



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: 6.1.23

Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers,

I will start by wishing you all a 'Happy New Year' and thank you for all of the many kind gifts you gave to my staff and myself just before the Christmas break. We hope that you had a wonderful and peaceful holiday. As we have only been back for two days, this will be a short update but we look forward to working with you to help and support your child/ren's learning over the next term.

Please note: as from this term, the School Office opening hours will be 8.30am – 4.30pm. If you have a query outside of these hours, please leave a message on the school's answerphone or send an email to admin@standrews323.herts.sch.uk. These messages will be responded to during working hours. If parents & carers need to contact Super Star Sport whilst their child is attending after school care/club they will need to call them directly, via the Super Star Sport mobile number.

Kind regards,
Mrs Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

School Dinner payments: This half term's school dinners payment slips have been sent home today. Please make payment via WisePay. Thank you.

Applications for RECEPTION class for Sept '23

Herts County Council online admissions applications deadline for Reception class in September 2023 is 15th January. 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.

Applications for NURSERY class for Sept '23

Applications for St Andrew's Nursery class for September 2023 opened on 1st November 2022. This is applicable to children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020. Application forms are available on our school website and from our School Office. The application deadline is **28th February 2023**. 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.

From Hertfordshire Family Centres

Hertfordshire families can sign up to access Hertfordshire Family Centres' free services.

- Access free fun family activities to do with their child and receive support when needed
- Meet other local families with children the same age

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Telephone: 01920-870097

Web: www.standrews323.herts.sch.uk

Email: admin@standrews323.herts.sch.uk

- Give children the best start in life with support from trained professionals qualifies in Early Years development
- Have your say and help shape future services
- Receive your local district newsletter packed with useful parenting advice and activities

You can access leaflets and other resources at Family centre professionals www.hertsfamilycentres.org hertfordshire.gov.uk [Family Centres registration form](#)

Winter Health Update from Hertfordshire Public Health – January 2023.

As children return to schools and childcare settings, we expect to see many more cases of flu, COVID-19 and other infections that affect children’s breathing (known as ‘respiratory infections’). There also continue to be high numbers of scarlet fever cases, which can spread quickly, but can be easily treated with antibiotics. To help us through this term, this leaflet has five simple steps we can take to protect children, minimise the spread of illness in schools and childcare settings and protect others.

1. Stay home if unwell Infections can spread quickly in schools and other childcare settings. If your child is unwell and has a fever they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and their fever has gone.

Adults should try to stay home when unwell and consider wearing a face covering to protect others if you do have to go out. Don’t visit people in hospitals or care homes if you have a fever, a cold or symptoms of a stomach upset.

2. Keep hands clean It is important to help children understand that keeping hands clean can stop bugs from spreading. Help your child wash their hands regularly at home with soap and warm water. More information here <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

3. Catch coughs and sneezes Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is a simple way to help stop illness from spreading. Keeping rooms well ventilated will also help prevent the spread of winter illness.

4. Get vaccinated if you’re eligible Now is a good time to check your you and your family’s vaccinations are all up to date. If you are unsure your child has had all their routine vaccinations, you can check their personal health record (Red Book) or ask your GP. You can also check the childhood immunisation schedule online here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1055502/UKHSA-12155-routine-childhood-immunisation-schedule_Feb2022.pdf

And it’s not too late to get the free NHS flu jab or nasal spray this year if anyone in your family is eligible. The NHS will be contacting parents of children who have not yet had their flu immunisation. Flu nasal spray clinics are still taking place in some schools this month, or for children aged 2-3, please contact your GP to arrange an appointment.

5. Be scarlet fever aware Call your GP for advice if you think your child has scarlet fever. More information about scarlet fever can be found on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

If you are concerned about a rash that your child has, advice is available here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/rashes-babies-and-children/>

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Further updates and resources can be found here:

www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk

www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever

www.e-bug.eu

www.gov.uk/government/publications/infectious-diseases-schools-and-other-childcare-settings

UPCOMING DATES:

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| 5th January: | Spring term starts Breakfast Club and after school care starts |
| 9th January: | All after school clubs start Individual piano tuition recommences |
| 30th January: | Legends Tennis workshop Rec and Y1 – in school during the day |
| 7th February: | Parent Consultations |
| 9th February: | Parent Consultations |
| 13th – 17th February: | Half Term |
| 20th February: | Inset Day |
| 21st February: | 2 nd half Spring term starts |
| 27th Feb – 3rd March: | Y5 – Bikeability week |
| 8th – 10th March: | Y5 Stibbington Residential trip |
| 15th & 16th March: | FOSTA Mother’s Day Sale |
| 31st March: | End of Spring term |

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