



# St Andrew's Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Growing and learning together with God

Thank you so much to all parents who joined the class teachers for the Virtual Parent Meetings this week. Well done to everyone who persevered with the technology and learning a new skill. The teachers all reported that they really enjoyed speaking with parents about how their children are doing in school at this time.

If you did not attend the allocated appointment for whatever reason, then please contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo to see if a follow up phone call can be made.

Please do bear in mind that we only have 2 phone lines, and that class teachers have limited access to the phones.

Reports from the Parent Meetings will be sent out via Dojo to all parents. Thank you again to those who engaged with us at this time.

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance for October was 94.8%. Of this 1.9% was authorised absence and 3.3% unauthorised.

The class with the highest attendance was Year 1 with 98.7%. They have earned a non-uniform day to be taken at a time agreed with Miss Iqbal.

The percentages for each class for October are:

Nursery = 96.6%  
Reception = 97.3%  
Year 1 = 98.7%  
Year 2 = 94.8%  
Year 3 = 93.2%  
Year 4 = 95.0%  
Year 5 = 94.0%  
Year 6 = 97.4%

If your child needs to isolate due to someone in your household developing Coronavirus symptoms, or if indeed they develop symptoms, then this will be recorded as an authorised absence.

However, if there is not a satisfactory reason given for why your child is not attending school, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, and our usual attendance policy will apply.

### School Improvement Plan

Priority 4 = To raise standards and attainment in EYFS

This target is all about building on our existing structure of the separate Nursery and Reception classes, and maximising our capacity within these classes. It also focuses on implementing the EYFS curriculum successfully so that all children can flourish in all the different areas of learning, and make good progress from their starting points.

This target includes continuing to promote St. Andrew's to new families for next year and building up excellent relationships with parents and carers in different ways – something which is being made more challenging due to Coronavirus.

### Merit Awards

Nursery – Sophie, Willow, Benjamin

Reception – Leo, Olivia, Violet

Year 1 – Stefania, Rosie, Angel, Yonas

Year 2 – Katrin, Royce, Lulu

Year 3 – Tiana, Joe

Year 4 – Zoe, Dania

Year 5 – Omar, Harrison, Angel, Jaxon

Year 6 – Sophie, Iren

Well done to all!



### Poppies

Children can still purchase poppies by bringing money into their classrooms.

If they want to order any additional items, then please send the money in a named envelope with the details of the items required into class too.

Items will be delivered to the children by the end of the week.

### Important Dates

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7pm – The Friends' AGM

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Pedestrian Training Year 3

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Cricket Taster  
Morning KS2

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations Year R to 6

### Welcome

This week Darius joined the St. Andrew's family. He has started in Year 1. We hope that he settles in well and enjoys his time here.

### PMG Schoolwear

In accordance with government guidelines, the PMG store is currently closed. Please place all orders online.



Visit us at [www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk)

### Clubs after half term

Do sign up online if you have not yet done so. This will be the only opportunity your child will have to take part in some extra physical activity at this time.

Book online at [www.getactivesports.com](http://www.getactivesports.com)

Clubs are run by our usual sports coach, in phase bubbles and on the same day as the children have their PE lesson.

The new government guidance states that clubs may only be provided if they are supporting parents with wrap around care. Since these clubs are the only after school care we provide at present, they will continue during the lockdown period.



### Children in Need

Next Friday we will be celebrating Children In Need across the school. The children will be completing activities throughout the day to help them to learn about the important work of Children In Need, and how the money raised is being spent, especially at this time, on supporting families who need additional help. The children can come to school in non-uniform and are welcome to wear any Pudsey-related items if they wish.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-andrew-s-c-of-e-primary-school?newPage=True>

We will be setting up an online link for donating money to this worthy cause. Please do not send any cash into school next Friday for this.

### Amazon Wishlist

<https://amzn.eu/cWcCOW4>

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the school at this time.



### A few reminders

- Only 1 parent for each family at pick up time please
- At this stage wearing a face covering is not mandatory on site, but we are more than happy for parents and children to do so during drop off and pick up
- Please check this newsletter, ParentPay emails and daily Dojo updates so that you know what is going on in school and don't miss key updates and information
- Please do not order any lunches with The Pantry for January and beyond as we may be changing our school meals provider

### Thanks

Thank you once again to our wonderful parents who have been helping to keep our site safe and leaf-free at this time. The photograph here shows only a fraction of the leaves that have been collected this week!

### Cricket Tasters

Year 3 and 4 had a Cricket Taster session this morning on the playground with a coach from Middlesex Cricket Club. Year 5 and 6 will be having their session next week.



Our value for this half term is Empathy. Christians believe that we are to be imitators of God and have compassion for one another. Empathy is about putting ourselves in someone else's shoes. In the Bible we see the great empathy Jesus showed for the sick, the blind, the deaf, and more. Throughout Scripture we are taught to humble ourselves and look at the interests of others.

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