



St Andrew's Newsletter

9th October 2020

Growing and learning together with God

Autumn is certainly upon us now and there has been a noticeable change in the weather over the past week or so. Although September was apparently the sunniest on record for some years, October has brought with it a mix of wind and rain. Usually at this time we reflect and celebrate the wonderful changing colours in nature and the joy of conkers, multicoloured leaves and various other delights that Autumn brings. In the midst of this very odd new Covid-19 world, it is important to remember to be grateful for the little things and appreciate the wonder of God's creation.

One of the things that is rather different this year is that the current government guidance states that all rooms in school should be well ventilated with windows and doors open as much as possible. The heating is now on in school, but you may have noticed some of the photos on Dojo show images of children wearing their coats. This is how things must be for the time being. It may be that children (and teachers) will need to start to wear vests and layers soon to keep them warm. It is certainly essential that all children bring a coat to school and make sure they have their jumpers or cardigans in school every day. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Merit Awards

Nursery – Eyosi, Jimmy, Emily

Reception – Nouh, Ryan, Akira

Year 1 – Sophia B, Lucas, Aiden, Oliver

Year 2 – Jia Ni, Ranveer, Teddie

Year 3 – Arthur, Leaya

Year 4 – Olivia, Aydin, Jessica

Year 5 – Isaac, Emily

Year 6 – Humzah, Isabella J, Iren

Well done to all!



School Improvement Plan

Priority 2 = To develop the St. Andrew's community

This target is all about trying to encourage a sense of community in this new Covid-19 reality and discovering and celebrating our shared experiences during and post lockdown.

Our hope is that this will renew everyone's passion for learning and positive attitudes and that we will be able to share and celebrate who we are as the St. Andrew's community and celebrate and promote the diversity of our wonderful school. We hope to achieve this through learning about who we are and through making sure our whole school curriculum embraces and celebrates different cultures, faiths, languages, backgrounds, ethnicities.

Important Dates

w/c 12th October – Assessment Week

Thursday 22nd October – Harvest Celebration
(Please note change of day)

Monday 19th October – RE Day

Tuesday 20th October – Individual Photos

26th - 30th October – Half Term

w/c 2nd November – E-Safety Week

Tuesday 3rd November – Parents' Evening Online

Thursday 5th November – Parents' Evening Online

Please see the separate letter being sent out via ParentPay today about our online Parents' Evening arrangements.

Welcome New Pupils

This week Joshua joined our Reception class. We do hope that he and his family will settle in well and enjoy their time at St. Andrew's.

Lockdown Project

Keep sending the work in. We haven't had a great deal handed in yet, so please do choose one piece of work and bring it in to your class teacher so that we can share it all with everyone.

Individual Photographs

On Tuesday 20th October Braiswick Photographic will be coming in to school to take individual photographs of all the children.

This year things are a little bit different. There will be no sibling photographs at all. Each child will be photographed individually while standing up rather than seated. The photographers will be wearing masks and will be keeping their distance from the children at all times.

All children in Year 1 and 2 will need to wear their normal uniform rather than PE kit on this day.

They will be allowed to do PE in their uniform on that day only.

Thanks.

Harvest Donations and Celebrations

From next week children can drop off any donations for The Hillingdon Food Bank as part of our Harvest celebrations.

Here is a list of the items that are much needed at this time:

Long-life milk

Fruit juice

Tinned fruit

Tinned meat and fish

Tinned tomatoes

Biscuits

Cereals

Sugar

Jam

Tea and coffee

Rice

Soup

Rice pudding or custard

Sweets, chocolates and crisps

Toiletries such as sanitary products, shower gel, toothpaste, toilet roll, etc.

The children can bring in any items from Monday 12th October onwards and deposit them in our wheel barrow which will be in the main car park each day.

Thank you in advance for your support at this time.

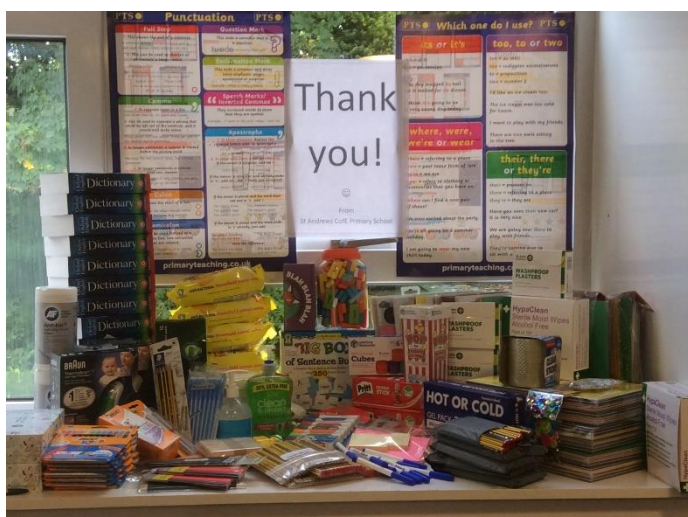
Amazon Wishlist

We are truly grateful for all the amazing donations that have been made via the Amazon Wishlist.

Your donations will enable us to provide the children with many items to enhance their learning in the classroom and will help us as we continue to manage a very tight budget this year with the impact of Covid-19 pressures.

Please do feel free to share the link with your friends and families because every little helps the school and benefits your children at this time.

Thank you!



A few reminders

- Please do not drive down Nursery Way before and after school. Park on Manor Way and the surrounding roads and walk to/from school.
- If using the Breakfast Club, please remember to drive carefully and cautiously into the staff car park before school as members of staff will be trying to park and start work.
- Parents picking up children from Nursery at 11:45 and 2:40 should not be parking on Nursery Way as the parking restrictions are still in place.
- Where possible please send a Dojo message to the class teacher rather than trying to speak to them at the end of the day.
- During pick up and drop off please keep your distance from other families and maintain the flow of people around our one way systems. Please also try to keep your own children close with you rather than allowing them to run on ahead.

Half Term Club

Get Active will be offering an activity club at St. Andrew's CofE Primary School during the October half term. Places are limited, but there is currently a 20% discount on all bookings. Please see the flyer sent out with this newsletter, or go to www.getactivesport.com for more information.

Have a good weekend!

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