



St Andrew's C of E (VC) Primary School

'Learn to love and love to learn; in God's love each one will shine.'

St Andrew's Weekly Update

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Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

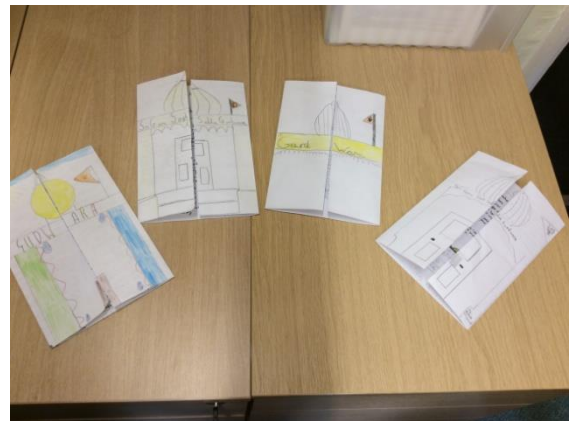
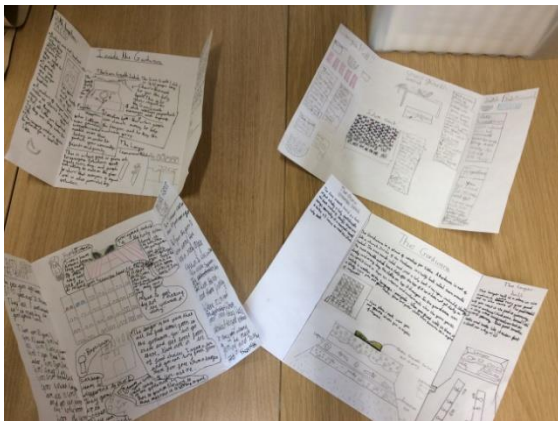
Value: Justice

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 4 children have had an extremely exciting week! On Monday they visited the Gurdwara Temple in Hitchin and on Tuesday they developed their life saving skills with 'Junior Medic Training' offered by KeepaBeat, Herts. The children were full of enthusiasm for both events and represented the school well in terms of their interest and show of respect during both activities. Well done Year 4.



Here are some of the written responses to their temple trip:-



Of course, all of the children also enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day on Thursday. Over the past week all classes have been working hard to complete their book-inspired doors, all of which are truly amazing. Our winning door was Reception's brilliant Gingerbread Man:-



In addition, during the day itself the children had fun completing a number of book-based activities, including making books, reading with parents, workshops with an author Nyesha Jones (Mum to Isiah in Year 4) and sharing great reads. Thank you for all of the help with the costumes, they were amazing, as were the huge variety of different books in a jar.



The winning jars, whose creators each received a chocolate treat, are as follows:

Nursery: Ronnie-Lee with 'Peter Rabbit'

Reception: Huxley with 'The Cat in the Hat'

Year 1: Evan with 'James and the Giant Peach'

Year 2: Elodie with 'The Wizard of Oz'

Year 3: Mia G with 'Peter Pan'

Year 4: Georgia with 'The Little Mermaid'

Year 5: Henry H with 'Harry Potter'

Year 6: Devon Parrott with 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Mrs H. Gillingham

P.S I've been told that Year 2 are doing particularly well on gaining points on their reading challenge! The competition between classes is heating up.

Brilliant Homework

Well done Maya for such careful and dramatic homework, a model depicting the Great Fire of London.



Congratulations!

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in the H&W Sportshall Athletics Competition competing against a number of local schools. Events in the competition included obstacle races, various jumps, balances etc. Our boys came an amazing **first** overall and will now be entered in the H&W schools' final next Thursday. Very well done to all of the children, as the girls also came a very respectful 5th.

Top Table

Mr Price had the pleasure of the company of the following children sitting on Top Table today:

Yr 3: **Sophie, Esme and Florence** &

Yr 4: **Lucy, Poppy and Lilly-Rose** for helping the dinner staff on the KS1 playground

Yr 6: **Alfredo** for helping on KS2 playground

Cook's Choice: Morgan (Yr 4) – for tidying up the salad bar

Attendance Award to:

Y4 and Y5

Well done to these classes.

This week's **You Can, Toucan** awards, chosen by the staff, go to:



Year 1: Mitchell for his excellent contribution to our class book on World Book Day and **Emma** for her great maths work

Year 2: Ella for her amazing creative writing

Year 3: Xavi and Fenton for great effort in their literacy

Year 4: Jasmine and Sid for their excellent effort in Junior Medic training

Year 5: Jack A for a fantastic attitude

Year 6: Stanley for his fantastic twisted tale

Justice

Our new Values Champions for this half term have been chosen the following children who have shown our new value of Justice.

Year R: Jack has been chosen today and will nominate next week

Year 1: Bobby has chosen **Jasmine** for being a just friend and valuing fairness

Year 2: Sofia has chosen **Ellie** for being a good friend

Year 3: Sadie has chosen **Florence** for being forgiving

Year 4: Holly has chosen **Jodie** for her positive attitude in the play

Year 5: Lottie has chosen **Cara** for offering to go off in the netball match to let someone else play

Year 6: Ollie has chosen **John** for being a supportive friend

Football and Netball Fixtures this week

Despite the cold and rainy evening the Y5/Y6 Football team stepped up and played a close game, finishing 4-1 to St Andrew's. It was a great team performance and we now eagerly await our next fixture in the Hope Cup! The Y5 Netball team also played exceptionally well in the same wet and windy weather and did St Andrew's proud. Well done to all our players!

