



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)

St Andrew's Weekly Update

Date: 11.10.19

Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Generosity

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had many visitors this week, starting with the Young Shakespeare Company who visited school to teach and act with Year 6 on Monday. Here is a report from Year 6:

On 7th October Year 6 took part in a Shakespeare Macbeth Workshop run by the Young Shakespeare Company. It was a great way to experience a story and learn the play. Joey played Macbeth with Darcy as Lady Macbeth. We can't wait to see the play at the theatre now! Jack and Fred – Year 6.

All of KS1 and KS2 classes enjoyed fruit workshops led by Histon Produce, part of Herts Catering. During these sessions the children learnt about the nutritional importance of eating five portions of fruit and vegetables each day and how and where fruit and vegetables grow. They were also able to taste a number of exotic fruits such as Physalis, Figs, Pomegranate, Passion Fruit, Starfruit and even Dragon Fruit. They then burnt off any calories by making a delicious smoothie using the amazing cycles.



Closely linked to healthy eating promoting a healthy lifestyle was Thursday's 'National Mental Health Day', during which many of the classes discussed simple things that they could all do to ensure their wellbeing. We know that mental health issues are on the rise for both children and adults alike, so supporting wellbeing is an important part of our PHSE curriculum.

To help recognise the causes and offer support for this issue, Public Health England has just launched their first national NHS mental health campaign. It is called 'Every Mind Matters' and offers a free online survey designed to help you deal with stress and anxiety, boost your mood, improve your sleep and help you feel more in control. It includes a 'How Are You?' quiz and provides some tips to improve mental health. The link to these resources is: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/mental-health/>

Finally, further visitors this week included some of our school's Governors, who came to see the day to day running of the school and joined in with many of the lessons. It was an opportunity for the Governors to review how the different initiatives, which are discussed in Governors' meetings, were actually impacting on the learning and experience of the children. Their feedback will help us to continue to improve our school for the benefit of all of our children and staff.

Sporting News

Congratulations to Year 6 children who competed in the local school's table tennis competition this week. They all did extremely well in their matches and showed great sportsmanship. The girl's team did especially well as they came home with the Bronze award.

Our football and netball teams also did well this week. Their matches were played here at St Andrew's against Hertingfordbury and they both won their games.

The children's reports for all the sporting events and the Fruit Workshop will be posted on the Website.

Kind regards,

Mrs H. Gillingham

Awards



Mrs Pulford, who led our Collective Worship, this week used the Bible reading Luke 12:27

²⁷“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.”

From this starting point, she helped the children consider God's generosity in Creation and ways that we can care and look after it. So effective was her Collective Worship, I had a lunchtime delegation of children keen to begin an Eco Club to run alongside our class Eco Warriors. The children felt strongly that

they wanted to make changes to look after our world.

Our **Values Advocates** met with Mr Price and have selected the following children to be this week's Value Champions as they have all shown our value of generosity.

Year 1: Jack H for being generous to other children.

Year 2: Mimi for being kind and helpful to other children.

Year 3: Holly for helping others and always being nice.

Year 4: Fenton for giving his time to help others.

Year 5: Hannah for helping others.

Year 6: Fred for supporting others with their work.



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

Reception: Daisy for using her phonics when reading and writing.

Year 1: Jude for excellent participation in his maths work and **Lilia-Mae** for being an excellent friend.

Year 2: All of Year 2 for their great behaviour during the Great Fire of London Day.

Year 3: Jacob for fantastic effort, concentration and accuracy in his maths.

Year 4: Mae for her descriptive writing.

Year 5: Lexi for showing great effort across the curriculum.

Year 6: Jack for fantastic showing resilience in his maths work and **Toby** for working hard in his English lessons.



Top Table

The following children sat with myself to have their lunch. They were chosen by the Supervisors for their excellent playtime behaviour. They are:

Year 1: Jack R for his good manners (Cook's choice)

Year 2: Mia for always being well mannered.

Year 3: Maya for helping on KS1 playground.

Year 4: Amany for being kind and helpful.

Year 5: Bobby for helping with the play equipment at lunchtime.

Year 6: Brooke D for her great positive attitude and always having a smile.

House Points

Ash - 139

Mill Stream - 103

Stort - 106

Lea - 148

Attendance Award: Y6

Tidiest classroom: Y4

Well done to these classes.

