



St Andrew's Newsletter

20th March 2020

Growing and learning together with God

This morning our Year 5s delivered a lovely assembly all about rivers and their field trip earlier in the week. Despite their only being 9 children, they did a fabulous job of presenting what they had learned and singing beautifully their own version of the song Hold back the river. We are sad that we could not invite parents in to watch the performance, but we do have to follow the current government guidance. Hopefully we will share a video of the assembly with all Year 5 parents and carers via Class Dojo.



Pirates v Mermaids

Year 3 and 4 have been working really hard on their production of Pirates and Mermaids. For now, all tickets purchased will remain valid for a performance at some point in the future. If circumstances change around when schools are expected to reopen, then of course parents will be refunded for their tickets.



Friends Events

Thank you to everyone who signed up for their child to help make the tea towels, and then purchased these as gifts for Mothers' Day. The Friends have raised £331.40 from the sale of these, which is fantastic. Before half term the Valentine's Cake Sale raised £107.90 which is also great news. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Football and Netball

Football: - No game this week

Netball: - Last Saturday the Netball team took part in a tournament at Ryefield School. They won against Oak Farm 3 – 0 and beat Whitehall B team by 8 – 0. This meant that they came top of their group and went through to the Quarter Finals. In a friendly match they drew 3 all with Cherry Lane. However, when they went on to play Cherry Lane again in the Quarter Finals, they were beaten quite convincingly and went out of the tournament. It was an excellent morning and all the girls played brilliantly, with some fine shooting and great sportsmanship. Well done to all the girls who took part, and thank you to all the parents who braved the wind and the rain and supported us all!

Important Dates

Friday 20th March – School is closed to the majority of pupils from the end of today

Please check our website for updates

Messages will be sent out regularly via Class Dojo and ParentPay.

As much as possible, I will still send the weekly newsletter while school remains open.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Sadly Schoolfriend Clubs have given notice to St. Andrew's that they will no longer be providing Breakfast and After School Club. This was due to cease on 3rd April but will now of course finish from today.

Unfortunately Schoolfriend Clubs have struggled to recruit permanent staff so they have had no choice but to terminate their contract with us.

The plan is for us to try and provide Breakfast and After School Club ourselves. We have started planning for this. Under the current climate this is obviously very difficult, but we will keep you informed as much as possible as soon as we know anything.

We will certainly be keeping in touch with Alia and Kim as they have provided fabulous care for our children, and we are all very grateful to them both for their hard work and support.

Sports Relief

We raised £146 for Sports Relief last week.
Thank you to everyone who donated money for this worthy cause.

Merit Awards

Reception – Rosie, Oliver

Year 1 – The Whole Class

Year 2 – Oliver, Gabriela

Year 3 – Fergal, Jia Qi, Jessica

Year 4 – Amy, Emily

Year 5 – The Whole Class

Year 6 – The Whole Class

Well done to all!



Our value for this half term has been Resilience. Never before has this been more important than it is today, on a day that is totally unprecedented with so much uncertainty and a great deal of anxiety for everyone.

On behalf of ALL the staff here at St. Andrew's, I want to wish you all the very best over the coming weeks and beyond. Please be assured that we are here for those who need us. We will continue to do everything we can to support you physically, emotionally and through our prayers. We will maintain contact through our usual channels and will, where possible, telephone those who have not responded via Class Dojo or email.

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.' Psalm 46:1-2

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