



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: 8.10.21

Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Generosity

Dear Parents and Carers,



One of the many lovely things occurring at school is the reintroduction of our out of school sporting events by Mr Cooper. The school and Mr Cooper, as our Sports lead, is determined to re-build the sporting opportunities which we have missed over the past year. To this end we have inter-school Cross Country, Tag Rugby and netball and football events arranged. Today, our Year 2 and Year 3 classes had a skill-based tennis taster session. They certainly worked hard but clearly loved the activity.

Later in the term our Lower Key Stage 2 will be taking part in Sporting Development days and, of course, we are offering a range of sporting clubs through our After School Provider - SuperStar Sport.

Monday - Y5/6 Football

Tuesday - Y5/6 Netball

Wednesday - Y3/4 football

Thursday - Ninja Warrior Club (Reception/Y1) and Art club

Friday - Y1/2 Gymnastics.

If your child is interested in joining these club, the can be booked, via the Super Star Sport website;

<https://www.superstarsport.co.uk/sports-club/>



Mrs Sutcliffe, who is a Judo black belt herself, informed me of a wonderful sporting achievement of one of our former pupils. Owen Lambert is on the England Judo Talent Development Team Squad. He has been placed First in the Male Cadets Under 66kg category and third in the Male Juniors. His next event is in the National Competition in December and we wish him all the very best.

Harvest Appeal

Thank you for the donations we have received so far for both the Foodbank and for our Toy & Book Fair. They are mounting up, but more would be gratefully received. We particularly need dry foodstuff and toys and books appropriate for KS2 children.

Online Safety

Mrs Davey would like to make you aware of an interactive workshop for parents & carers of East Herts. **Keeping SEND Families Safe Online** will provide information about how to keep your child safe online. It is free and the dates are

Date: Friday 5th November 2021

Time: 10am – 12pm

Price: FREE

Please see attached flyer of how to book onto the course.

Attached is also **Hertfordshire's Autumn Online Safety Newsletter**. It is full of useful information of how to protect and support your child with their online life, such as talking to your child about their online life, how to support your child if they see something inappropriate for their age, how to respond if children share nude and semi-nude images and how we can support our children's mental health and ensure that their time online is a positive experience.

Communications with Class Teachers

Our teachers are finding that they are receiving increased communications by parents/carers about administrative issues, such as medical appointments, changes to pick up arrangements etc. Class Dojo and the teacher email accounts are only for curriculum matters as they are not checked regularly enough to respond as quickly as such administrative matters need. Could I therefore remind you that administrative issues **must** come through the admin email – admin@standrews323.herts.sch.uk or via a phone call to the School Office on 01920 870097.

Baby Loss Awareness Week 9th-15th October 2021

A reminder from Rev'd Sarah of this event.



If you or your family have lost a baby, you may well feel like you're the only ones. It can be an almost secret loss but one that continues to go with you. Baby Loss Awareness Week gives us a space to remember.

St Andrew's Church, Stanstead Abbots will be open on Friday 15th October from 10-4pm for anyone wanting to remember or pray for a baby.

The tree outside will be available as a Memory Tree all week, and we will be supporting Sands by taking part in the "Ribbon Run" on Friday 15th to raise money for supporting families after the loss of their baby. If you would like to join us on our 5km circular walk from 10.30am (or run it!) through the villages please join our team, St Andrew's Stanstead Abbots at <https://www.sands.org.uk/ribbon-run>. If you

would like to support us and raise funds, please consider sponsoring the team.

You Can Toucan Awards



These awards are presented each week to those children who have gone beyond the expected and done something exceptional.

This week staff have chosen:

Nursery: Kane for sharing lots of wonderful ideas on the carpet.

Year 1: Jack P for his fantastic picture of God.

Year 2: Max and Emily for their fantastic effort in all areas but particularly in maths.

Year 3: Jude for showing proactive learning behaviours in class and for making a huge effort with completing all of his work to a high standard.

Year 4: Eifa for her effort in maths (and everything else!)

Year 5: Aaran for his excellent learning behaviours in maths and for **Holly** for her engagement and enthusiasm for maths.

