



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 13th October 2023

Value for October: Fairness



Helping children understand fairness is an important part of growing up and practicing empathy. When we understand what others need and perhaps what we don't, we recognise our differences and think a little beyond ourselves. We get to step into someone else's shoes for a moment and consider their life. An equal sign tells us that both sides of the equation are exactly the same ($3 + 2 = 5$).

Fair is different. Fair means everyone gets what they 'need', based on visible gaps in opportunity. And sometimes people will have different needs because we are unique individuals, e.g. Some children wear glasses and some don't. That's not equal, but it's fair because not everyone needs glasses to see and learn best.

"A just balance and scales are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are his work," Proverbs 16:11

"Being good is easy, what is difficult is being just," Victor Hugo

Coats/Waterproofs are needed everyday!

Please be reminded to send your child into school each day with an appropriate coat/waterproof jacket.

We go outside to play in all weathers and it is an essential part of the winter uniform. All pupils should return after half term in winter uniform.

May we also remind you that all school coats should be black/navy in colour.

We are seeing a variety of multi-coloured jackets which are not part of the uniform list. In addition, please label your child's coat!

It is not wise to send your child in with an umbrella as we have no adequate spaces to store them during the school day and they are a possible health and safety risk when outside.



Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 15th October (19th Sunday after Trinity) for our PARISH COMMUNION in church at 10.00am and at 5pm.

Please join us for coffee in the Parish Hall after the morning services. All are welcome!

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.

Just One Tree

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Just One Tree charity fundraiser today. The school was a forest of different shades of green! We raised a total of £300 for this very worthy charity today which will plant new trees around the world.

It's very clear from the amount raised that many children donated more than £1, with some children emptying their piggy banks as they feel a close affinity with this charity.

You are all doing an amazing job at playing your part for the environment!



Lost Property



We currently have an overflowing Lost Property box full of unlabelled items of uniform, including some items which are brand new e.g. our new reversible fleece/waterproof is new on our uniform list this term!

Please label EVERY ITEM of school uniform belonging to your child. If they lose it, it is easy to return it to them if labelled.

The box is currently outside by the playground doors for parents to check if any items belong to your child. Any items left at the end of this half term, will be given to a clothing charity so please look before then.

Finish time next Friday

Please note, that the finish time next Friday 20th October (at the end of this half term) is usual finish time for each class. *It is only at the end of a term (Christmas/Easter/Summer) that we finish any earlier.*

Breakfast and After School Club

While we moved across to a new system of booking places at these clubs, we have waived any non-booking fees over the last half term for pupils not pre-booked. From Tuesday 31st October, these penalty charges will resume so please ensure you have booked your child's place in advance or cancel it if no longer needed.

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.



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 13th October

Reception	Serena - for always being so kind and helpful and for displaying our St Andrew's values. Roman - for engaging in lots of new activities this week. You made a lovely sock puppet!
Year 1	George – for always having such a positive 'can do' attitude and always trying to challenge yourself. Darcey – for an excellent effort with your reading and writing. Keep it up!
Year 2	Alex B – for working really hard at listening to others and turn taking in conversations. Arthur – for mastering column subtraction with confidence.
Year 3	Alexandros – for challenging yourself to successfully solve a two-step word problem. Oden – for having a positive outlook towards all your learning – you're listening and focusing really well.
Year 4	Albie – for having such a positive 'can do/have a go' attitude in all areas of the curriculum. Amelia - for being a supportive, caring learning partner and always demonstrating maturity and kindness.
Year 5	Ren – for always being a fantastic listener, a patient learner and a supportive talk partner. Sarah – for writing a lovely letter in English to her friend, Betty.
Year 6	Alexandra – for her clear and confident delivery when debating in English. Well done! Hritika – for clear and systematic working out when problem solving in Maths. Well done!

What's happening over next few weeks

Wednesday 18th October – School Calendar photo shoot am
Thursday 19th October – Y5 Class Assembly for Y5 parents/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
Thursday 9th November – New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am
Thursday 9th November – Online Parents Evening meetings 3:50-6:30pm
Friday 10th November – Boys football vs Foulds 4pm
Monday 13th November – Nursery Rhyme Week in Reception
Monday 13th November – Y2 Infant Music Festival in Hall am
Monday 13th November – Book Fair 3-4pm
Tuesday 14th November – Flu Vaccine Nasal Spray Reception – Y6
Tuesday 14th November – Book Fair 3-4pm
Wednesday 15th November – Book Fair 3-4pm
Thursday 16th November – Online Parents Evening meetings 3:50-6:30pm
Friday 17th November – Children in Need
Friday 17th November – Reception nursery rhyme character dress up day