



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: 3.5.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Dignity

Dear Parents and Carers,



Science Work

This week Year 3 have been studying forces and friction. They have measured, in Newtons, how much force it took to move their shoes. The children gradually added more mass to the shoes (water in a

bottle) and recorded their results. They were surprised how much force they needed.

Later, as part of their English work, Year 3 went 'flying' to different countries, using their very own handmade 'passports'.



Meanwhile as part of their Science unit on 'Light', Year 6 have been creating periscopes. They had great fun using a net to create the structure and then using the finished product to spy on their friends and their teacher.



Year 5 are currently studying 'Living Things' in their Science lessons. This week we set up worm farms. The class collected the worms themselves and enjoyed setting up the farms.



Exploring the Value of Dignity

Year 1 have been exploring the value of Dignity and what this means. We came up with some words to describe the value and some examples of people behaving with dignity.



The children made some beautiful posters to show their learning about this half term's value and some are on display in the school hall, a selection is show above.

Nursery Adventures

Our Nursery children were inspired by their book of the week, 'Whatever Next'. They decided to act out the story using props from all around the classroom. They also used junk materials to make models of rockets, some of which are now on proud display in the windows of their classroom.



EYFS Plea

Our Nursery and Reception children are learning about real life super heroes (people who help us) as their topic this half term. It would be wonderful if they could meet and hear from people who could visit their classes to tell them about their jobs, and maybe show them any special equipment that they use. If you are able to spend a short time with our younger children describing and sharing your job then please contact Mrs Bugg, or the School Office. Thank you.

Speech and Language Information - Introducing the FOLLOW campaign

FOLLOW is a very simple and easy to use set of strategies that parents and carers can use with their little ones to help develop speech, language and communication skills at home. The **FOLLOW** campaign will give you fun ideas and top tips on using the key strategies through everyday activities such as going for a walk, getting ready to go out and feeding the ducks!

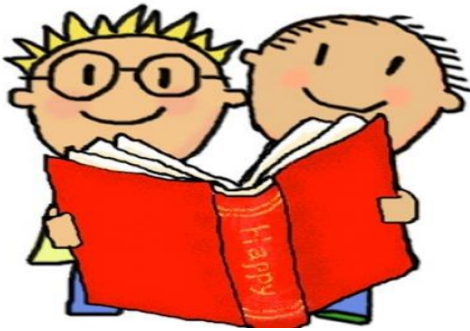
Parents and carers play such an important role in supporting children's language skills and the campaign aims to give you the tools you need to get started! The **FOLLOW** campaign includes a 'linktree' so parents and carers can access information on speech and language development and further activities to support speech, language and communication development all in one place.

For more information, please use the link below:

<https://linktr.ee/EYFOLLOW>

Online Cyber Safety Parent Course

Attached to this newsletter is a leaflet promoting ERSOU's Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events for parents and carers. These sessions are suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above and will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world.



Reading Challenge

We have decided to extend the Reading Challenge to the end of this half term. Thus far, the Early Years and Key Stage 1 are leading with their enthusiastic efforts.

Reading can include the reading of online narratives, web pages and e-zines. Audiobooks are also included. One child even asked if they could publish a book and include it, to which the answer is a resounding yes. All we ask is for reading to be part of the daily diet!

Reading Army

We were commended by Ofsted for our army of reading volunteers. We are very grateful to these people who selflessly give their time to nurture our children in the most important task of all – to learn to read. However, the call is still there and we do need more volunteers. You might consider this for yourself or you may know someone who could be a 'Reading Army Volunteer'. Please do get in touch with us. You must have DBS clearance to become one of our helpers, information about this is obtainable from the School Office.

SEND and Inclusion Corner

Families Feeling Safe have sent us the following information: We are running four 'Supporting Families with Protective Behaviours' courses starting soon for parents and carers including one for dads only. Places are fully funded by HCC Targeted Parenting fund for parents across Hertfordshire who may need some additional support. One of the courses will run in Broxbourne and the others will be online and are listed below.

This 8-week term time course can help parents and carers to:

- Understand what may be influencing their child's behaviour
- Understand how Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour link together
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. anger, frustration, anxiety, stress and worry
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on their own and their child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help them and their family feel safe

Online courses:

- Tuesdays 7 May – 2 July 7.00pm – 9.00pm for Mums, Dads & carers
- Thursdays 9 May – 4 July 7.00pm – 9.00pm for Dads and male carers
- Tuesdays 4 June – 9 July 9.30am – 11.30am

For enquiries and to book a place, please email: enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk or Tel: 07850 518216

Broxbourne

- Fridays 3 May – 5 July 9.30am – 11.30am

For enquiries and to book a place, please Tel: 01992 303331 Option 5

Attendance Ladder



Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!

