



St Andrew's Newsletter

27th September 2019

Growing and learning together with God

Thank you to all the parents and members of our community who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning today. Thank you for all your donations this morning and after school. It was wonderful that so many people were able to support this worthy cause.



Class Assemblies

11th October – Year 5
8th November – Year 3
22nd November – Year 6
6th December – Year 4

All are Fridays at 9am in the school hall

Parent Governor

We are looking for a Parent Governor to join the Governing Body. If you are interested in being involved in the strategic development of the school and would like more information about what it means to be a governor, then please pop in to the school office and collect an application pack. Experience in Finance would be desirable.

Please do contact the school office if you have any questions or want to talk to any of the existing governors about what the role entails.

**Closing date for applications is
Monday 28th October**

Awards

There were no Merit Awards this week as the Coffee Morning took place instead of Assembly.

Next week the Year 6 children will be presenting their manifestos and standing for election as House Captains. Results will be published in next week's newsletter.



Phonics Workshops

On Thursday 3rd October Mrs Biddle and Miss Iqbal will be running Phonics Workshops for all EYFS and KS1 parents.

Please come along to find out all about the Letters and Sounds programme that we use, and to find out about different games and strategies you can use to support your children at home with their early reading skills.
9am or 2:30pm in the school hall.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Book online at

<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/our-clubs-1/st-andrews-c-of-e-primary-school/>

Register online now and sign up for sessions before and/or after school.

Football and Netball

The Football and Netball teams have begun their seasons; practising weekly and preparing for matches.

This week St. Andrew's were away to St. Catherine's for their first football match. Unfortunately St. Andrew's lost 9-0 to a very experienced team. However, Mr McElwee was very proud of our new school team – all of whom showed great sportsmanship and positivity despite the result.

Upcoming fixtures = St. Andrew's v Laurel Lane Wednesday 2nd October 4pm (Home)

Netball = St. Andrew's v Cowley St. Laurence Thursday 7th November 4pm (Home)

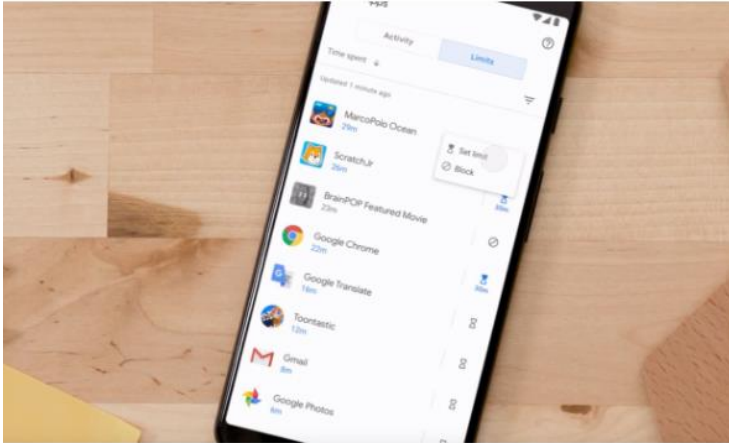
Important Dates

Monday 30th September – School Eucharist (Years 1 to 6) 9:30am St. Margaret's
Thursday 3rd October – Phonics Workshops 9am and 2:30pm
Thursday 10th October – Harvest Festival 9am at School
21st to 25th October – Half Term
Tuesday 29th October – Individual and sibling photos
Parents' Evening 4 – 6pm
Thursday 31st October – Parents' Evening 5 – 8pm

Google's parental control software Family Link gains much-needed features

Sarah Perez @sarahintampa / 6:00 pm BST · September 18, 2019

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Google's parental control software, **Family Link**, is getting a noteworthy update today with the addition of new features that will allow parents to limit screen time per app, instead of the device as a whole, as well as let them more easily extend screen time as needed. The features were first announced at [Google's I/O developer conference this spring](#), and help to make Family Link a more complete parental control and screen-time solution.

While the simplest way to manage screen time is to just not give kids a device in the first place, it's not the most realistic. As parents, we need to teach our kids to navigate the world — and that means we have to show them how to establish a healthy, non-addictive relationship with technology, too. Certain apps make that more difficult, as they've been **intentionally designed** to steal our focus for long periods of time. Even as adults, many of us struggle with this same problem.

Technology Articles

Mr Astill has found 2 really useful computing articles for parents to read.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-49726844>

and

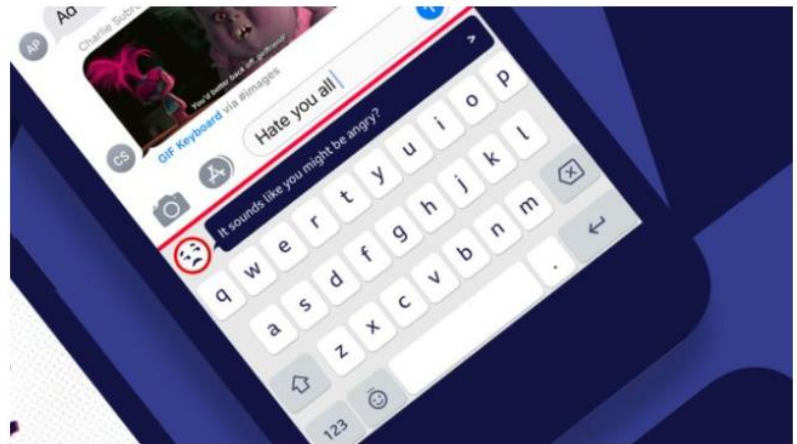
<https://techcrunch.com/2019/09/18/googles-parental-control-software-family-link-gains-much-needed-features/>

Please do check out these links and find out how you can protect and support your children.

BBC launches 'digital wellbeing' Own It app for children

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Share



The app will offer advice alongside the text and messages children type

The BBC has created a "wellbeing" smartphone app called Own It aimed at children.

It monitors how young people interact with friends and family online and through messaging apps.

It uses AI to evaluate a child's mood so it can offer advice or encourage them to talk to trusted adults.

The app is designed to offer help and support especially if children are about to share sensitive data or send an upsetting message.



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