



# St Andrew's Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

## Growing and learning together with God

Thank you all for a brilliant first half term of this academic year. Although there have been lots of different challenges for us all because of Coronavirus, I feel we have all worked together really well to provide the best for our children here at St. Andrew's.

Thank you so much for all your support at this difficult time. Thank you for keeping up with the communication and the many changes that have had to be made. The children have been amazing, and I really enjoyed telling them so this morning on our Zoom Celebration Assembly.

I know there may still be bleak times ahead as we continue to face this pandemic, but the Bible teaches us about hope; as it says in 2 Corinthians 4 verses 16 to 18

*'For this reasons we never become discouraged... And this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than the trouble. For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts for ever.'*

I do hope and pray that you all have a restful half term. Please keep safe, follow the government guidance, and remember to be kind.

### Merit Awards

Nursery – Lucy, Jake, Charlotte

Reception – Logan, Esmond, Amelia

Year 1 – Adrian, Gabriella, Eliana, Chloe

Year 2 – Elias,

Year 3 – Oliver, Thomas

Year 4 – Ethan, William, Georgia

Year 5 – Veronika, Soliana, Yambutso

Year 6 – Stanley, Kevin

Well done to all!

### School Improvement Plan

Priority 4 = To empower all staff to drive change across school

This target is all about building on people's existing talents, interests and passions, nurturing and developing them to drive improvement across the school.

We have come a long way since our Ofsted judgement in January 2019, and there have been a lot of changes. The whole staff team are passionate about making St. Andrew's the best school ever and are being encouraged, now more than ever, to develop their leadership skills, promote new initiatives and take ownership for different areas of the school.

Already this half term the staff have been amazing at covering for absent staff, taking on new challenges, and supporting each other in so many ways.

### School Council

This morning we announced our school council members for the year. We have decided that those who were elected last year should continue their good work this year, and in Year 3 the children wrote and presented manifestos and held a vote to elect their new member.

Our school council members this year are:

Year 3 = Gabriela and Zane

Year 4 + Sonny and Freddie

Year 5 = Isaac and Oscar

Year 6 = Sophie and Xavier



## Poppies

After half term we will be selling poppies in order to support the amazing work of the Royal British Legion.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have put in some additional measures.

Each class will have its own money box and box of poppies. Children can bring their donations into their classrooms, pop the money in the box and take a poppy to wear.

Please be aware that we do not supply the children with pins so they will have to either pop their poppy in a button hole or bring it home for you to help them attach it to their clothes.

We also have a limited amount of other products such as wrist bands, bracelets and reflectors. If your child would like to order one of these, then please send the correct amount as suggested in the picture (right) in a clearly marked envelope in to class.

Each envelope must have the child's name, class and the item they would like to order on the front. All orders will be delivered to the children by the end of the week.



## Harvest Donations and Celebrations

Thank you for your amazing generosity with the Harvest donations.

Reverend Andrew has kindly taken all the items collected to the Hillingdon Food Bank this morning. Your generous donations will help to support families who are struggling to provide food for their families at this challenging time.

Thank you!



### Important Dates

26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> November – E-Safety Week

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Parents' Evening Online

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evening Online

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Cricket Taster Morning KS2

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

### Clubs after half term

Get Active will be offering sports clubs after school for 6 weeks after the half term. A separate flyer is being sent with this newsletter.

The days and year groups are planned to coincide with the PE days in school. Coach Michael will be running these clubs. The cost is £30 per child for the 6 weeks.

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

### 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 office to find out if alternative arrangements can be made.

### Amazon Wishlist

We have recently added some new books to the Amazon Wishlist which we would like to use in school as we seek to improve our whole school curriculum. As previously reported on here, we are trying to ensure that we celebrate a range of different faiths, backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities in our English, Science, History etc.

Here is the link to the wishlist:

<https://amzn.eu/cWcCOW4>

Thank you to the many families who have already purchased items for the school this way.

### A few reminders

- Please stagger your pick up and drop off times so as to maintain social distancing
- Parents/Carers should not be driving down Nursery Way at all to pick up or drop off their children
- Please check that you have been sent a link for your Parents' Evening time. If you have not, or are unable to use the Zoom link, then please contact your child's class teacher before the appointment time to try and arrange a phone call instead. Please note we only have 2 external phone lines, and a limited number of phone handsets.

The photographs on the previous page are from the window displays of the wonderful Harvest work that has been carried out in school this week and in response to yesterday's Harvest Festival.