



# ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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

## Cross Country



On Wednesday, Ben, Ella, Fran, Theo (Y6), Arina, Felix, Samson, Sophie (Y5), Jason, Jessica, Lowena & Shay (Y4) competed in the borough cross country races at Copthall Playing Fields. The children were fantastic! They ran with determination and all completed the 1500m race. Congratulations to Sophie in particular, who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Barnet Year 5 girls' race. We are proud of you all!

## 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.



## Y4 Visit from Bee-Keeper

Today, Year 4 welcomed Lucie Chaumeton from the Barnet and District Beekeepers Association. Lucie taught us so much about how bees make honey, their life cycles and threats to our native species. We found out ways that we can help bees, such as to keep areas of our gardens a bit wild and to plant as many different types of flowers as possible. We were also lucky enough to try the honey from Lucie's own hives in Finchley!



## Our Link with St Andrew's Church

*Please join us this Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October (20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity) for our PARISH COMMUNION in church at 10.00am.*

*Please join us for coffee in the Parish Hall after the service. All are welcome!*

## Water Bottles



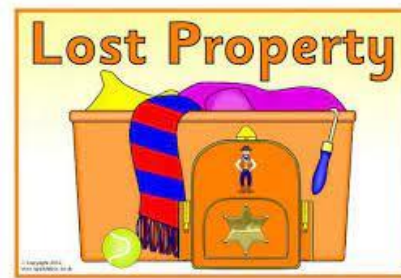
**Please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle in school every day.** There are bottle re-fill points in the school should a water bottle need replenishing, but the children are unable to take a drink directly from the water tap. In the event that your child forgets their bottle, please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

## 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 today, will be given to a clothing charity, meaning the box will be empty when we return after half term.



## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Olivia</b> – for a fabulous story map of 'Owl Babies.' You worked so hard, well done! <b>Kevin</b> - for engaging in many of our new learning activities around the classroom. You made a lovely CD fish!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Amila</b> – for making a wonderful poster about Mary Seacole using pictures and your own facts – well done! <b>Harry</b> – for brilliant contributions in English this week – well done!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Martha</b> – for excellent focus all week in all her work across the curriculum. <b>Christian</b> – For a really thoughtful written assessment in RE about repentance.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Joseph</b> – for challenging yourself to write and solve your own subtraction word problem. Well done! <b>Luca L</b> – for always trying to ensure that 'fairness' prevails – you are a super role model.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Samin</b> – for thoughtful and mature contributions in our English lesson discussions. <b>Zac</b> – for an excellent non-chronological report on crocodiles that included formal language and was organised into paragraphs with clear subheadings.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Sophie</b> – for keeping the class assembly afloat with your excellent lighting skills and filling in at the last minute. <b>Year 5</b> – for a fantastic performance in the class assembly. Well done!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Leo</b> : for a great Biography written in formal language with attention to sentence structures. Well done! <b>Evelyn</b> : for improved engagement and contributions in lessons. Keep it up!

## What's happening in October/November

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Half Term Holiday commences  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – School reopens for pupils  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Pumpkin carving competition 9am  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – PTA 'Spooktacular' event in Hall 3-4pm  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Boys football vs Foulds 4pm  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Online Parents Evening meetings 3:50-6:30pm  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Nursery Rhyme Week in Reception  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Y2 Infant Music Festival in Hall am  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Book Fair 3-4pm  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccine Nasal Spray Reception – Y6

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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Book Fair 3-4pm  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Online Parents Evening meetings 3:50-6:30pm  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – non uniform day Y1-Y6  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Reception nursery rhyme character dress up day  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Girls football vs Trent 3:30pm kick-off  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – School Photographer in – individual photos  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Y4 Class Assembly  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Netball team vs Livingstone 3:30pm start  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Boys football vs Livingstone  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – PTA Quiz Night (further details to follow)  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Drama workshops for YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 am  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Y3 Recorder ‘Open Rehearsal’ (parents welcome)  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Netball team vs Danegrove 2:15pm  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Greek Day workshop  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School Pantomime in the Hall