



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: 29.9.23 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a busy week in terms of exciting curricular activities.

PSHE Life Lessons



This Monday and Tuesday we had our annual visit from Harold the Giraffe. With the help from Nancy and his interactive tent, Harold spoke to all of the classes exploring aspects of our Personal, Social and Health Education. The children considered how to eat and live a healthy lifestyle and took part in games and a variety of fun activities. Thank you to FOSTA who help us pay for this event.

The learning outcomes for our full PSHE curriculum, which includes Relationship and Sex Education can be found on our school website.

<https://standrews323.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/subjects/pshe/>



International Languages Day



Mrs Mills organised and led our International Languages Day on Wednesday. To begin the day, the whole school enjoyed a French-style snack of croissants and jam. Then Years 5 and 6 received a visit from students at Presdales Secondary School who delivered taster sessions in German and Italian. The rest of the school explored aspects of both the French and Spanish language, including learning some new phrases which we shared in a showcase assembly at the end of the day.



Year 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony Camp

On Friday, our Year 3 class travelled back to the Iron Age and explored what life would have been like before iPads and television. Celtic Harmony Camp is a wonderful opportunity for the children to visit recreated huts and to try out some of the daily Iron Age tasks. As can be seen in the following photos, the children



made dens, foraged and made soup. They learnt about stone knapping and joined in with an end of day oral story telling session. Dr Collins commented on how the leaders of the day were impressed with the children's knowledge of this historic period.



Nursery Fun

The children in the EYFS classes have been making great use of our newly revamped mud kitchen area.

They have been busy writing recipes, learning to play cooperatively and developing their role play, including setting up a fish and chip shop!



HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER



HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

11am at St James' Church, Roydon Road, Stanstead Abbots

HARVEST LUNCH

12.30pm in the Haybarn at Stanstead Bury Farm, Stanstead Abbots
(Tickets £15. Booking essential)

*A traditional celebration for everyone in the three villages!
Enjoy the beautiful historic church of St James
and celebrate locally produced food in all its variety.*

Book places for lunch by emailing
ginitrower@btinternet.com
or scan the QR code to book online



Church Events

Rev. Sarah has sent further details about the Harvest Thanksgiving Service being held on Sunday, 8th October. If you would like to stay for the following Harvest Lunch, then please book through the attached links.

Bookings can also still be made for the Big Quiz Night being held on Saturday, 7th October at 7pm in the Wilshire Hall, St Andrew's Church. Tickets are £5. Please see the attached poster for further details and how to purchase your ticket.



Harvest Festival Appeal

We are continuing to collect food items (cans, dry foodstuffs - such as pasta, rice, cereals etc.) and toiletries for the local food bank. Although the items will not be opened or consumed in school, as we are a nut-free school, please can we ask that any nut products (including jars of peanut butter or 'Nutella') are not brought in to school. Thank you for the items which have been donated so far.

We are also asking for **donations of books and toys** for a toy-book sale to raise money for the St Alban's Harvest appeal "Cracking Food Poverty Together." Money raised will go towards buying hens for Ugandan farmers - who will then be able to sell the eggs and raise money for educating and supporting their families.

For more details about this cause please click on the link below.

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/parishsupport/growing-community/harvest-appeal-2023/>

Donations for either of these excellent causes can be brought in by the children to their classes.

SENDCO News from Mrs Davey

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops (October-December 2023)

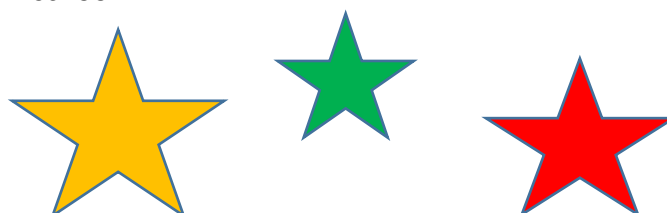
Attached to this newsletter is a list of workshops open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

The workshops cover a huge array of content- such as dealing with sleep problems, anxiety, building up your child's resilience and well-being. All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursingservice-hertfordshire-33494371787>

SAFETY NOTICE

Our wonderful Mr King, who helps our children cross the road each day, has requested us to remind all of our parents and children that children on bikes must dismount before crossing the road with him. This is guidance from Hertfordshire County Council and is to ensure the full safety of all pedestrians and cyclists. I will be reminding the children of this in school.

Attendance Matters



Best Class Attendance Award

Week beginning: 25.9.23

Year 3 with 99.6 % Attendance!



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: Tommy for his wonderful positive attitude to learning.

Reception: Luna for trying her best in all that she does.

Year 1: Fiadh for always doing her best.

Year 2: Rayana, Rose and Jeremy for their help during Languages Day.

Year 3: Isabelle for demonstrating her new confidence in class by putting her hand up and participating.

Year 4: Louie for his contributions to our curriculum evening.

Year 5: Harriet for her effort with her learning in school and at home.

Year 6: Mitchell for his hard work in all areas of the curriculum.



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	Myla – for being a great friend and including lots of children in her play
Reception: Teddy chose	Sebastian – for settling in well to our school community
Year 1: Valentina chose	Ronnie – for being a good friend to others
Year 2: Jax chose	Isla – for being kind to everyone
Year 4: Daisy chose	Buddy – for helping others to feel good about themselves
Year 5: Lilly R chose	Alex – for always including others
Year 6: Joseph chose	Mimi – for always living the St Andrew’s values

With kind regards

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

School individual and sibling photos

A reminder that the deadline for free delivery of your school photos is 8th October. If you miss this deadline you are still able to order, however a delivery charge will be made to send to your home address.

Bag 2 School – deadline Thursday 5th October

A reminder that the deadline for bringing your 'Bag 2 School' is 9am on Thursday, 5th October.

A leaflet was sent home with all our children last week for Bag 2 School - a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second hand clothing. The school will be paid for the total weight collected and there is no limit, so the more bags we send, the more money we will receive!

Bag 2 School have not provided bags but you are able to use your own, disposable bags.

Any filled bags can be dropped off with a FOSTA representative, who will be at the FOSTA shed every day at drop off (around 8.50am) and pickup (around 3.15pm), until. Supporting this initiative will also support our FOSTA, and therefore all our children in school. Thank you!

After School clubs – 1st Half Autumn Term

Booking for Super Star Sport's clubs for this half term is 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.

Local News:

Community Alliance – Community Day

See flyer attached to this newsletter for a Community Day on Tuesday 10th October from 9am-1pm, giving support and information for families in rural areas.

UPCOMING DATES

OCT

Mon 2nd **FOSTA AGM – 7pm in The Red Lion, Stanstead Abbots – ALL WELCOME!**

Tues 3rd Year 6 – PGL Residential trip – Launch meeting for Parents – 3.15pm

Thurs 5th Church Service – Harvest Festival

Wed 11th Governor Day

Fri 13th Year 6 – Stanstead Bury Farm

Tues 17th Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30pm – 7.00pm

Thurs 19th Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30pm – 7.00pm

NOV

Wed 8th Y5 trip – STEM Discovery Centre, Stevenage

Mon 13th Y4 trip – The British Museum, London

Wed 15th Reception – Year 6 - Flu vaccinations in school

