



# St Andrew's Newsletter

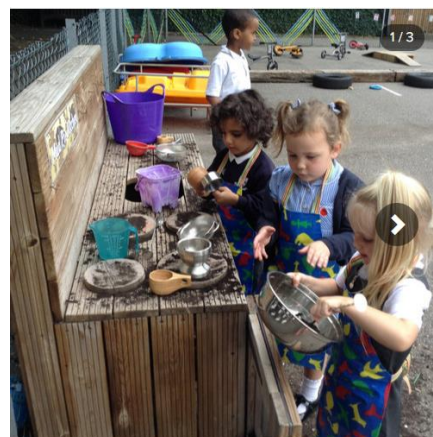
11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Growing and learning together with God

Thank you all once again for your faith in us as a school and for your support at this early stage of the new academic year. Once again the pick up and drop off arrangements have gone pretty smoothly this week, and we now have more children attending because the Reception class started on Wednesday.

Please can I reiterate what I sent out yesterday via Class Dojo: Parents SHOULD NOT drive down Nursery Way at all before and after school. I will be monitoring this more closely next week. The parking permit system does not allow for parents to park on Nursery Way, and with everyone trying to maintain social distancing at the moment, and such narrow paths on Nursery Way, it is so upsetting to think that parents are prepared to risk the safety of others by driving down Nursery Way.

Also, please understand that class teachers are trying very hard to dismiss children quickly at the end of the day, so as to keep the flow of parents moving. Therefore it is really difficult for them to have a conversation with you at the classroom door. Please use Class Dojo to send them a message, or call the office during the day for any general enquiries. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.



### Welcome New Children

This week our Reception class started the new year at St. Andrew's. We had 9 new children join us, alongside those pupils who came from our Nursery class.

It was wonderful to see so many of them skipping or running in to school on their first day. They have settled in brilliantly!

We also welcomed Lena to our Year 2 class. I hope that all of our new families will enjoy their time at St. Andrew's and really feel a part of the St. Andrew's community.

### Breakfast Club

Miss Woods and Mrs Pocock have been serving cereals, toast and pancakes in our Breakfast Club this week.

The cut off time to book via ParentPay each week is Friday at midday. However, please do call the school office if you want to know more about Breakfast Club or if you do miss the deadline for any reason. There are still places available.

### Merit Awards

Reception – Busayo, Joab, Violet

Year 1 – The Whole Class

Year 2 – The Whole Class

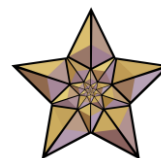
Year 3 – Dexter, Emilia

Year 4 – Jared, Niamh

Year 5 – Ronnie, Oscar

Year 6 – Safirah, Thomas

Well done to all!



### 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.

### Internet Usage

We have been made aware of some unpleasant content circulating on sites such as Instagram, Facebook and Tik Tok. These platforms have an age restriction of 13+.

However, it is important that all parents frequently monitor their children's online activity, have regular conversations with their children about what to do if they see anything that makes them uncomfortable, and where possible, parents should use filtering and parental control and monitoring apps to help keep everyone safe.

### Covid-19 Procedures

Included with this week's newsletter is the Back to School DfE leaflet which contains really useful information about all the measures we are putting in place at school to keep everyone safe.

It includes information about the 'bubbles' we have created so that children can learn alongside each other; sharing resources and without the need to have to maintain social distancing all the time.

It also mentions what parents need to do if anyone in their household develops symptoms.

We are continuing with our enhanced cleaning across the school and reduced movement around the school. Our Risk Assessments can be viewed on our website, and we are updating them as and when needed.

### Misleading Information

I am aware that there have been a number of social media articles which have contained misleading information about Covid-19 and the track and trace process.

These are summarised in the following BBC article,

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/53919867>

Please take a look and set your mind at ease.

### The Pantry Lunches

Please remember to order your lunch from The Pantry.

If you have any issues with your orders, please contact them directly as we do not have any access to their online system and we simply use the daily registers that they send us to hand out the lunches.

Thanks.

### Important Dates

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Nursery start**

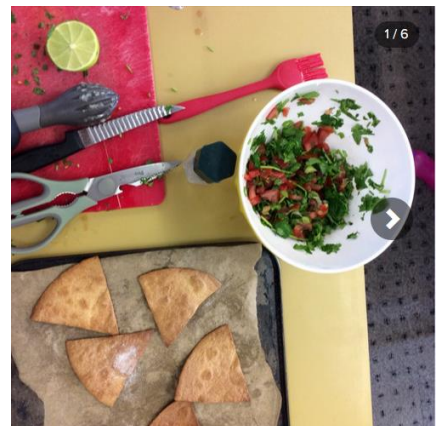
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Individual Photos**

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

All other events are still TBC for this year.



Here are some photos taken from across the school over the past 7 days, showing what each of the classes have been up to.



Thank you all for your continued support.

Nicola Edwards

