



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: 25.10.19

Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Generosity

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well this has been quite a short week but we seem to have managed to pack a great deal into it. On Monday, thirty-two of our children competed in the Ware School's Cross Country competition at Haileybury and did extremely well in quite cold and damp conditions.



As always I am impressed with the children's sportsmanship and competitive energy. Both Ella in Year 3 and William in Year 6 did extremely well gaining a third and a fourth place in their respective races.

Overall we achieved:

Girl's Y3/4 race-fourth

Boy's Y3/4 race –third

Girl's Y5/6 race – joint second

Boy's Y5/6 race –second

Well done all who competed.

Year 6 have been completing their own versions of the Spiderwick Chronicles, inventing their own characters and describing them in the style of the book. Their presentation of their work has shown the level of engagement and interest in the subject matter. This example was completed by Rhiannon.

On Wednesday we completed our focus on Black History Month. All the Year groups shared their research of different historical people who have had an impact upon our world. Their individual

research ranged from Mary Seacole to Lewis Hamilton, with the children able to explain facts about their lives and explanations of the impact of their lives. I will be displaying their work in the hall very soon.



Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents' Consultation Evenings . They were both really positive with many parents commenting to me how pleased they were with the progress they could see in their child/ren's work.

If you are a parent of a Nursery, Reception or Year 1 child and are stuck for ideas of what to do in the half term break, then please do go to our FOSTA event "**Runaround Rascals Party**" at the Drill Hall in Ware on Thursday, 31st October. Few spaces remaining - It looks like it will be a lot of fun.

Please do all have a wonderful half term.

Kind regards,

Mrs H. Gillingham



Generosity

Jesus said, "I am the light for the world! Follow me, and you won't be walking in the dark. You will have the light that gives life." John 8 verse 12

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: Nathan for being generous with his knowledge.

Year 2: Millie for always focusing on her work.

Year 3: Maya for also focusing on her work.

Year 4: Cameron for helping others.

Year 5: Hannah for being helpful-giving her time for others.

Year 6: Jack for working hard and concentrating on his tasks.

Office Update

- **Parent Consultation Evenings:** Our Parent Consultations have now been completed for the autumn term. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, you were unable to come along for your appointment time, please contact your child's class teacher via the School Office to make another appointment. Miss Bowie will be contacting the 4 parents that she has outstanding for Nursery. Thank you.
- **FOSTA's Manic Ceramics event:** All parents and carers of children who wanted to take part in this incredibly popular event should by now have been informed, by allocation of place letters sent home on Monday, whether your child has a place or not. If your child has been unsuccessful this time, their name will be retained by the FOSTA Committee for

priority in future bookings. For those children who have been unsuccessful this time, parents can sign for full refunds from the School Office. Thank you.

- **FOSTA** – The opportunity to book '**Runaround Rascals' Party** via the School Office for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 has now passed. If your child is interested in attending at the Drill Hall in Ware next Thursday, 31st October – please contact Mrs Herod via the FOSTA Facebook page, or via the 'Runaround Rascals' website and she will be able to register your child directly. We wish everyone a great time on the day!
- Reminder: **Music invoices** for the autumn term will be circulated at the beginning of next half term and will need to be paid by Friday, 6th December.
- **Individual school photos** – the photos for those parents who have ordered, either online or in paper form, are due to arrive in our first week back at school after the half term break. Thank you.
- **The NHS Herts Community Trust is pleased to launch an integrated Children and Young People's Therapies Service Advice Line.** This is for parents, carers and professionals who may have a concern about a child or young person and wish to discuss a potential referral to either Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy or Speech & Language Therapy. Please see flyer (attached to newsletter last week) highlighting further information.

Quick Reminder

- Year 6 parents – the children who have ordered **SATs books** through the school should have brought them home with them on Thursday evening.
- Year 6 parents – the **online application for a secondary school place** from September 2020 **deadline to apply is in half term – Thursday, 31st October 2019.** Applications are made via www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. Please let School Office know if you have any queries.
- **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>
- Our **school dinner menus** will be changing from the day we return to school after the half term holiday, Monday 4th November. Please look out for the new menus, which have been sent home with the children today.

- o HCL will be introducing 'Just Fruit' Tuesdays – as part of their ongoing healthy eating initiatives to reduce the children's sugar intake, the deserts on offer on a Tuesday will be a selection of various fruits.
- Coming soon... The Rotary Club are once again sending us **Christmas Shoeboxes** for you to fill and bring in to school, so that those less fortunate than us may also receive presents at Christmas.
- **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.

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 – Wylyotts 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 Yr 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

December 2019

- 2nd Yr 1 and Yr 2 Nativity matinee performance - 2.00pm – School Hall
- 3rd Yr 1 and Yr 2 Nativity evening performance – 6.30pm – School Hall
- 6th School Choir – Singing Carols at Hoddesdon Clock Tower – 11.30-12.00
- 10th Nursery and Reception Nativity – 10.00 – 10.40 – School Hall
- 11th Nursery and Reception Nativity – 10.00 – 10.40 - School Hall

NSPCC day - Whole School – non- school uniform – for donation to the charity.
School Christmas dinner – details to follow in a letter home after half term
FOSTA Christmas disco – for all years – details to follow in letter home after half term
12th Reception – Yr 6 NHS England ‘flu nasal spray application. Details to follow after half term
17th Piano assembly – by invitation - 2.15pm – School Hall
19th Christmas Church Service – St Andrew’s Church – 9.30am – ALL WELCOME
20th Pantomime for all the children – Rumpelstiltskin – 9.30-10.30am
SCHOOL TERM ENDS - 1.30pm

January 2020

7th SPRING TERM STARTS