



St Andrew's Newsletter

6th March 2020

Growing and learning together with God

Well done to Year 1 for a lovely assembly this morning. They entertained us with their version of Jack and the Beanstalk. All the children remembered their lines so well and it was clear to see just how much they had enjoyed learning this story and about lots of other traditional tales. Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended, and thank you to Miss Iqbal and Mrs Najafi for helping to prepare the children.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for February was 94.5%. Of this 4.2% was authorised absence and 1.3% unauthorised.

The class with the highest attendance was Year 6 with 97.7%. They have earned a non-uniform day to be taken at a time agreed with Mr Astill. Well done!

The percentages for each class for February are:

Reception = 94.3%
Year 1 = 92.2%
Year 2 = 93.9%
Year 3 = 92.1%
Year 4 = 96.9%
Year 5 = 95.3%
Year 6 = 97.7%

We are now operating a slightly different system of monitoring attendance. The first step is that we send letters out to all those with less than 90% attendance to offer a meeting and to advise parents of the need to ensure good attendance for their child. The second step is that if, after a month, there is no significant improvement in their child's attendance, a letter is sent requesting a meeting with me to discuss attendance. The final step is the referral to the Participation Team. This will happen if parents do not attend the meeting with me or their child's attendance does not improve significantly.



Class Assemblies

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

All are at 9am in the hall

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you for returning the questionnaires. Next week I will publish the analysis of the feedback from parents. I will also reveal which class completed the most (as a percentage of the whole class due to different class sizes) and which family won the lucky prize.

Football and Netball

Football: - No game this week

Netball: - Sadly, our tournament last Saturday was cancelled due to poor weather. It has been rescheduled for Saturday 14th March.

Next fixtures:-

Football – Wednesday 11th March – St. Andrew's v Heathrow at 4pm (home)

Important Dates

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
w/c Monday 11th May – KS2 SATs
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half Term
Monday 1st June – Back to School

Computing Workshops

It was great to see parents attending the workshops on how to use technology in a safe and healthy way. The slides from the presentation are available on Class Dojo. Feedback from those who attended was very positive. We will continue to try and put on as many workshops as we can for parents, and certainly reflect on the feedback from parents in the recent questionnaires about the best themes and times for these.



Sport Relief

Next week we will be taking part in different sporting activities across the week for Sport Relief. On Friday 13th March children can come to school wearing anything sporty. This may be their PE kits, football or rugby kits, or any other sporting uniform. We are asking children to bring in a donation of £1 which will go to Sport Relief, who raise a lot of money for mental health and other important causes.

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone for really getting behind World Book Day and encouraging the children to dress in their pyjamas. Almost everyone took part and they all really loved the novelty of being in school in their pyjamas!

It was also lovely to see the children sharing books with their buddy classes, reading their favourite books from home and taking part in our guess who's behind the book quiz.



Merit Awards

Reception – Elicora, Grace, Isabella

Year 1 – The Whole Class

Year 2 – Daisy, Emilia

Year 3 – Ethan, Ghina, Jia Qi

Year 4 – Angel, Yambutso

Year 5 – Pedro, Stanley

Year 6 – Caleb, Marya

Well done to all!

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.

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