unit. Earlier in the week they had visited the Co-op to explore where the vegetables being sold had originated from, before calculating the food miles. Some of the children are now very keen to begin growing their own crops to save the food miles. You may even have some offers to make soup over the half term break.



Attendance Ladder



Best Class Attendance Award
Week beginning: 16.10.23
Year 3



Times Tables Rock Stars

This week's winner are: **YEAR 4**

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: Jesse for his wonderful enthusiasm for learning

Reception: Gwilym for having a wonderful attitude to everything he does.

Year 1: Mikaela for her excellent reading.

Year 2: Digory & Darcy for working so hard in writing lessons

Year 3: Noah & Archie for their fabulous writing.

Year 4: Alby for his positive attitude to school life.

Year 5: Ava for always trying her hardest and for her excellent maths problem solving.

Year 6: Raphael for his fantastic attitude towards school life.



Our Half Term Value: Community



"Live in harmony with one another."

Romans 12.16

Our new Value Advocates for this half term chose the following Class Champions for the week. These are children seen living the value for the

week.

Class Value Advocate	Class Champions
Nursery: AJ chose	Olive – for living the value of community, being friendly to all
Reception: Teddy chose	Layla – for always being a wonderful, welcoming member of our class
Year 1: Valentina chose	Stanley – for living the values of St Andrew's
Year 2: Jax chose	Isla – for showing kindness to her class community
Year 3: Archie chose	Bronte – for being a positive member of the class
Year 4: Daisy chose	Louie – for being a kind friend to others
Year 5: Lilly R chose	Harriet – for trying new things and including others
Year 6: Joseph chose	Lela – for always living the St Andrew's values and trying her best in everything



We hope you have a wonderful half term,
with kind regards
Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Reminder: Secondary school applications will close on 31st October 2023

We have been asked by the HCC Admissions Department to remind our Year 6 parents who are yet to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024 that **the deadline to make an online application is 31st October**. Please contact the School Office urgently if you have any queries.

After School clubs – 2nd Half Autumn Term

Booking for Super Star Sport's clubs for next half term is now available at <https://superstarsportuk.class4kids.co.uk> – Superstar Sport also continue to provide after-school care from 3.15pm – 5.45pm, Mon-Fri. Further information is available at www.superstarsport.co.uk. For any queries: email info@superstarsport.co.uk or phone 01992 766 707.

Applications for NURSERY class for Sept '24

Applications for St Andrew's Nursery class for September 2024 open on 1st November 2023. This is applicable to children born between *1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021*. Application forms are available on our school website and from our School Office. The application deadline is **29th February 2024**. All on-time applications must be returned to school, either directly to the School Office or via email: admissions@standrews323.herts.sch.uk. Prospective Nursery class parents are encouraged to book 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.

Applications for RECEPTION class for Sept '24

Herts County Council online admissions applications for Reception class in September 2024 open on 1st November 2023. This is applicable to children born between *1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020*. The online application deadline is **15th January 2024**. Prospective Reception class parents, including our current Nursery class parents, are encouraged to book 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.

Local News:

Steps2Skills workshops

Step2Skills are funded by the Government, are part of Hertfordshire County Council and provide services in Hertfordshire for learning within the community. Family workshops are being held across the county during half term. Further information can be obtained on the flyer attached to this newsletter or by visiting their website: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/adult-learning/step2skills-home.aspx#>

PHN Autumn Newsletter

Also attached is the Autumn term newsletter from our local School Nursing Team at the Herts Community Trust, which they ask all schools to distribute.

News from our School Crossing Patrol Team at HCC

The '**Stop means Stop**' campaign is run to highlight the ongoing danger the school crossing patrols face every day when cars do not stop, even when they have stepped into the road. Your lollipop man or woman will be wearing a bright 'Stop means Stop' tabard this October. Please show your support for them by stopping for your patrol.



News from the Active and Safer Travel Team at HCC

As Autumn and Winter approach, we ask that you remind your school community of the importance of wearing bright/reflective clothing and making themselves visible to drivers.

The Active and Safer Travel Team's '**Be Bright Be Seen**' campaign resources can be downloaded here:

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/BBBS23/>

News from Ware Library:

My First Library Adventure is for every child who has started Reception class this September!

There is just half term left for you to visit any Hertfordshire Library for a chance for your child to win a special visit from Alex Willmore the award-winning author/illustrator of 'I did see a Mammoth' and 'Spyceratops' for their whole class. There are 50 books signed to be won as well.

These very special bookmarks will have come home from school, so don't forget to bring yours with you before the 1st November!



UPCOMING DATES

OCT

HALF TERM WEEK – Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th October

30th Oct: RETURN TO SCHOOL

31st Oct: Secondary Admission applications deadline

NOV

1st Nov: Nursery class Sept '24 and Reception class Sept '24 admissions open

6th Nov: Remembrance Week

8th Nov: Y5 trip – STEM Discovery Centre, Stevenage
OPAL presentation - 3.30pm – parents and children all welcome

9th Nov: Choir – Rehearsal at Sacred Heart Primary School – details to follow

13th Nov: Y4 trip – The British Museum, London

15th Nov: Reception – Year 6 - Flu vaccinations in school

16th Nov: Year 5 - Residential Trip March '24 – parents' meeting 3.15pm Y5 classroom

24th Nov: Non-uniform - Sweets donations for the FOSTA Christmas Fayre

DEC

1st Dec: Non-uniform - Bottles donations for the FOSTA Christmas Fayre

4th Dec: KS1 Nativity matinee - 2.30pm



- 5th Dec:** KS1 Nativity matinee – 2.30pm
KS1 Nativity evening performance - 6.00pm
CHOIR – The Herts and Ware Schools Carol Service – Christchurch Ware
- 6th Dec:** CHOIR – The Festival of Carols – Hoddesdon town centre – (9.30 – 11am - details to follow)
- 8th Dec:** Non-uniform – Cakes donations for the FOSTA Christmas Fayre
FOSTA Christmas Fayre – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
- 11th Dec:** EYFS Nativity 9.30am
- 12th Dec:** EYFS Nativity 9.30am
FOSTA School Christmas Disco – details to follow
- 13th Dec:** School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 14th Dec:** School Christmas Church Service
- 19th Dec:** End of term
- 20th Dec:** INSET Day
- JAN 2024**
- 8th Jan:** **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