Office Update

- **Parent Consultation Evenings:** Our Parent Consultations will be taking place on Tuesday, 22nd October and Thursday 24th October from 3.30 – 7.00pm for all our children from Nursery to Year 6. *(Please note: due to training commitments Ms Bowie will have reduced availability on Tuesday 22nd).* The online booking procedure opened on Monday, 7th October via Parentmail. If you are unsure if you can access Parentmail, require assistance, or if you have no internet access, please call or pop into the School Office and we will be able to make a booking on your behalf. Thank you.
- **School Uniform** – We understand that a very small number of parents have been waiting for some outstanding uniform orders. This week we have received three further uniform deliveries, which have been sent home with the children. If you are still waiting for an order, please contact the School Office. Thank you.
- **Harvest Donations** - Thank you to everyone who has donated to our collection for this year's St Alban's Diocese Harvest Appeal, 'Light Up Tanzania'. We are raising money for families in village areas of Tanzania to buy solar panels from which they can run their households more efficiently. We will continue to collect any monetary donations in the coming weeks. There is also still time to send in, before our Harvest Service on Thursday, food items of any dried or tinned foods for our collection for the local Food Bank. We will deliver any contributions to the food bank after our service and before our half term break. Thank you for your generosity.
- **FOSTA's Manic Ceramics event:** organised for our school on 8th November, has drawn a huge number of replies. The deadline has now passed, so thank you to everyone who has responded and signed their child up for the event. FOSTA are currently in communication with Manic Ceramics to see how many children can attend as we have so many takers! We will keep you posted.
- The invoices for the Nursery children's afternoon care will be coming home the children soon. Please note that payment should be made by Friday, 18th October. Thank you.
- Payment for school dinners should be made during the first week of each half term. If you have not paid for your child's school dinners for this term yet, please do so by Friday, 18th October at the latest. Thank you.

Quick Reminder

- Our Year 6 parents are reminded that if they wish to purchase **SATs books** through the school for their children, they need to complete the order form and hand it into the School

Office, along with payment by cash or cheque by this **by Monday, 14th October at the latest**. Thank you.

- Our Year 6 parents are reminded that the **online application for a secondary school** place from September 2020 is now open via www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. **Please note the deadline to apply is in half term – 31st October 2019**. Please let School Office know if you have any queries.
- If parents do not wish their Year 6 child to take part in the NHS height and weight programme run by the School Nurse team on 24th October, the 'opt out' procedures previously circulated must be completed ASAP. Thank you.
- **Free School Meals Service** - a reminder that any parents who have a child in Year 3 or above could be eligible for their child to receive school meals for free if they are in receipt of certain allowances – please visit the website below for full details:
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/freeschool-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>
- **Aldi – Kits for Schools** – Aldi are running a Sports promotion for schools in store, from which St Andrew's can benefit with your help! Please collect a 'Team GB' sticker when you spend £30 in any Aldi store. Bring the stickers into school, where we will add them to our school poster. We have the chance to receive free sports kits and possibly funding too! Please see the attached flyer for details.

Diary Dates

Please note: change of date for EYFS evening, which is now on Wednesday 6th November.

Also: additional date of Thursday, 21st November for the Year 2 SATs meeting for parents.

October 2019

- 17th Harvest Festival Service – 9.30am- St Andrew's Church – ALL WELCOME
18th Yr 5 trip – Stem Discovery Centre, Stevenage
22nd Parent Consultation meetings - 3.30-7.00pm – School Hall
24th Yr 6 – School Nurses – Lancaster Model & Height and Weight Assessment
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25th **Inset day**

HALF TERM

November 2019

- 4th School returns after half term break
6th Yr 5 Stibbington Residential trip launch meeting - 3.15pm – Yr 5 classroom
6th EYFS Reading Evening – 6pm – 7pm in School Hall - for Nursery and Reception parents

- 8th Whole School Remembrance Day Assembly – School Hall
- 12th Nursery Show ‘n’ Share – 11.15am in Nursery classroom
Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 Show ‘n’ Share – 2.30pm in your child’s classroom
- 14th Yr 6 – Wyllyotts Theatre – Young Shakespeare trip
Yr 1 – Yr 6 Curriculum Evening – writing – in school – *further details to follow*
- 15th Non uniform – in exchange for sweets for the Christmas Fayre
Yr 1 trip – The Royal Gunpowder Mills
- 18th Yr 4 trip – The British Museum
- 20th Yr 6 trip – The Globe Theatre
- 21st Year 2 SATs evening for parents – 6pm - Year 2 classroom
- 22nd Non uniform – in exchange for bottles for the Christmas Fayre
- 28th Yr 3 trip – Celtic Harmony Camp
- 29th Non uniform – in exchange for cakes or £1 for the Christmas Fayre
FOSTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE – 5.30pm – 8.30pm