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St Andrew's Newsletter 5th March 2021

Growing and learning together with God



I am so impressed with the Sways that the staff have been using to share the daily learning, so I have decided to develop my skills and use Sway to produce the weekly newsletter. Throughout the pandemic it has been wonderful to see all the new skills that everyone has been learning, and along the way so many of you and so many of us have risen to the different challenges that we have faced.

We are more than ready to see all the children back in school from Monday morning. Please do make sure you have read all the information about timings, face masks, social distancing etc. and that you have talked through with your children how they feel about coming back to school. Many of the children will be excited about coming back to see their friends. This is brilliant. But if your child is feeling a little anxious, then please reassure them that we will take care of them and support them in every way possible.

Thank you

Thank you to our wonderful key worker and vulnerable children who have been in school since the beginning of January. You have been super amazing and resilient; coping with lots of changes and supporting each other during this challenging time.

Well done to you all, and a special thank you for being so brilliant and calm when we had an unexpected fire drill yesterday afternoon as a water pipe had burst. Miss Lawrence reported that you all assembled on the KS2 playground quietly and calmly, and all the staff were impressed with how you waited patiently and sensibly while we tried to fix the problem.

The Friends



Don't forget to order your gift bag for mother's day! The bag will contain a selection of the gifts in the photo plus other little goodies. If you are ordering for more than one child, The Friends committee will ensure that your gift bags contain different gifts. Bags cost £5 each and you must order on ParentPay. The deadline for ordering is Monday as the bags must be given to the school early next week to allow time to quarantine. Thank you!



Thank you to The Friends for our new IPads! Each class teacher now has a brand new IPad which means they can send out Dojo posts more efficiently and quickly. 4 of these IPads were bought using money from The Friends which was from all your generous donations and spending. Another 4 IPads were purchased using a grant from the Willesden Diocese. We are all very grateful. Thank you.

Merit Awards

Nursery - Eyosi, Lora, Jake, Lucy Reception - Violet, Nazhan, Esmond Year 1 - The Whole Class Year 2 - The Whole Class Year 3 - The Whole Class Year 4 - Lily, Roeanne, Niamh Year 6 - Aiden, Miley, Thomas

Well done everyone!

Bible Festival







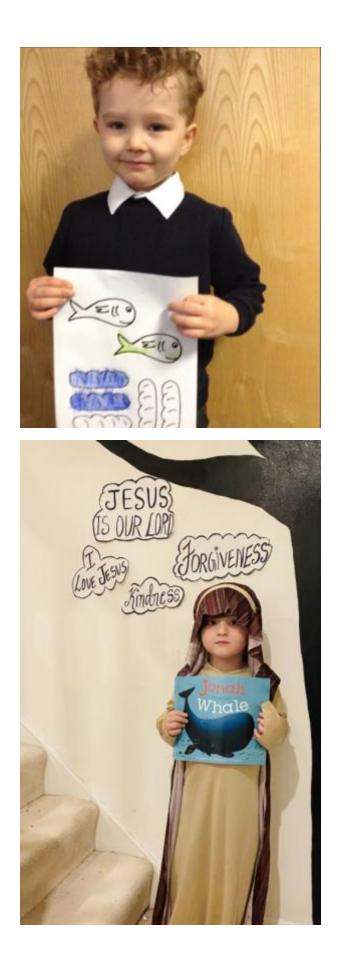














Some lovely photographs from home and school of children taking part in the Bible Festival this week.



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Face Masks



In primary schools and early years settings it is recommended that staff and visitors wear face coverings where social distancing cannot be maintained between adults.

Children in primary schools do not need to wear a face covering and they should not be asked to wear one. Dr Susan Hopkins, the Chief Medical Adviser for NHS Test and Trace, has said that "the consensus among educationalists, public health and clinical specialists is that it is not advisable for primary school children to wear face coverings. That is why Public Health England has not recommended to the Department for Education that they should be worn by primary pupils in the classroom. Children need to see facial expressions to develop their communication and language skills and practically, they can have difficulties keeping them on all day."

Other news

Vacancies

We are looking for a new Cleaner to join our team! Start Date: 19th April 2021, or sooner if possible Hours: 3.30pm – 5.30pm Monday to Friday, 38 weeks plus INSET days and 5 days during holidays Scale 1 – £20,658 - £21,030 pa (£5,057 -£5,148 pa pro rata) Please see further details on our website using this <u>link</u>.



Click on the link below to find more details of job vacancies within school.

St. Andrew's Vacancies

Reminders

- Please book places in Breakfast Club for next week by midnight tonight
- Children with inhalers will need to bring their medication back in to school on Monday
 - Please place orders for school lunches with The Pantry before Monday morning
 - Children should wear school uniform and trainers next week
 - Younger children may want to bring wellies if it is wet
- All children will be working outside next week so please send them in with a raincoat if it is wet
- Please only bring scooters and bikes to school if absolutely essential for transport and park them carefully beside the garage each day

Parent advice for return

Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.





Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.

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As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.

Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – "It's completely fine to feel like that at the moment" or 1 can really understand why you would feel like that"



Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



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Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your 'goodbye' routine and create a 'hello' greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.



Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college



NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. You should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are <u>different ways</u> for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

• through your employer, if they offer testing to employees

- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Important Dates



8th March – All pupils return to school on site

8th to 12th March – Wellbeing for Education Week

Tuesday 9th March - Dress up for World Book Day

Friday 19th March - Comic Relief

Wednesday 31st March 1:30pm – End of Spring Term

Thursday 1st April – Teacher Training Day – School closed to all pupils

2nd to 18th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 19th April – Start of Summer Term

Portfolio Posts







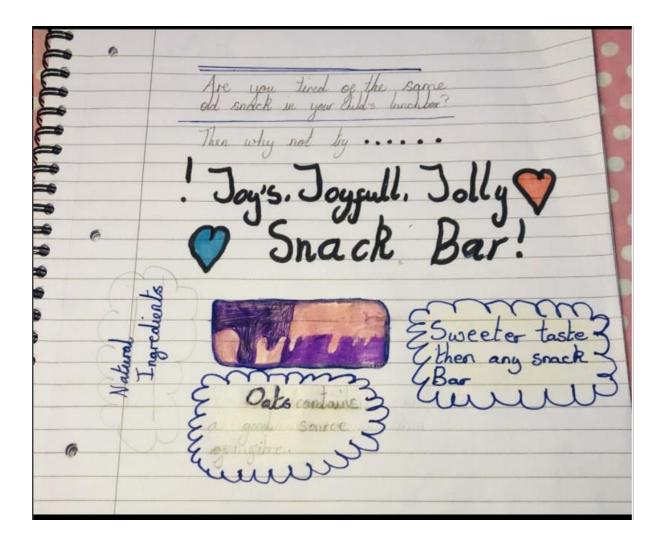


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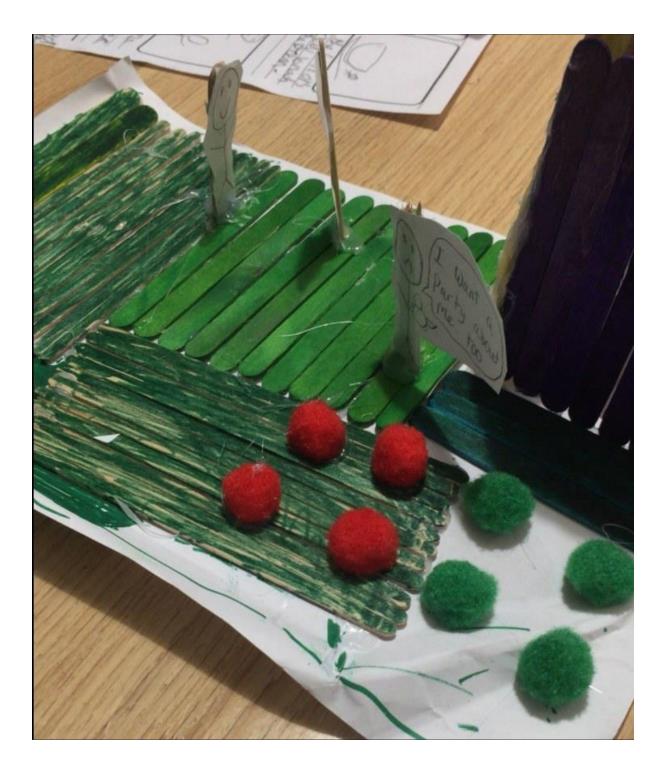


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Rosie and the Boredom Eater

Rosie Barker was bored. As usual. She had been bored ever since the Barkers had moved house. The old house had had a garden. The one they had moved to had only a cobblect yard. None of the houses in Latimer Street had a garden.

"I'm bored," Rosie told her mother.

"Why can't we have a garden?"

"Because," replied Mrs Barker.

"That's not a proper answer," Rosie told her. "It's the only one there is. And you can be bored when you do have a garden, as well as when you haven't."

"At least there's *company* in a garden," said Rosie. "Birds and snails and ... centipedes ... and worms, and things."

"I must say, Rosie," said her mother, "that I never noticed you playing much with worms."

"At least they're alive," said Rosie obstinately. "They're company. They wriggle about."

"Oh, do stop going on about worms!" Mr Barker came in.

"What's all this about worms?" he asked. "Oh, she reckons she wants some to play

with. She says she's bored."

"She always is," he said. "Why don't you go out, Rosie? Find some kids to play with. Make some friends."

"If I'd got any brothers and sisters, I wouldn't have to," said Rosie. Mrs Barker sighed.

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"Here we go again!"

"It ought to be against the law to only have one child," Rosie told them. "There ought to be no such things as onlys. It's cruelty to children." "There's no point in going over all that again, Rosie," her mother told her.

"I fought cat and dog with my brother and sister," Mr Barker said. "At least if you're fighting you're not *bored*!" said Rosie.







Photos from our Zoom Assembly this morning.

Have a good weekend. See you all on Monday!

Take care,

Nicola Dallibar