



St Andrew's Newsletter

4th September 2020

Growing and learning together with God

I am so very pleased and impressed with how brilliantly the new academic year has started. Parents and children have been fabulous in following the new rules and adjusting to some changes here at St. Andrew's. Although there have been a few inevitable teething problems, we are all working hard to make adjustments as we go, and there has been a real sense of unity and community spirit as everyone seems so pleased just to be back together in school.

Yesterday, we had our first Collective Worship via Zoom, which was certainly very different. The children were fabulous though as I shared with them some thoughts about what it means to belong.

'None of us lives for himself only, none of us dies for himself only. If we live, it is for the Lord that we live, and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.' Romans 14 verse 7-8.



Welcome New Staff

This year we have some new staff joining us. Your children will hopefully meet them over the coming weeks, perhaps during one of our online Collective Worship sessions, if not in person.

Miss Colman is our new SENDCo. She will be working 3 days a week and I know that many parents and children have already met or spoken with her as part of the transition to the new school year.

Mrs van Duin is our new Year 3 teacher and she has already had a fabulous time with her new class.

Mrs Spicksley will be working 3 days a week to teach across the school while Miss Biddle is on Maternity Leave.

Miss Lowe will be working in Year 6 alongside Mr Astill as a student teacher for the whole year.

Our new School Business Manager, Mrs Bassan, also started this week. (A photograph will follow in due course)

I do hope that they will all settle in really well and enjoy their time at St. Andrew's.

Breakfast Club

Our brand new Breakfast Club starts next week!

Miss Woods and Mrs Pocock will be running it.

Children can attend from 7:30 until school starts at 8:40. The cost of each session is £4 and all sessions will need to be booked in advance via ParentPay.

Thank you to all parents who have completed the registration form and paid the registration fee.

Please book your sessions for next week by 4pm today. Thanks.

Staff Farewells

Sadly we are saying good bye to some of our staff this week.

Mrs Nikratovicz is leaving her post as SMSA at St. Andrew's to take on a TA role elsewhere, and Mrs Blackman is also leaving to take on a TA role at another school.

We wish them both all the very best and thank them for their hard work and support here.

Welcome New Children

We have welcomed some new pupils this week to St. Andrew's. They have all settled in brilliantly already! We have Erika and Niamh in Year 4, Zafira and Wilmer in Year 6.

We also physically welcomed Zoheib in Year 6 who joined St. Andrew's while we were in lockdown last term.

Graffiti

Some of you may have seen that over the summer our green netting has been adorned with graffiti along the fence on the Uxbridge Road.

If anyone has any suggestions about how best to clean this off, or knows of anyone who could turn this mindless act of vandalism into some lovely street art, then please do let me know.

Many thanks.

Shoe Boxes

Thank you to everyone who sent their child in with a decorated shoe box this week. These have already proved really useful for each child to keep his/her own stationery items, reading books, tissues etc. in.



Medicine Updates

Please make sure that if there are any changes to your child's allergies or medication that you notify the office so that the information can be passed on to relevant staff. You will need to telephone or email the office and ask for a new form to be emailed to you or sent home with your child.

Thank you.

Autumn / Winter is here...

If your child has asthma and uses a preventative inhaler (Beige/ Brown/ Orange/ Red/ Purple/Pink) please make sure it is being taken regularly **EVERY DAY** as we are heading towards the most challenging season for asthmatics.

The Hillingdon Champions of Asthma Team.



Important Dates

Wednesday 9th September – Reception start

Monday 14th September – Nursery start

Tuesday 20th October – Individual Photos

26th - 30th October – Half Term

All other events are still TBC for this year.

Nursery Way

Please make sure you have read the letters that were sent out about the drop off and pick up arrangements.

Please do not drive down Nursery Way at all during these times as the road will be very busy with families walking to and from school and we need to keep them safe.

The Pantry Lunches

Please make sure you order your lunches online with The Pantry.

There have been a few hiccups this week with the food that has been delivered. We have given feedback to The Pantry, but understandably they are working hard to meet a lot of very different demands and expectations from different schools at this time.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Nicola Edwards