



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 3rd November 2023

Value for November: Peace



'God blesses those who make peace. They will be called his children.' Matthew 5:9. We consider Jesus as the ultimate peacemaker who sacrificed his life to restore our relationship with God. We look for opportunities to repair our relationships if they breakdown. We are given the opportunity to experience stillness, quietness and reflection in our daily lives.

PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered our Pumpkin Carving competition – it was clear to see how much work had gone into all of the wonderful entries. Sadly, we couldn't pick everyone as a winner but managed to whittle it down to 6 winners across the whole school. Congratulations to Bella & Lucy (Reception), Raqayyah (Y1), Disha (Y2), Luca L (Y3) and Oliver (Y4) who have been awarded their prizes.



Parents Evening Appointments



A reminder that parents evening appointments have been set for Thursday 9th and 16th November. Please make an appointment to virtually meet your child's teacher as alternative appointments cannot be made outside of these dates due to other staff commitments.

A reminder that appointments and video calls are made via <https://standrewsce.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please follow the instructions sent out via Parentpay on how to book your appointment.

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.

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, 5th November for our FAMILY ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY SERVICE in church at 10.00am. Please join us for coffee in Church after the service. All are welcome! Then, later at 3pm for our All Souls' Day Service (This year, we are refreshing the list of names of those who have passed which is read out in church during the service.

A print out of the current list is at the back of the church, please do tick against any names you would like to remain on the list. There is also a separate sheet for you to add any new names you would like included.)

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.

Water Beads Warning

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) has issued a warning to parents and caregivers about water beads, a product used increasingly as a toy. Water beads, which are also known as gel beads, sensory beads and by a number of trademarked names, are made of a superabsorbent polymer and can retain hundreds of times their weight in water. Following their increase in popularity, particularly on social media platforms, the CCPC is warning that water beads present a serious risk for babies and toddlers in particular, and is advising that they are kept out of sight and reach of young children. Water beads are a choking hazard for young children. If swallowed, the beads can continue to expand, growing considerably larger than their original size and causing intestinal blockages requiring medical intervention.



The beads also can become lodged in a child's ears or nose. There have been a number of reported incidents around the world involving water beads, including blockages in ear canals and internal organs resulting in hearing loss and bowel obstruction. If you suspect that a child in your care has inhaled or swallowed a water bead, or has one lodged in their nose or ear, seek immediate medical help

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 have resumed 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 3rd November

Reception	Isla - for fully engaging in all the activities around fireworks. You have produced lots of wonderful work. Well done. Bella - for always being so kind and caring and helping your friends throughout the day. Well done.
Year 1	Oscar – for thinking of some brilliant questions in Science using key words. Eva – for an excellent effort with your reading – your confidence is growing!
Year 2	Teddy – for developing a mature attitude and excellent focus in all his learning. Alex M – for concentrating hard in all his learning and always attempting the additional challenges.

Year 3	Fred – for consistently demonstrating our school values and always being enthusiastic about your learning. Theodore C – for independently writing a creative, exciting story – a super effort Theodore!
Year 4	Leonardo - for your enthusiasm and excellent contributions in all lessons – keep it up! Maya - for working hard to demonstrate your understanding of multiplication and division facts and strategies.
Year 5	Daphne – excellent contributions in class during English and Guided Reading. Roxie-Red – trying her best in all subjects and being a patient learner.
Year 6	Ben: for improved engagement and enquiry within lessons. Keep it up! Eloise: for improved explanations of your maths knowledge. Well done!

What's happening in October/November

Wednesday 8th November – Y1–Y6 Remembrance service at Church 9:30am
 Thursday 9th November – New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am
 Thursday 9th November – Online Parents Evening meetings 3:50-6:30pm
 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 YR–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 – non uniform day Y1-Y6
 Friday 17th November – Reception nursery rhyme character dress up day
 Friday 17th November – Y3-Y6 visit from children's author Peter Bunzl pm
 Monday 20th November – Girls football vs Trent 3:30pm kick-off
 Tuesday 21st November – School Photographer in – individual photos
 Wednesday 22nd November – Y4 Class Assembly
 Wednesday 22nd November – Netball team vs Livingstone 3:30pm start
 Thursday 23rd November – New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am
 Thursday 23rd November – Boys football vs Livingstone
 Thursday 23rd November – PTA Quiz Night (further details to follow)
 Monday 27th November – Drama workshops for YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 am
 Tuesday 28th November – New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am
 Tuesday 28th November – Y3 Recorder 'Open Rehearsal' (parents welcome) 9:15am
 Tuesday 28th November – Netball team vs Danegrove 2:15pm
 Wednesday 29th November – Y5 Greek Day workshop
 Thursday 30th November – St Andrew's Day service at church 9:30am
 Thursday 30th November – Whole School Pantomime in the Hall