



St Andrew's Newsletter

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Growing and learning together with God

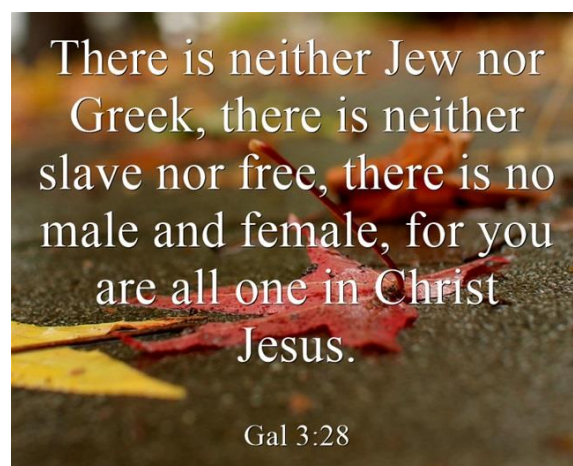
Over the past two weeks here at St. Andrew's we have been very focused on the return to school of some of our pupils. But we have also been following the very sad news concerning the death of George Floyd in the USA, and the dreadful violent protests that have been taking place across the world.

Here at St. Andrew's we want to assure our families that we take the matter of diversity very seriously. Our approach is to teach children about diversity of others and to celebrate each individual with equality and respect. We do this through our Christian Values and our school vision. We want the children to look beyond the surface of their fellow students and rejoice and celebrate each other's achievements and successes, alongside acknowledging individual struggles and own personal progress and development.

When educating young children, it is important to teach skills of tolerance, respect and acceptance. This approach we believe will empower our students to make informed and compassionate choices on their journey to adulthood.

Our staff will continue to uphold these values and teach our pupils the importance of them.

We continue to pray for all those affected by oppression and discrimination, as well as upholding those who are also being impacted by the Coronavirus crisis.



Home Learning

Thank you to all parents who have requested a paper copy of the new home-learning packs and who have collected these from school.

Please do contact your child's class teacher or the school office if you wish to collect a hard copy of the pack and we will prepare one for you to pick up at your convenience.

It has been lovely to see some more familiar faces this week as parents and children have popped down to collect packs.

If you are managing at home using the online resources and the links sent out via Dojo then this is absolutely fine and you do not need to collect a pack.

Links to the home learning can also be found on our website

<http://www.standrewscofeprimary.co.uk/news-events/covid19.php#parents>

Please note that if your child is now attending school full or part-time, they will not be given a home learning pack.

End of Year Reports

This year there are many practices, activities and events that are different about the Summer Term. However, one thing that I can reassure you about is that we will still be sending out our end of year reports to all parents.

These have all been written by the class teachers, and I am currently enjoying reading them all and adding my contribution. The format is slightly different this year – something which we had already decided on before Covid-19 - but they will still reflect the progress and achievements your child has made during the time they were physically in school and may also include references to home learning. Watch this space for further details about how and when they will be sent out.

School re-opening updates Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Key Worker Children

Please remember to email the absence line today by 12pm if you wish to change the days your child is coming to school next week.

Following on from the letter that was sent out on Monday to all parents, all requests for new places or changes of days will be considered individually and the school will confirm with you via email whether we can accommodate your request or not.

Numbers are now increasing and we need to be sure we have enough space for everyone, and that can work within our risk assessments.

Thank you.

Staffing Updates

Mrs Hill, our SENDCO, will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. She is moving to an all through school much closer to her home in Surrey. Although she has only been with us for a year, it has been wonderful working alongside her and I know that many parents and children have gotten to know her and have been grateful for her expertise and support.

I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Tamara Colman will be our new SENDCO from September.

FSM Vouchers Update

The Government are continuing to provide Edenred Supermarket vouchers for those families who are entitled to free school meals.

These are being ordered weekly at this stage now that some families are returning to school.

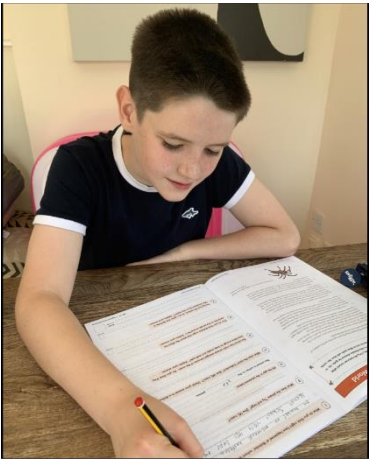
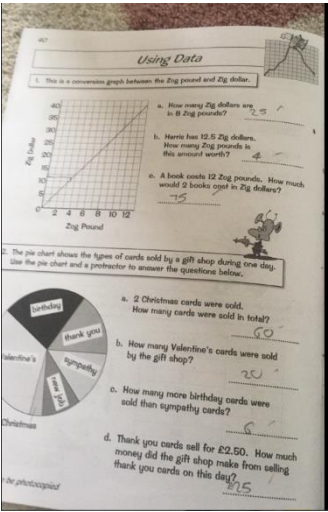
Please do note the following:

- Children who are attending school will not receive the vouchers anymore as they are entitled to claim a free lunch from The Pantry.
- Where families are not activating and accessing these vouchers anymore, these will be cancelled and no future vouchers will be ordered.
- If you are having difficulties with your vouchers, please contact Edenred in the first instance and then please notify the school so that your vouchers will not be cancelled.
- If your working circumstances have changed and you believe you may be entitled to claim free school meals, please contact the school office who will help you to check your eligibility.



