



St Andrew's Newsletter

13th November 2020

Growing and learning together with God

This week in school we have had some different activities going on. Our Year 3 and 4 children had their Pedestrian training on Tuesday. The trainers were very impressed with how sensible the children were as they learned how to cross roads safely and to be careful and safe when walking to and from school. Year 5 and 6 also had their Cricket taster sessions.

The whole school marked the 2 minutes silence together out on the KS2 playground on Armistice Day. There is a video of this on Class Dojo. It was a rare moment when we could all be together.

Today we have been celebrating Children In Need, and aside from wearing non-school uniform, the children have been doing some other fun puzzles and colouring activities and learning about the work of the Five to Thrive mental health campaign, which is the focus of this year's fundraising campaign.

Nursery and Reception have also been celebrating Divali today and have been making paper plate Diya Lamps. Please check Class Dojo regularly to see photos and updates about these events.

Welcome

This week Sajedah started with us at St. Andrew's. We hope that she settles in really well in Year 4 and enjoys her time here at our school.

Latest Government Guidance

The DfE have updated the guidance for parents and carers on [what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#).

This update provides information on the national restrictions that came into force on 5 November, the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people and advice on the use of face coverings in education settings.

School Improvement Plan

Priority 6 = To restore our Good Ofsted rating

This target is all about making sure we have met the recommendations from the previous inspection and built on the successes of the past 18 months. We are working hard to increase the number of pupils on roll, and to make sure that all staff, pupils and parents are proud to be part of St. Andrew's.

This is challenging under the current Covid-19 restrictions, but we are passionate about working together with all stakeholders to make this school the best that it can be.

Merit Awards

Nursery – Kenda, Isaac V

Reception – Josef, Maciej, Kenneth

Year 1 – Maya S, Eliora

Year 2 – Samuel, Jesseline

Year 3 – Emilia, Safa

Year 4 – Marcus, Isla, Sony

Year 5 – Yared, Ronnie, Celina

Year 6 – Pedro, Lily-May

Well done to all!

Amazon Wishlist

<https://amzn.eu/cWcCOW4>

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

PMG Schoolwear

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



Visit us at www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk

Virtual After School Club

The Youth Sport Trust have taken the step to deliver FREE virtual after school clubs as part of a national response to the second lockdown. The 30-minute club will take place at 5pm each weekday and be led by a different member of the YST's athlete mentor network, starting on Thursday 12 November with world no.1 female inline skater and 10-time British Champion Jenna Downing. These clubs will help schools reach the Chief Medical Officers target to get pupils active for 60min daily. Aimed mainly at primary-aged children, a different theme has been assigned for each day of the club:

Adventure Monday,
Tuesday Play,
Wild Wednesday,
Thinking Thursday
Fun Friday

Families can find the resources here [YouTube here](#) from today.

Governing Body News

Recently there have been some changes to our Governing Body. Over the coming weeks, we will be letting you know a bit more about each of our GB members.

The first announcement is that Mrs Catherine Batt is our newly elected Chair of Governors. You can read about her on our [website](#). She is an experienced governor and is on the board of 2 other LDBS schools in Surrey.

Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies on our Governing Body for parents and non-parents. If you or someone you know has time to commit to regular meetings and visits to school (when current restrictions are lifted) please contact the Governing Body via chair@standrewsuxbridge.org.uk

St. Andrew's Governor Fund (Previously known as the Care Fund)

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Governor Fund on a regular basis. Your support of this fund is hugely appreciated and benefits the whole school community.

We are currently looking for a volunteer treasurer to help us with the fund. You don't need to be a qualified accountant but a head for numbers or experience dealing with charity accounts would be an advantage. You would work closely with the Governing Body and provide regular account updates for us so we can discuss the best place to distribute the funds within the school. Annual accounts for our auditors will also need to be produced, along with claiming annual gift aid.

If you think this is something you can help with, or would like any further information about the fund and how to contribute, please contact the Governing Body via chair@standrewsuxbridge.org.uk

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who has donated online to Children In Need. Here is the link to donate:

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

So far we have raised £244 (as at 8am this morning) which is absolutely fantastic. Well done.



Important Dates between now and Christmas

Further details will be sent out in future newsletters or via Class Dojo
Friends events in red

w/c 16th November – Maths Week

Road Safety Week

Anti-bullying Week

Friday 20th November – Flu Vaccinations Year R to 6

w/c 23rd November – Guess the Teacher Quiz

Wednesday 25th November – Big PTA Raffle

Monday 30th November – St. Andrew's Day online Collective Worship

w/c Monday 30th November – Christmas Shopping order forms go home

Tuesday 1st December – Class Post Boxes ready to receive class Christmas Cards only

Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Decorations Sale

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Monday 14th December – Christmas Treat Sale

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Panto

Friday 18th December – 1:30pm – End of Term

Monday 4th January 2021 – 8:30am – Children return to school

Events still to be confirmed:

The Pantry Christmas Dinner

EYFS Nativity Video

Years 1 – 6 Christmas Story Video

Friends Fundraising

The Friends have signed up to easyfundraising and Amazon Smile to boost their fundraising this year.

Every time you shop with Amazon, please do so through <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1012883-0> and search for **Friends Of St Andrew's Church Of England School**. Shop as normal on Amazon then and they will donate funds to the Friends for every eligible purchase you make.

When shopping online, please do so via <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-st-andrewsuxbridge/>. They will donate funds to the Friends every time you shop through this website. This is a great way for the Friends to raise additional funds at no extra cost to you. Thanks!

A few reminders

- Only 1 parent for each family at pick up time please
- Please DO NOT drive, park or turn round down Nursery Way – the residents have reported some very inconsiderate parents
- Please do bear in mind that staff are arriving to school up until 8:30am, so please try to keep your children out of the driveway at this time
- The deadline for returning any School Photographs is Monday 16th November. Or you can order online.

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