



St Andrew's Newsletter

18th September 2020

Growing and learning together with God

This week our new Nursery children started at St. Andrew's. Although there were a few tears initially, all of the children have now settled in brilliantly. It has been another positive week across the school with staff reporting to me that the children are working really hard and becoming used to some new routines and practices.

Our value for this half term is Responsibility. Everyone across the school has been making sense of what it means to take responsibility for their own belongings, for their actions, and for each other. As our school vision reminds us; 'There is no difference between the one who plants and the one who waters. God will reward each one according to the work each has done' (1 Corinthians 3 v8).

Site Manager Retirement

I am sure that many of you will be aware that our long serving Site Manager, Mr (Gerry) McGuire, has been talking about retiring for the past year or more. He has finally made his decision to retire and will officially finish here at St. Andrew's next Friday.

Gerry has been living and working here for the past 21 years and has seen the school through many changes. Although Gerry was keen to retire earlier in the year, the Covid-19 pandemic put all his plans on hold. However, this was to our advantage, as he has been an absolute superstar in helping us to make the school safe, getting us ready for partial reopening in June and the full reopening in September, and we would not have coped without his hard work and commitment to the school at this challenging time.

Gerry has asked that we do not make a fuss about his retirement and he does not want any gifts or collections as he is moving away from the area and starting a new life as a gentleman of leisure. I do know that many of you will be sad to see him leave and will want to wish him well for the future. Please do speak to him if you see him and wish him all the best. We will all miss him of course.

Pebbles

Mrs Calder is still collecting decorated stones which were made during the partial closure of school. If you do have a finished pebble, then please bring this in to school by the end of next week. Class teachers will then quarantine them before handing them over to Mrs Calder for display.

Merit Awards

Reception – George, Nouh, Olivia

Year 1 – Eden, Sophia M, Billy

Year 2 – Lena, Hargun, Emory

Year 3 – Zane, Gabriela

Year 4 – Remi, Erika

Year 5 – Bella, Veronika

Year 6 – Grace, Isabella P

Well done to all!



Water Bottles

Please make sure your child is bringing at least 1 full water bottle to school every day. This needs to be a named bottle that is taken home and refilled each evening. Our water fountains are currently switched off in line with safety guidelines. We are not able to provide cups of water or refills except in the hall at lunchtime, and can only provide bottled water in an emergency.

After School Club

This week we sent out a flyer from Get Active about their Active Care which they hope to start on 5th October.

Here is the link to their site so that you can register and book your children in for after school care.

<https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/event/87438>

Meet the Teacher

Sadly this year we are not able to host our usual meet the teacher sessions where parents can find out a bit more about what is planned for the year in each class.

However, we have still created the Powerpoint presentations for each class and will be sending these out next week via Dojo so that you can see key information such as PE days, Curriculum maps, homework and reading guidance and any other relevant information for your year group.

Parents Council

The Parents' Council would like to thank all Parents who helped in providing feedback to us during the home schooling period which then enabled us to relay your thoughts, ideas and suggestions back to Mrs Edwards for consideration and acting on.

This was all undertaken through phone messaging whereby each year group has its own "chat group".

These are initiated by each Year Group Representative who has volunteered for the academic year. It is a quick, easy and practical way to connect to other Parents within your child's year group. If you aren't part of your child's year group, please contact the following Parents' Council Representatives:

Dawn Bellis (Nursery, Y4), Hayley Sanders (Reception, Y6), Kylie Lowe (Reception, Y1), Clay Gibbons (Reception, Y2, Y5), Sian Reading (Y2), Tracy Roach (Y2), Dharshni Dharma (Y3), Laura Draper (Y4), Dee Aldons (Y5), Liz Loring (Y5, Y6)

To find out more about The Parents' Council please refer to the school website

<http://www.standrewscofeprimary.co.uk/parents/council.php> or contact Dawn Bellis at dawn@evolutionelectrics.co.uk

Collection Forms

All class teachers sent out an online form for parents to fill in with details of adults who are allowed to pick up the children at the end of the day.

If you have not yet completed this online form, then please do so asap otherwise we will not be able to release your children at the end of the day to anyone other than you.

Thanks.

Important Dates

w/c Monday 21st September – Meet the Teacher
Online presentations
Tuesday 20th October – Individual Photos
26th - 30th October – Half Term

All other events are still TBC for this year.

Name Change

Two years ago I got married and officially changed my name. However, I did not get round to changing it at school. I have now decided to change over everything at school to avoid confusion with paperwork and documents etc. Therefore I will start using my married name, Mrs Dallibar from now on. I am sure it will take a while for everyone to get used to it, which is absolutely fine. I will organise a new sign for the front of the school soon which will also then be able to display our strap line for everyone to see.

Thank you all for your continued support. Enjoy the sunshine while it lasts.

Nicola Dallibar

