



St Andrew's Newsletter

16th October 2020

Growing and learning together with God

From midnight tonight, the whole of London is moving to Tier 2 restrictions; also known as local Covid alert level High. The main significance of this is that you must not socialise with anybody outside of your household or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place. You also must not socialise in a group of more than 6 outside.

Understandably this may have implications for your childcare arrangements and you will need to make sure that you know who exactly is in your support bubble; such as which grandparents or extended family members.

With the rise in cases locally, and many schools in our area having had confirmed cases of Covid-19, it is more important now than ever before that we all act as responsible citizens. The government Hands, Face, Space campaign is actually very easy to understand. Please continue to wash your hands as much as possible, wear a face covering when inside, and give other people who are not part of your family or your support bubble space. I have been very worried to see some of our families hugging and touching other families at the beginning and end of the day. This is not permitted except with members of your own household.

Here are 2 helpful links for you to learn more about this:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/5984>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>

School Improvement Plan

Priority 2 = To extend pastoral support within school

This target is all about making sure that we cover aspects of social, emotional and mental health through our ordinary curriculum teaching, as well as looking at further opportunities to support those children who may need some small group or individual pastoral care.

As a Church School, we will continue to celebrate our vision and values and promote these within school as part of lessons, activities, daily routines and through our online learning and communication.

So far this year we have been looking at different picture books in class with a social, emotional or moral theme, such as Ruby's Worry, Here We Are and After the Fall.

Merit Awards

Nursery – Arjan, Lora

Reception – Joshua Y, Joshua S, Nathan

Year 1 – Grace, Stanley, Charlie

Year 2 – Avarnah, Jasper, Sophie

Year 3 – Joy, Rebecca

Year 4 – Louis, Freddie, Ziva

Year 5 – Amelia, Harrison, Karina

Year 6 – Aiden, Pedro

Well done to all!



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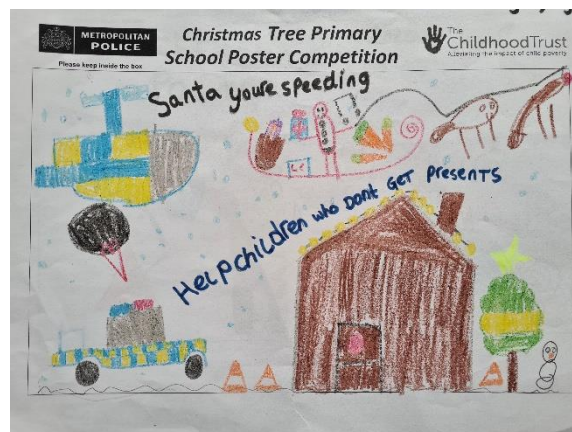
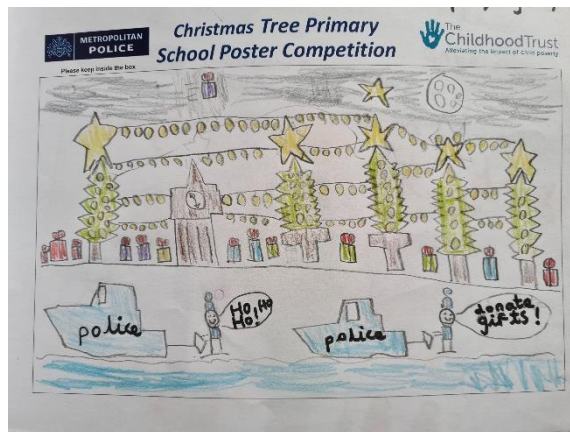
Welcome New Pupils

Welcome to Rebecca in Year 3 who joined us this week!

Competition winners

As part of the Metropolitan Police Christmas Tree Campaign, many children in school drew a poster to advertise the project. This was to encourage people to donate gifts to the campaign which aims for every child who will not have any present this Christmas to receive one from the Metropolitan Police Service. Many of the posters were very thoughtful and the children put a great deal of effort into them. Here are 2 examples from Fergal and Cooper.

Also, Chloe in Year 1 was one of the winners for the "Mayor's Summer Art Competition". Chloe has won 3rd place with her beautiful drawing inspired by the Lockdown. She received an email from the Mayor yesterday, and her prize will follow shortly.



Sensory Packs

<https://getsensorypacks.com/>

Caudwell Children is excited to announce the launch of our Get Sensory Packs! We've listened to our families who told us that occupying their children, finding appropriate and safe toys and the money to provide their children with the equipment they would like is even more difficult than usual at the moment.

In response to this, we have created The Get Sensory Pack to provide affordable sensory equipment to support disabled children during this especially difficult time. These packs are available to children who have a confirmed disability or chronic illness.

The Pantry

Our 3-year contract is nearly up with The Pantry. We are currently investigating alternative providers for our school meals.

Please do not order any meals with The Pantry for after December, just in case we decide to go with an alternative. If you have any particular feedback that you think may be helpful about the school meals generally, then do feel free to send an email to office@standrewsuxbridge.org.uk with Pantry in the subject line.

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.

A few reminders

- Drop off time is between 8:30 and 9:00
- Pick up time is between 3:15 and 3:45
- Please stagger your pick up and drop off times so as to maintain social distancing
- Year 1 and 2 should NOT wear PE kits on Tuesday next week because of the school photographs
- Parents/Carers should not be driving down Nursery Way at all to pick up or drop off their children
- Parents' Evening times will be sent out via Class Dojo next week



PC Andy Pidding

Year 3 and 4 had a visit from PC Andy who came in on Wednesday to speak to the children about what the police do and how we can stay safe. The children were very respectful, inquisitive and thought carefully about the questions they wanted to ask. Mrs Van Duin and Mrs Spicksley were very proud of how responsible the children were during the visit and of how much they learned.

Harvest Donations and Celebrations

Thank you for all your Harvest donations. The Harvest wheelbarrow will be out all week again for any more donations. Please see last week's newsletter for a list of items that the Hillingdon Food Bank are desperately in need of.

Parent Helper Thanks

A big thank you to Mrs Bellis and Mrs Ryzman who swept up and collected several big bags of leaves, twigs and sticks from the school grounds yesterday. It already looks much tidier.

At the moment we are not able to have any parent volunteers inside school, but if there is anyone who wants to help out with jobs around the outside, then please do send an email to the office. Thanks.

Important Dates

Monday 19th October – RE Day
Tuesday 20th October – Individual Photos
Thursday 22nd October – Harvest Celebration
26th - 30th October – Half Term
w/c 2nd November – E-Safety Week
Tuesday 3rd November – Parents' Evening Online
Thursday 5th November – Parents' Evening Online

Isolating at home

If your child is isolating at home while waiting for the results of a Covid test, then you will need to help them to access resources via the Oak National Academy so that they can complete some home learning. Here is the link you will need <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage>

We would like each child to complete 2 hours of work per day and upload any evidence via their Class Dojo Portfolios.

If you are unable to access this for any reason, then please contact the school to find out if alternative arrangements can be made.

Stay safe!

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