



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: 13.10.23 Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

Black History Month

Mr Chesterman launched our Black History focus this month by joining us up to a nationwide assembly. Different presenters talked about black women who have inspired them, ranging from Beyoncé to Michelle Obama and it was wonderful to feel that we were part of an audience of thousands of school children. We have decided to take this theme and have asked each class to explore past and present black women who have achieved amazing things. I am really looking forward to their presentations in a few weeks.

Football News



It has been a busy week for football, starting with an amazing result by our Year 6 team of girls who went to Presdales to take part in a girls' football

tournament. We finished 3rd in our group so went through to the 5th and 6th place play-off where we beat Able Smith 1-0 to finish 5th out of 14 teams.

On Wednesday it was the turn of our Year 3 and Year 4 girls to attend the tournament at Presdales.



Good sportsmanship was shown by all and they

loved the opportunity to play against other teams. We won our final game with a superb goal scored by Robyn!



Our school football team played a home match against St John the Baptist School this week. Sadly we did not win but, as ever, our team played brilliantly and never gave up throughout the game.



Stone Age Studies



Year 3 discovered how difficult it must have been for prehistoric people to adorn their caves with artwork as they too created their own imagined hunting scenes using just their fingers.



I had a visit from Evelyn who had created the most wonderful diorama of a prehistoric man standing outside his cave, within which were even more cave paintings. The detail in and care taken with this bit of homework was really impressive.



Year 6 Visit to Stansted Bury Farm



Year 6 had a slightly wet, but inspiring visit to Stansted Bury Farm & Walled Garden. The children learnt all about the rich history of the house, which dates back to Tudor times and also explored the gardens, helping to harvest some of the produce. We really are very fortunate to have such a great local resource to visit and learn from. We are very grateful to Mrs Trower, one of our Governors, who welcomes us to her home.





OPAL News by Mr Cooper

The inclement weather has not stopped the OPAL fun. All of the children who had brought in outdoor footwear were allowed on the muddy areas of the school grounds. As you can see, den-building remains a firm favourite activity for many of our children.



We would like to introduce a 'small world area'. Any donations of toy cars/vehicles, toy animals, dolls houses etc would be gratefully received and they can be left in the boxes outside the main reception. Thank you.

Relationship and Sex Education Policy

Please be reminded that the school's 'Relationship and Sex Education' policy has been reviewed by staff and Governors. It is on our school website for you to read and review. Please see:

<https://standrews323.herts.sch.uk/our-school/policies/>

If you have any comments about the policy, then please contact the school.

Babies Loss Awareness Week (9–15TH OCTOBER 2023)



Revd. Sarah sent this wonderful picture of ribbons placed as reminders of babies lost, which I thought I would share with you. The following events are upcoming:

RIBBON DISPLAY: Add your ribbons displaying the names of the babies being remembered to our Memory Tree outside St Andrew's Church, Stanstead Abbots. The church will be open from 12–4pm on Sunday 15th October for quiet reflection.

RIBBON RUN: From 1pm on Sunday 15th October, a team will walk the 5km circuit from St Andrew's to raise funds for Sands. Walkers and runners welcome!

To donate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/7jbw2p3t>



Make Lunch

During the half term break on Monday 23rd October and Friday 27th October (12.00-2.00pm) there is the opportunity to join in with other children and parents for the 'Make Lunch' sessions. Run by church members you and your children are invited to have some lunch and join in with a range of fun activities. I believe on the Friday session, there is a special 'Light Party' where there will be films, games and treats! To join in with the fun, please contact Revd. Sarah - vicar@3churches.net

Online Information Sessions about Numeracy Workshops for Parents

Attached to the Newsletter is a poster about the online information sessions for parents being run by HCC, over the half-term break. These sessions are aimed to help build up the confidence of adults with their numeracy skills.

Attendance Matters



Best Class Attendance Award

Week beginning: 9.10.23

Year 3 & Year 4

Times Tables Rock Stars

This week's winner are

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: Mario for working hard with his writing and showing pride in his work.

Reception: Poppy D for having a go even when she is unsure.

Year 1: Olivia for contributing her ideas in class discussions.

Year 2: Digory for creativity and enthusiasm in writing and **Joshua** for trying hard all the time.

Year 3: Darcy for super connected thinking in RE.

Year 4: Daisy for being a supportive friend to others.

Year 5: Paige for perseverance and determination in her learning.

Year 6: Millie A for her effort and enthusiasm during our reading sessions.



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	Edie – for being a great friend to all in the class
Reception: Teddy chose	Luna – for always making sure everyone is included in our class community
Year 1: Valentina chose	Lily – for always being friendly to others
Year 2: Jax chose	Darcy – for always supporting her friends
Year 3: Archie chose	Thomas – for always trying to bring joy to his class community
Year 4: Daisy chose	Noah – for living our school value every day
Year 5: Lilly R chose	Zack – for being helpful to our class community (especially Miss Sewell!)
Year 6: Joseph chose	Bodie – for being supportive to all members in the class

With kind regards

Mrs H Gillingham



OFFICE UPDATE

School individual and sibling photos

Although the deadline for free delivery to school has passed, you are still able to order photos to your home address, with a delivery charge.

Dinner Money & Payments

A reminder that all outstanding payments for dinners, milk, trips etc are to be made as soon as possible and by the end of this half term, at the latest. Thank you.

After School clubs – 2nd Half Autumn Term

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

Reminder: Secondary school applications will close on 31st October 2023

We have been asked by the HCC Admissions Department remind Year 6 parents who are yet to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024. The deadline to make an online application is **31st October**. Please contact the School Office if you have any queries.

Local News:

News from our School Crossing Patrol Team at HCC

The '**Stop means Stop**' campaign is run to highlight the ongoing danger the school crossing patrols face every day when cars do not stop, even when they have stepped into the road. Your lollipop man or woman will be wearing a bright 'Stop means Stop' tabard this October. Please show your support for them by stopping for your patrol.

News from the Active and Safer Travel Team at HCC

As Autumn and Winter approach, we ask that you remind your school community of the importance of wearing bright/reflective clothing and making themselves visible to drivers.

The Active and Safer Travel Team's '**Be Bright Be Seen**' campaign resources can be downloaded here:

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/BBBS23/>

UPCOMING DATES

OCT

Tues 17th Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30pm – 7.00pm

Thurs 19th Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30pm – 7.00pm

HALF TERM WEEK – Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th October

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