Year 6: James for his excellent support of the younger children at lunchtime.

Our half-Term Value: Generosity

Jesus said; "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12.31)



This half term our Value Advocates are:

Bonnie (N), Jax (R), Stella (Y1), Samuel (Y2), Ava (Y3), Millie F (Y4), Tommy (Y5) and Esme (Y6)

This week our Values Advocates selected the following children to receive their values certificate:

Nursery: Tuesday for sharing her equipment.

Reception: Jude for sharing his knowledge about dinosaurs with the class.

Year 1: Rosie for always being generous.

Year 3: Isabelle for supporting others understanding.

Year 4: Bobby for encouraging others to join in with his game.

Year 5: Ruben for being a kind friend.

Year 6: Poppy for helping out in the dining room at lunchtime.

I hope you have a peaceful and happy weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Parent Consultation Evenings

Booking is now open on ParentMail for our Parent Consultation Evenings on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st October. If you have not already signed up, please do so as soon as possible. If you are having any difficulties accessing the bookings, please contact the School Office.

New Inset Date: Due to the Queen's Jubilee celebrations

As you may be aware, an extra bank holiday has been announced for Friday, 3 June 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As we, in line with many other schools, are on half term break at the time of this celebration we have been directed to identify another day of 'holiday' in the year, on which the school will be closed. In order to keep close to the Platinum Jubilee date, our school will close on Monday June 6th 2021. We will therefore also be closed on Tuesday 7th June 2022 for the staff Inset Day, previously set for Monday 6th June.

Year 6

Reminder: Secondary school applications are now open and will close on 31st October. During September and October, secondary schools will be holding their open events for children in Year 6. Further details have been sent home – or can be obtained from: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory **Deadline: Applications must be made online by 31st October.** If you require assistance, please ask at the School Office.

We are aware that some schools are operating daytime only tours. If your Year 6 child will be viewing a school during the school day, please notify us by email. If your child won't be here for morning registration and they usually have a school provided lunch, please let us know their lunch choice for that day, so we can inform the kitchen in good time. Thank you.

Nasal Flu Immunisation Consent Form

Reminder: All parents of children from Reception to Year 6 have now been sent a copy of the current Nasal Flu Immunisation Consent Form from NHS England, ready for the nasal flu immunisation process **taking place in school next Tuesday, 12th October.**

The first set of forms have already been collected by the NHS Nursing Team. **If you are yet to return your child's form – even if you do not wish for your child to take part in the process – please can you do so ASAP.** We are expecting a further collection of all forms in the very near future. Children will not be administered the nasal spray without permission.

REMINDER of FURTHER PROVISION AVAILABLE TO RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Rightstart Breakfast Club

Mrs Randall and Mrs Hoskin are pleased to welcome our children in Reception to Year 6 to our mornings Breakfast Club. Bookings can be made via: rightstart@standrews323.herts.sch.uk or by calling 07762 439703. Doors open at 7.15am and breakfast will not be a disappointment!

Super Star Sport Wraparound Club: OPEN 5 DAYS A WEEK FROM 3.15 – 5.45PM

Super Star Sport wraparound care club runs every weekday afternoon from 3.15pm – 5.45pm and costs £9 per session. If you would like to book your child a place, please go to their website: <https://www.superstarsport.co.uk/sports-club/> and click on 'info & booking' under our school name.

If you would like to contact the company directly, please call 01992 766707 or email at: info@superstarsport.co.uk. Payments can be made by childcare vouchers if this is preferred.

Upcoming dates:

- 12th October:** Rec – Yr 6 Flu Vaccinations
- 13th October:** Governor Day in school
- 14th October:** Harvest Festival church service (for children only)
- 15th October:** Yr 6 Young Shakespeare Workshop in school
- 19th October** Parent Consultation Evening via Zoom
- 20th October:** Yr 2 trip to Duxford Museum
- 21st October** Parent Consultation Evening via Zoom
- 22nd October:** **INSET DAY**
- 25th October – 29th October:** HALF TERM