This week we have photographs from in school and at home.

To those of you at home, keep up the good work as we love seeing your portfolio posts. If you have not yet shared any of your work via the portfolios, then please do upload something next week for us to see. These are still being checked daily.



2. WORDS

Read the sentences and circle the verb in each of them.

- George jogged to school.
- "Stop it!" yelled Beth.
- Thomas rubbed the melting ice cream.
- Freddie brushed his hair.
- Tessa peered out the window.
- I wondered about the answer.
- I munched on the chocolate bar.

said thought looked ran went touched cried ate

Choose 5 of the verbs and write as many synonyms as you can think of. For example: said - yelled or screamed

ran	run	running	strife	leg
went	have	going	leave	join
looked	half	mid		
cried	said	note	upside	
ate	base	swish	fuel	

Now use your synonyms to write 5 interesting sentences.

run over ribs was slide
the girl went shopping to camp
I touched my dog's nose
I cried because I fell over
I was hungry so I ate



Slippers at school?

Primary school encourages pupils to wear slippers in class

Children at an East Midlands primary school are being urged to wear slippers in class.

Mr primary in Derby introduced the idea after one of his teachers came across research that found the relaxed act to footwear improved academic results. [...]

He Hall, Findern's deputy head, said: "It was led by one of the teachers after seeing some research that wearing slippers can improve children's We pitched the idea to the pupils and they were led. It's been a huge success so far and even wearing slippers in the classroom too.

He have always been well behaved but we've me changes. There is less stomping around on are calmer and more relaxed. They love it."

cher, a pupil, thought it was "a great idea", -old added: "I love slippers at home, so g able to wear them makes me feel slip me to learn."

An abridged article from www.theguardian.com

Why do the teachers want the children to wear slippers? Tick one.

☐ Because the children move more quietly in slippers.

☒ Because research showed that it could improve their grades.

☐ Because the children kept getting cold feet in the classroom.

2. The teachers "pitched the idea" to the pupils. What do you think this means?

The teachers told the idea to the pupils.

3. Copy the sentence that describes what has changed at the school since slippers were allowed.

It changed because the children were allowed to wear slippers.

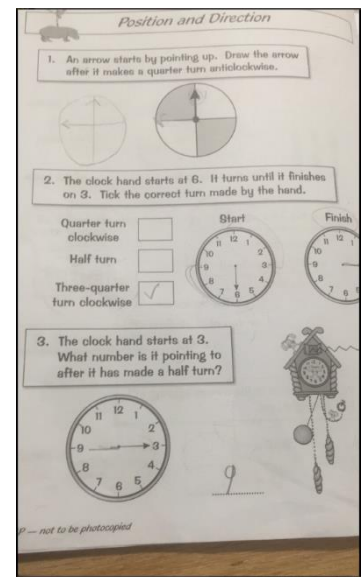
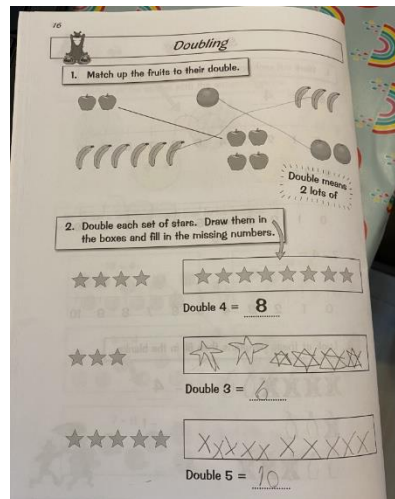
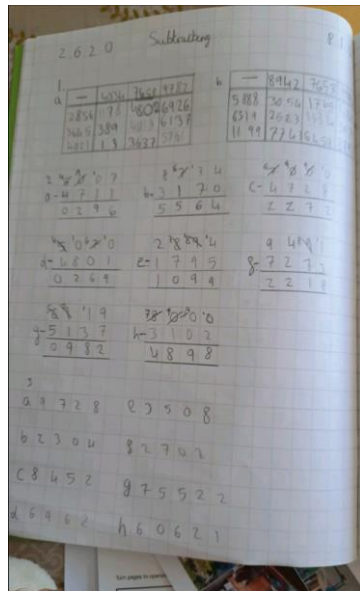
4. How do the children in the article feel about wearing slippers to school?

The children feel happy.

5. Would you like to wear slippers at school? Why or why not?

I would like to wear slippers at school because they are comfortable.

Did you answer all the questions?



Stay safe and take care.

Nicola Edwards