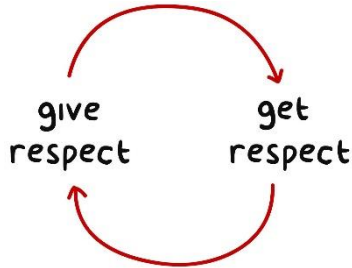




ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 15th September 2023

Value for September: Respect



'Respect' is a big concept to grasp. We often hear about having or showing respect. At the heart of respect is caring. In simple terms, respect is caring how words or actions may impact others. Respect has two parts: 1) having respect for someone because of how their actions impact others and 2) showing respect by changing your actions to be sure you don't have a negative impact.

To understand why respect is important, think about what life would be like if we didn't treat each other with respect. Since respect is about caring whether our words and actions have a hurtful effect on other people, in a world without respect, no one would care whether they were hurting other people. They might do things that are dangerous or mean and not care if other people were harmed.

All of us in society need to treat each other with respect if we want to feel safe and live peacefully together. Respect is important because it means we treat others the way we want to be treated. So if we don't treat others kindly, how can we expect them to be kind in return?

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," Luke 6:31

"Without feelings of respect, what is there to distinguish men from beasts?" Confucius

Welcome Back!

It's been wonderful to welcome everyone back to a new school year. We have been impressed by how quickly the children have settled back into school life, and have lost count of the numbers of parents who tell us how happy their children are to be back. At the end of each day, you might notice that your child is very tired. This is to be expected as they adjust back to school hours and learning. After 5-6 weeks of lie ins and relaxation, the morning alarm clock and long days of learning are taking their toll.

We have also welcomed the majority of our new Reception class who started to attend school this week. The rest of the class will join next week.

We have also welcomed new families into Y3 and Y5. We hope you soon feel part of our St Andrew's family



Please also welcome our new families who have joined our community and help them get adjusted to life at St Andrew's school

St Andrew's Church has a New Vicar



The New Vicar of St Andrew's Church, Revd Cate Irvine, is now fully established in our parish following her Installation and Induction service on Tuesday 5th October. The service was a welcoming and celebration event with a number of interesting rituals as part of the service, including Revd Cate ringing the church bell to signify the start of her ministry in the parish and being formally presented with the keys to the church.

Revd Cate is a part time vicar (Revd Tim Seago was full time) so the children will get to formally meet her at the Harvest service at St Andrew's Church on Wednesday 4th October, which will be led by the Y6 pupil worship team. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

After School Playground Behaviour

At the end of the school day, especially while we still have some warmer weather, we know that many parents do not immediately vacate the playground or wait for older siblings to be dismissed from class. We understand that parents are enjoying the opportunity to chat with other parents and may not be giving their full attention to their children. Unfortunately, a significant number of pupils are using this as an opportunity to climb over benches, picnic tables and even on top of the Reception wooden house! This is a significant safety risk, not to mention can cause damage to school furniture/resources.

Could we please ask all parents remaining on the playground to fully supervise their children? This applies to all pupils and any pre-schoolers waiting with parents. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding



Water Bottles



Please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle in school every day. There are bottle re-fill points in the school should a water bottle need replenishing, but the children are unable to take a drink directly from the water tap. In the event that your child forgets their bottle, please tell them to inform their class teacher so a refillable cup can be provided to ensure they are drinking sufficient fluids throughout the day.

Lunches

Please put a reminder in your phone calendar to book your child's lunch choices each week by the previous Thursday evening e.g the opportunity to book lunch choices for next week closed last night. This informs the school kitchen staff who order the ingredients for each week and keeps food wastage to a minimum. Booking is done via Parentpay. In the event that you forget to book, we will still of course provide your child with a meal, however, pre-booking ensures they have a full choice of options.



Playtime Snacks

We know there has been some confusion regarding when pupils are able to snack and what they can eat. As part of our healthy school status, **break time snacks must only be fruit or vegetables**. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are given a free piece of fruit each day, which is eaten during morning break. If parents wish to provide a snack for afternoon break it must be fruit or vegetables. Please do not send your child in with biscuits, cakes or chocolate bars to eat as morning or afternoon snacks. We encourage pupils in Year 3-6 to bring a piece of fruit/vegetables to eat for their morning break too.

Please remember we are a nut free school so no items containing nuts should be sent into school, even as part of a packed lunch.

Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs have started to return this term. Please follow the instructions on each club's flyer in regard to booking and payments. **Please be reminded that Breakfast and After School Club bookings are now via Parentpay and parents are expected to have sufficient credit before a booking is completed.**

Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 17th September 15th Sunday after Trinity for our PARISH COMMUNION in church at 10.00am.

Please note, coffee will be self-service this Sunday, in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. Please do join us.

Stars of the week



Well done to **all** of our pupils for another fantastic week here at St Andrew's
A special well done to our stars of the week:

Week ending 15th September

Year 1	Nia – for an amazing start to Y1! You are respectful, focused and ready to learn. Kasra – for excellent sharing during maths lessons – you correctly and confidently used some of our key maths words!
Year 2	
Year 3	Yan Yan – For diligently working methodically and independently in Maths Theo I – For always being kind, generous and a wonderful friend
Year 4	George – for being a patient, thoughtful and respectful learning partner. Hendrix – for working hard to demonstrate your understanding of the place value of 4-digit numbers in different ways.
Year 5	Jack – for being a supportive talk partner and helping his friends when they need it. Nathan – for being so enthusiastic in all lessons and making thoughtful contributions.
Year 6	Sophia : for readily volunteering to help around the classroom and school. Ella : for your enthusiasm and contributions in all lessons. Keep it up!

Dates for your diary

Want to make sure you know about all upcoming events? Why not link your smart phone/tablet to our school website calendar? It's really easy to do and means you instantly are informed of everything that's coming up.



What's happening in September & October

Friday 22nd September – New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am
Tuesday 26th September - New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am
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Friday 29th September – MacMillan Cancer Charity Cake Sale 3pm-3:45pm
Monday 2nd October – Reception class commence full days
Wednesday 4th October – Harvest Festival Service at St Andrew's Church
Thursday 5th October - New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am
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Monday 9th October – New Reception cohort parents' coffee morning 9:15am
Monday 9th October – PTA Penny Challenge competition starts
Tuesday 10th October - New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am
Tuesday 10th October - New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) pm
Friday 13th October – Just One Tree charity “wear something green” non uniform day
Thursday 19th October – Y5 Class Assembly for parents and carers
Thursday 19th October - New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) pm
Monday 23rd October – Half Term Holiday commences
Monday 30th October – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 31st October – School reopens for pupils