



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: 8.3.24 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Wisdom

Dear Parents and Carers,

Maths Challenge

Last week four of our Year 5 took part in the inter-school Year 5 maths challenge. Whilst we are awaiting to hear if they are going onto the final heat - we have been informed that our total result for the four rounds was well above average. So we are very proud of Seb, Ava, Thomas and Jack H.

Year 5 Bikeability

Our Year 5 class have also been completing their Bikeability training this week. This is an important rite of passage for our children as it helps to build up their cycling confidence in preparation for riding on the roads. The instructors have spoken highly, all week, of the children's concentration, excellent behaviour and determination to do their very best.

St Andrew's Got Talent

Class winners of the 'St Andrew's Got Talent', as decided by our Year 6 judges, are:

Year 2 - India, Elizabeth and Mia

Year 3 - Caitlin

Year 4 - 'One Shot'

Year 5 - Ava

Year 6 - 'World Cup Team'

Well done to all who competed.

Football News



On Thursday afternoon, ten of our Year 5 & 6 girls took part in the Hertford & Ware District Girls Football Tournament. Out of five teams in our group, we finished second having won 2 games, drawn 1 and losing 1 to the eventual champions. All the girls had a great time and represented St Andrew's impeccably.

Also on Thursday afternoon, our school football team played away against Abel Smith School and won 6-1, Blessing scored a hat-trick! The boys played brilliantly and were a credit to our school.



OPAL News



This week it has been great to see the children still manage to enjoy themselves despite the muddy conditions. Austin and Antonio (Year 5) showed great imagination and teamwork to use some logs to build a bridge across one of the muddy areas of Forest School.



The puddles have also been a big hit during play and lunchtime!



Gardening!

This week Year 6 were helped by one of our Governors, Gini Trower, to plant some hedging plants that had been donated by the Woodland Trust. These hedging plants will help to provide a natural screen from the car park as well as provide food and a habitat for a range of wildlife, helping to reduce flooding and capturing carbon



SEND and Inclusion Corner

There are a variety of courses available through the Supporting Links network. These courses are running in April and June. Each course runs over 6 weekly sessions and is offered FREE of charge to parents thanks to funding from Herts County Council:

- Talking Additional Needs (2 online courses)
- Talking Families (2 online courses)
- Talking Teens (1 online course & 1 Hertsmere course)
- Talking Dads (2 online courses)
- Talking Anger in Teens (1 online course)
- Talking Anxiety in the Family (1 online course)

For further details please go to the website, call the number below or ask Mrs Davey for a referral form.
www.supportinglinks.co.uk 01442 300185/07467 694278

Attendance Ladder



Attendance Matters- Every Day Counts!

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| Present whole school attendance (2023-24) | 94.7% |
| National attendance | 94.3% |
| This week's school attendance | 95.6% |
| Best Class Attendance: Week Beginning 26.2.24 | Year 1 - 99.3% |

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: Jacob for his excellent programming skills.

Reception: Oskar for being enthusiastic in his phonics learning.

Year 1: Valentina for her outstanding effort in all her learning.

Year 2: Maddy for her wonderful efforts in writing.

Year 3: Daisy & Noah for their huge effort with their writing.

Year 4: Jermaine for being a times tables champion.

Year 5: Lilly O for her perseverance with her learning.

Year 6: Rebecca for her excellent work in History.



What is wisdom?



Our Half Term Value: Wisdom

'Blessed are those who find wisdom.' Proverbs 3.13

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

| Class Value Advocate | Value Champion |
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| Nursery: Harry chose | Olivia for being a kind, wise and thoughtful member of the class |
| Reception: Jamie chose | Freya for being very helpful |
| Year 1: Ezra chose | Danae for living all the Values, especially Wisdom |
| Year 2: India chose | Jax for trying his hardest and showing wisdom |
| Year 3: Rosie chose | Caitlin for always being wise |
| Year 4: Lewis chose | Buddy for his confidence in our Easter production |
| Year 5: Austin chose | Ava for being a wise and kind member of the class |
| Year 6: Evan chose | Blessing for always having the wisdom to find the solution to a problem |

With kind regards,

Mrs H Gillingham

OFFICE UPDATE

Payments

A plea from the Office! We are nearing our financial year end and are asking parents and carers to pay any outstanding monies for; school dinners, 30hrs Nursery payments, class trips, Hudnall Park, Bikeability, Art Club, Breakfast Club and any other monies owed, including from previous half terms. Payments should be made via WisePay as soon as possible and by Thursday, 28th March at the very latest.

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 next 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 – Easter Camps

Super Star Sport are running an Easter Camp at St Andrew's and bookings are now open. Please see flyer attached to this newsletter for more information. They have an "Early Bird Discount" code which expires on Monday 4th March, use the code - "**FDH489**" for a discount.

Booking link for full day (Year 1 - 7):- <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/10> **Booking link for half day (Reception):-** <https://super-star-sport-uk-2.classforkids.io/camp/11>

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



Local news:

From Ware and Stanstead Abbots Neighbourhood Policing Team:

Officers from the Ware and Stanstead Abbots Neighbourhood Policing Team have once again joined forces with Keith Ian Estate Agents to collect and distribute Easter Eggs to vulnerable and in need children within the community.

The project follows the success of a similar partnership initiative in December, at which saw 105 bags of Christmas gifts distributed to local families in need.

Members of the public are invited to get involved by dropping off Easter Egg donations at the Keith Ian Office in WARE HIGH STREET between today Friday 2nd February until Friday 22nd March 2024. Thank you for your support.

Other news:

From Beezee Families:

We know lots of families can find it hard to encourage children to choose healthier snacks.

But we're here to help! Our team of nutritionists deliver Beezee Families, a FREE healthy lifestyle programme to support families across Hertfordshire.

This is Parent Mail. It's a FREE resource (attached to this newletter) that we'll share with you twice a term to tackle the biggest challenges face in making healthy choices. Please share it with parents! ***Please share the attachment with parents via email / regular newsletters and on social media.***

We also have FREE healthy lifestyle programmes beginning April 22nd to help families to build healthy habits around food and physical activity. Sign-ups are open NOW so families can secure their spot. Alternatively, they can start their journey now with our online programmes too. [Visit our website for more details.](#)

If you have any questions, we'd love to hear from you.

UPCOMING DATES

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| Mon 11th Mar: | Shooting Star Circus Science Workshop in school (Yr 1 - Yr 6) |
| Tues 12th Mar: | EYFS Science Workshop in school |
| Tues 12th Mar: | Year 1 Hertford Museum Workshop in school |
| Fri 15th Mar: | World Book Day in school – see ParentMail sent home this week for details |
| Wed 20th – Fri 22nd Mar: | Year 5 Hudnall Park Residential |
| Mon 25th Mar: | Y3 & Y4 Easter play – evening performance starting at 6.30pm |
| Tues 26th Mar: | Y3 & Y4 Easter play – matinee performance starting at 2.15pm |
| Wed 27th Mar: | Y3 & Y4 Easter play – matinee performance starting at 2.15pm |
| Thurs 28th Mar: | Last day of Spring term |
| Mon 15th Apr: | Return to school – Summer Term |
| Sat 20th Apr: | Nursery Open Day 10am– 11.30am for Sept '24 applicants |



Fri 26th Apr: 'Chance to Shine' Cricket Day school workshops (Yr2 - Yr6) in school

Mon 13th – Thurs 16th May: Year 6 SATs week

Tues 21 May: Year 3 Trip to Welwyn Hatfield Museum

Sun 19th - Weds 22nd May: Year 6 PGL Residential trip

