



St Andrew's Newsletter

10th January 2020

Growing and learning together with God

Hapy New Year! Welcome back to school everyone. I do hope that everyone had a restful holiday time and enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends. It has been lovely to see everyone this week in school looking happy and bright. In our Collective Worship this week we have been finding out about our new value for the half term, which is Honesty. Reverend Andrew and Father John also spoke about Epiphany. On Monday morning we will be attending St. Margaret's Church for Eucharist on the theme of Epiphany. Reception and Nursery will not be attending due to other commitments. Parents and families are most welcome to join us.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for December was 87.6%. Of this 9.2% was authorised absence and 3.1% unauthorised.

Although there was a lot of sickness during December, these figures are shocking as they are well below average and still include a great deal of unexplained absences. Referrals will be made to the Participation Team for those families who have persistent absence (less than 90% attendance) where there has not been a specific medical reason for absence or other exceptional circumstance.

The class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 95.1%. They have earned a non-uniform day to be taken at a time agreed with Mrs Baptiste.

The percentages for each class for December are:

Reception = 84.2%
Year 1 = 84.9%
Year 2 = 91.8%
Year 3 = 83.5%
Year 4 = 95.1%
Year 5 = 85.7%
Year 6 = 91.4%



Clubs

Sadly, this term we will be running fewer clubs due to lack of demand.

We have tried hard this year to offer a variety of different clubs to different age groups, to keep costs down and to support any families who have difficulties with payments.

I can now confirm that there will be no Hockey, Spring Multi Skills, Street Dance or Bible Club. All other clubs will go ahead, starting next week.

If you have not yet paid for Choir, Orchestra, Football, Scrapbooking and Baking, Basketball, Phonics, Recorder or Netball, please make payments as soon as possible. Thanks.

Staffing Updates

We have made some changes across the school to the way our support staff are deployed. Mrs Najafi will be supporting Year 1 and 2, Mrs Hostein and Mrs Sanguy will be supporting Year 3 and 4, and Mrs Rowley and Mrs Harrison will be supporting Year 5 and 6. We are currently recruiting an additional TA and will update you accordingly. Mrs Pocock is continuing to work in Reception and Miss Dickson in Nursery. Miss Woods is continuing to support individual children across the school. Please be assured that all of our staff work tirelessly to support the needs of the children in a number of ways.

We are also in the process of updating our 'Local Offer' on our website, which provides details of all the support we give children at St. Andrew's in terms of provision, interventions, focus groups, booster sessions, catch-up sessions, pastoral care, liaising with outside agencies, 1:1 activities, focus groups etc.

We will let you know as soon as the information is available.

Important Dates

w/c Monday 13th January – Clubs start

Eucharist at St. Margaret's, 9:30am

Friday 7th February – Choir to Wembley for Young Voices

Friday 14th February – Staff training day, school closed to pupils

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February - Half term

Tuesday 25th February – Parents Evening 4 - 6.30pm

Thursday 27th February – Parents Evening 5 - 8pm

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

What is important to me?

Please make sure that you work with your children to complete this homework by Friday 17th January. All children will be expected to give a verbal presentation to their class in some way and will also create a piece of writing based on what they have chosen as being important to them.

Term Dates

Term dates for 2020-2021 have been sent out with this newsletter and are on our school website at the following address

<http://www.standrewscofeprimary.co.uk/news-events/term-dates.php>

PE Kits

Please remember that PE Kits should be in school every day. Items should be labelled. Children should have tracksuit tops and bottoms this term as PE will take place outside even when it is cold. Thanks.

Parking

This week we had a phone call from a resident of the flats down Nursery Way who was very upset about the number of parents who are parking illegally in the private car park there.

Please do not park here to collect or drop off your children. The rules are very simple. You must obtain a Hillingdon Parking Permit and then park in Manor Way and the other roads further afield.

There was an article on BBC London News this morning about how schools are installing CCTV cameras outside their grounds because of the poor behaviours from parents. This is so very sad to think that parents would rather risk the safety of children instead of making sure they are early to school and can park in the correct places.



The Year 6 children enjoyed their Ancient Greek Workshop today. Thank you to Portals to the Past who provided an amazing day of activities for the children and who said that all the children were so enthusiastic and well behaved and were brilliant ambassadors for the school!

Nicola Edwards

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Book online at

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

Register online now and sign up for sessions before and/or after school.