Present whole school attendance (2023-24)	94.7%
National attendance	94.3%
This week's school attendance	93.6%
Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 29.4.24	Year 6 – 97.3%

Times Tables Rock Stars

This week's mini league winner: **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: Olive for her excellent writing this week.

Reception: Sebastian for always doing the right thing and putting lots of effort into his work.

Year 1: Phoenix for his knowledge of double numbers. **Philon** for great sounding out alien words in phonics.

Year 2: Lui for his perseverance with his reading. **Darcy** for her perseverance with her writing.

Year 3: Mimi for having a wonderful first week!

Year 4: Bella for her engagement with her learning this week.

Year 5: Olivia for taking every opportunity to improve her learning.

Year 6: Millie A for her fantastic effort in all areas of the curriculum.



Our Half Term Value: Dignity

'Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' Matthew 19.14

Our Value Champions, who were chosen by the Value Advocates this week are:

Class Value Advocate	Value Champion
Nursery: Stevie chose	Jessica for being a kind and friendly member of the class
Reception: Cecily chose	Lola for being brave, and for being a very good role model
Year 1: Emily chose	Elena for her beautiful poster about 'Dignity'
Year 2: Digory chose	Finn for showing dignity to his friends
Year 3: Cianna chose	Marnie for being a kind friend to everybody and for being dignified
Year 4: Joe chose	Hattie for being dignified and for living all the Values
Year 5: Abigail chose	Sariban for always being kind to others
Year 6: Noah chose	Joseph for being a good role model to all and being respectful to everyone

With kind regards,

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Applications for NURSERY for Sept '24

Applications for St Andrew's Nursery class for September 2024 are now closed. Please contact the School Office if you are looking for a place and have not yet applied.

Super Star Sport - After School Clubs

Booking for Super Star Sport clubs for this half term are available at <https://superstarsportuk.class4kids.co.uk> – Superstar Sport also continue to provide after-school care from 3.15pm – 5.45pm, Mon-Fri.

Super Star Sport – Half Term Holiday Camp

Super Star Sport are running a Camp at St Andrew's during the Summer half term and bookings are now open Early bird discount code - **LHX488**:

Full day booking link (Year 1 - Year 7 children):- <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/56>

Half day booking link (Reception - Year 7 children):- <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/57>

Further information is available at www.superstarsport.co.uk. For any queries: email info@superstarsport.co.uk or phone 01992 766 707.

Other News:

Attached to this newsletter is **Herts Family Centre Services'** latest 'What's On' guide showing the sessions they are running this term, which may be of interest to parents with babies or younger children.

There may be some changes for the May half term week - their website will show any changes/updates:

<https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/family-centres.aspx>



TERM DATES

Mon 6th May:	Bank Holiday
Mon 13th – Thurs 16th May:	Year 6 SATs week
Fri 17th May:	OPAL 'Stay & Play' session pm for Years R-6 parents and carers – details to follow
Fri 17th May:	FOSTA Tuck Shop and Uniform Sale – after school
Sun 19th - Weds 22nd May:	Year 6 PGL Residential trip
Tues 21st May:	Year 3 Trip - Welwyn Hatfield Museum – details to follow
Fri 24th May:	Last day of 1 st Half of Summer Term
Mon 27th – Fri 31st May:	HALF TERM
Mon 3rd June:	Return to school
Thurs 6th June:	Year 5 - WWW Games Wodson Park – details to follow
Fri 7th June:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Tues 11th June:	Nursery & Reception Trip - Shepreth Wildlife Park – details to follow
Weds 12th June:	Class photos
Fri 14th June:	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop – in School – details to follow
Fri 14th June:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Fri 21st June:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Thurs 27th June:	Year 1 Trip – Capel Manor College
Fri 28th June:	FOSTA Summer Fete
Tues 2nd July:	FOSTA Summer Disco
Fri 5th July:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Fri 12th July:	Frozen Fridays - FOSTA ice cream sales – after school
Fri 16th July:	Year 4 Trip – Faith Tour

