



St Andrew's Newsletter

28th February 2020

Growing and learning together with God

Today in school we had a Get Active Taster Day! All classes had an extra PE session with Coach Kieron and everyone was allowed to stay in their PE kits all day! Get Active have been providing some of our weekly PE lessons and some of the new after school clubs this year. The children really enjoy working with Coach Michael, and this half term all classes will be doing Dance for their curriculum PE.



Welcome

We have had some new staff members join us here at St. Andrew's.

Mrs Blackman is our new TA who will be working across Year 5 and Year 6.

Miss Shuab is a Student Teacher working in Year 5 until the middle of the Summer Term, and Miss Burne joined us today as a Student Teacher working in Year 4 until the end of the Summer Term.

It is always exciting to have new members of staff. So far, the children have been making them feel very welcome, and they are settling in well.

Parents' Evenings

It was wonderful to see so many happy parents and children at our two Parents' Evenings this week. Thank you to all those who attended. If you did not manage to make an appointment for this week, then please contact your child's class teacher via Dojo to arrange a time to meet with them. Sadly there were still a number of parents who missed their scheduled appointments and did not let the school know.

This is frustrating as all staff work incredibly hard to fit everyone in at times that suit.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you for the amazing response to completing these so far. We will send questionnaires out to those who did not attend Parents' Evening next week. The deadline to return these will be Friday 6th March.

The class with the most will win a non-uniform day and there will also be a random prize draw for a winning family.

Thank you for all the feedback – it really helps us all to know what we are doing well and what we can improve on.

Football and Netball

Football:- No game this week

Netball: - On Thursday 13th February we had our first win of the season!! The team played extremely well against St. Mary's and won the game 7 – 1.

Our match against Laurel Lane on 27th was cancelled due to away team commitments.

Next fixtures:-

Football – TBC

Netball- Saturday 29th February – Netball Tournament at Ryefield

Important Dates

Thursday 5th March – Computing and E-safety Workshops
Wednesday 11th March – Mums In School Day
Thursday 12th March – Swimming Gala 7pm
Friday 20th March – The Friends Ladies Pamper Evening
Thursday 26th March – Lower KS2 Production, 9am & 2pm
Tuesday 31st March – Eucharist at St Andrew's Church, 9:15am
Thursday 2nd April – Orchestra Assembly to Parents, 9am
Friday 3rd April – End of Term at 1.30pm
Monday 20th April – Back to School
Friday 8th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half Term
Monday 1st June – Back to School

Donation

This week we received a wonderfully generous donation from the Abba Foundation for £1,000! We are incredibly grateful for this donation and hope to put it towards improving the school environment in some way.

Merit Awards

Reception – Gabriela, Yonas, Maici, Lucas

Year 1 – Jesseline, Emory

Year 2 – Tiana, Joe, Addiena

Year 3 – Aiden, Fergal, Mohammed

Year 4 – Issac, Oscar

Year 5 – Joshua, Iren

Year 6 – Redon, Lucy, Lucian

Well done to all!

Parent Governor Elections

Thank you to everyone who voted in the Parent Governor Elections. Mr Clay Gibbons was elected as the new Parent Governor. Congratulations.

Class Assemblies

Friday 6th March – Year 1
Friday 20th March – Year 5
Friday 27th March – EYFS

All are at 9am in the hall

Computing Workshops

These are taking place on Thursday 5th March at 9am and 2:30pm. Please do come along to find out more about how to support your children in staying safe online and in making the most of the technology to enhance learning.

JRSOs

On Wednesday our 4 Junior Road Safety Officers took part in a Dragon's Den event where they presented their pitch to a panel of judges about how to promote road safety at St. Andrew's. The children were awarded £350 for a road safety banner and some life size mascots which is brilliant news. Well done to Harry, Olivia, Lily-May and Hannah and to Mrs Najafi for supporting them.

Lenovo Tablets

The Friends have recently agreed to pay for 16 new Lenovo Tablets which have been distributed amongst the classes to help children with their learning. Look out for photos of this on Class Dojo!

Thank you to The Friends.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Book online at

<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/our-clubs-1/st-andrews-c-of-e-primary-school/>

Our value for this half term is Resilience.

Nicola Edwards