Internet Safety

Further to our note out last week concerning internet safety, Herts for Learning have provided the following guidance:

Recent media reports have suggested the social media trend, the 'Momo' challenge encourages participants to commit acts of self-harm....such allegations have not been confirmed by the authorities. The charity Samaritans said it was 'not aware of any verified evidence in this country or beyond' linking the Momo meme to self-harm. It is important, however, that parents and carers take the opportunity to talk with their children about internet safety and have open conversations about what their children are accessing.

It is recommended that parents/carers;

- Enable the privacy settings on all apps and games young people are using
- Disable live locations settings
- Ensure children understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know
- Remind children not to get in touch with people they do not know on social media or gaming sites
- Talk with children about the importance of not feeling pressurised at any time to respond to an online dare from either someone they know or a stranger and to tell a trusted adult about the request
- Remind children no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do

Office Update

- **Financial Year End:** As per our previous Update, our financial year end is only a few weeks away – (Friday, 29th March for school accounts). Please could we ask that **ALL** outstanding payments for dinners, trips, clubs, Music, Breakfast Club and any other payments are made **before 15th March, at the very latest.** Your help in sending in contributions well in advance of the year end would be so much appreciated. Thank you again!
- **Premier Sport Holiday Club:** We have been really pleased with the uptake and feedback from our first holiday club booking and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In considering ways we can help boost much needed funding for the school, the Governors and our school leadership team looked at the option of hiring out part of our premises. Our recent Holiday Club sessions have resulted in our first income - £50.14! On the back of this success we have reserved **4 dates** for the Easter break – Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th April and Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th April. (2 more dates than mentioned last week). **Bookings are now open and are exclusive to St Andrew's children until 22nd March.** Please follow the link below to book – discounts for early booking and siblings still apply:-

<https://family.premier-education.com/courses/venue/st-andrews-cofe-vc-primary-school/id/179>

- **Red Nose Day – Next Friday, 15th March** : we are delighted to take part in this year’s Red Nose Day and are inviting the children to dress up in anything red in exchange for a donation of £1 - please see flyer attached.
- **JOUSTERS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL COMMENCE MONDAY, 29TH APRIL!!** Parents are requested to complete the Booking Form and Medical Information Form attached to last week’s newsletter and return them either directly to Jousters via Jennie@jousterschildcare.com or to the School Office. A non-refundable deposit of £50 is payable on booking which will be deducted from the initial invoices. Details of how and where to pay can be found on the Booking Form. Please contact either Jennie on 01707 94650 or 07580 076045 if you have any queries or via the School Office.
- **Nursery places for September 2019:** Thank you to all our parents who have completed the Nursery application forms for this coming September. The deadline for on time applications has now passed and any new applications will be considered after the initial allocation process has taken place. Offer letters will be sent to parents via email on Monday, 25th March or by post for those requesting a paper response.
- **30 Hour Free Childcare – VERY IMPORTANT** Nursery families only have until Sunday, 31st March 2019 to reconfirm eligibility with HMRC for the fully funded 30 hour provision in the summer term. Please log into your childcare service account if necessary, via www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account. An information leaflet from childcarechoice.gov.uk with details regarding help with paying for childcare is attached. Please contact the School Office if you have any queries.
- **Advanced Notice: FOSTA (formerly PTA) Mothers’ Day Sale** will be taking place in school on Wednesday, 20th, Thursday, 21st and Friday, 22nd March. Each year group will have the opportunity to browse the wonderful gifts on sale and make a special purchase. Please see FOSTA letter to follow early next week with further details.
- Finally, we wish our **Year 5 children** a very exciting time on their **residential trip** taking place next Wednesday to Friday **to Stibbington**, near Cambridge. Also a reminder to Year 5 parents to please ensure any outstanding paperwork is returned to school by this Monday at the very latest – including your child’s OV7A form, their National Health Number and the Parentmail form has been completed to confirm your permission for your child’s photograph to be included in any communications next week. Thank you!

Diary Dates

March 2019

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| 12 th | Yr 5 GSK Science Trip |
| 13 th | Yr 5 Residential trip to Stibbington – home Friday, 15 th March |
| 13 th | Yr 2 Great Fire London Day – in school |
| 14 th | H&WSPP Sportshall Athletics Final for Yr 6 boys involved in previous event |
| 15 th | Red Nose Day |

- 18th Yr 3 Royal Gunpowder Mills
20th-22nd FOSTA Mother's Day Sale
25th Yr 5 & 6 Knex Challenge Day – in school
25th Offer Date for Nursery places from September 2019 (DOB 1.9.15 – 31.8.16)

April 2019

- 1st Yr 3 & Yr 4 Easter Production – 2.15 - 3.00pm
2nd Yr 3 & Yr 4 Easter Production – 6.30 - 7.30pm
3rd FOSTA Easter Disco
29th JOUSTERS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB COMMENCES!