# St Andrew's Newsletter

24th January 2020

# Growing and learning together with God

We have had some different visitors in school this week. We have been lucky enough to have been hosting some students from Brunel who are either already studying their PGCE, or are wanting to do so in the future. It has been lovely to have some extra support in the classrooms and to be able to share with them our lovely pupils and their exciting lessons. We also had a visit from a Literacy specialist on Thursday as part of a long term partnership St. Andrew's has with the Knowledge Schools Trust English Hub. This was day 3 of support visits based around phonics and early reading. Katie, the Literacy specialist, worked with a number of pupils and phonics groups and was really pleased with the progress they are making and the way we are teaching phonics and early reading here!

#### **Merit Awards**

Reception - Aiden, Elizabeth, Angel

Year 1 - Mihail, Katrin, Chloe

Year 2 – Arthur, Michael, Tiana

Year 3 - Marcus, Olivia, Danesh

Year 4 – Angel, Dylan, Eloise

Year 5 – Aidan S, Gabrielle, Muhaz

Year 6 – Maxim, Ava

Well done to all!

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

This year we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week in school. The dates are 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February and the focus this year is 'Find your Brave'.

Across the school there will be assemblies and activities focusing on being brave and resilient, dealing with emotions, having a growth mindset etc. We will share some of what we do via Class Dojo.

# Behaviour outside the school gates

Please may I remind parents that your children are your responsibility before the playground gate is opened at 8:40 each morning. Today there were some children throwing rocks at the Nursery classroom windows. This is unacceptable. Please talk to your children about how they should be waiting sensibly at the school gates each day. Thank you.

# **Uxbridge Children's Centre**

Please see this link to find out what's going on at the Children's Centre on Whitehall Road. There are loads of things on offer for parents and children under 5.

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#### **Football and Netball**

Football – St. Andrew's played Rabbsfarm at home in the cup this week. For the first game of the season, they played really enthusiastically and managed to score 2 goals. The final result was 5-2 to Rabbsfarm, but everyone on the team worked well together and displayed great sportsmanship.

Netball – In the first game of the New Year, the St. Andrew's team took on St. Helen's away. The girls were hugely focused, determined and worked so well together as a team. The final quarter was very intense and the score was 4-3 to St. Helen's, which is an excellent result for us.

# Next fixtures:-

Football – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – St. Helen's v St. Andrew's at 4pm (away) Netball- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Laurel Lane v St. Andrew's at 4pm (away)

### **Important Dates**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Basketball Tournament
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Little Owls visit to Uxbridge Library
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 trip to Southall Gurdwara
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Choir to Wembley for Young Voices
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's Bake Sale for The Friends
at 3pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Reading Workshops
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Staff training day, school closed to pupils

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Half term

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening 4 - 6.30pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening 5 - 8pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Maths Calculation Workshops
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Mums In School Day

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Lower KS2 Production, 9am & 2pm Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Eucharist at St Andrew's Church, 9:15am

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Orchestra Assembly to Parents, 9am Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – End of Term at 1.30pm

### **AKO Autism Expo**

Here is a link to the Anna Kennedy Online (AKO) Autism Expo event being hosted at Brunel University London on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

AKO is a charity dedicated to raising awareness of autism to help support and inform families and carers. The tickets are £10 per adult and all children under 16 are free.

https://akoautismexpo.co.uk/

The AKO Autism Expo Event will be taking place at: Brunel University London, Kingston Lane, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 3PN.

Doors open at 9:30am and close at 5:00pm. Parking will be Free.

# **Reading Workshops**

A letter was sent out this week advertising Reading Workshops.

Please complete the tear off slip and return the form to school if you are planning to attend.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 9:00am KS1

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2:30 pm KS2

Thanks

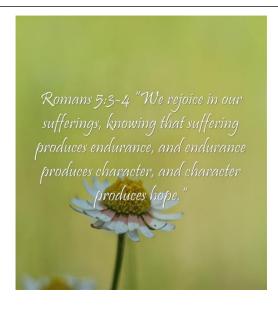
# **Ladies' Pampering Night**

A message on behalf of The Friends: Treat yourself this Mothers' Day.
Come along to The Friends pamper
evening - Friday 20th March.
We are looking for beauticians,
therapists, people who sell beauty /
body products or representatives for
beauty companies. If you or anyone you
know can help, please let the friends
know by emailing
friendsofstandrewsuxbridge@gmail.com
Further details will be sent out soon.

#### **Class Assemblies**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Year 6 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – EYFS

All are at 9am in the hall



## **Parent Governor Elections**

I am pleased to announce that there are 2 applications for the role of Parent Governor.

Ballot papers and information will be sent out to all families next week!

### **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

Book online at

https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/our-clubs-1/standrews-c-of-e-primary-school/

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

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