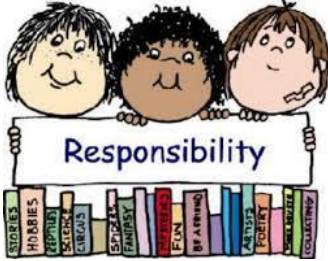




ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 9th February 2024

Value for February: Responsibility



A responsibility involves having something expected of you.

A responsibility might be a task you are expected to do.

A responsibility might be a way you are expected to act.

Responsibility means doing the things you are supposed to do and accepting the results of your actions, for example taking the praise or blame for something you have done.

Reminder – please pre-book your child's lunch for when we return after half term!

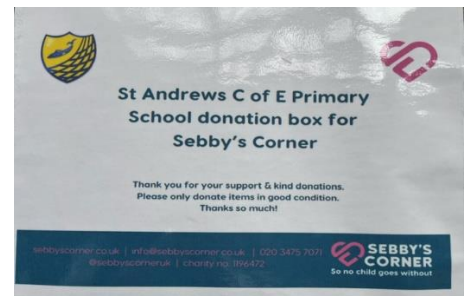
Please remember to pre-book your child's lunch choice by Thursday evening for the following week. The current menu runs up until the end of this term (Easter holidays) so you can even pre-book several weeks in advance. Pupils who have not pre booked will be automatically allocated a vegetarian meal.



Local Charity – Sebby's Corner



A new collection box has been placed in our school lobby area by a local charity, Sebby's Corner. Sebby's Corner believes no child should go without the basic essentials they need to thrive. We offer a range of services such as family referrals where we provide items as clothing, nappies, formula, toiletries and baby equipment and our Birthday Club where we ensure children don't go without gifts on their birthday. We are based in Barnet EN5 (the estate next to QE Boys school) and support families across Barnet, Hertfordshire and London.



(If you have items in an excellent condition, please donate them to our charity box. Please ensure all items are washed and folded)

We support families living in poverty, families in temporary accommodation, families fleeing domestic abuse, refugees, asylum seekers and victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. We regularly hear stories of parents who go without food so they can buy formula or parents reusing soiled nappies as they can't afford to buy anymore. Families can be referred to us by any professional such as midwives, health visitors and teachers. We are currently running desperately low on nappies sizes 5 & 6. We have added to our Amazon wish list which people can use this link to order from -

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gl/guest-view/QOIWTTFGGDU6>

We will also accept unopened packs of nappies in size 5 & 6.

Parents Evening Appointments – 29th February & 7th March

The booking system for parents evening appointments will go live at 9am on Monday 19th February. If you know you require a particular time, please book as soon as it opens to secure your place. We are not able to accommodate appointment requests for other dates/times

Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 11th February for our Family Service at 10am. Please join us for coffee in the Parish Hall after the service. All are welcome!

After School Club

Please be aware that the After School Club team does not have access to the office email account. Therefore, if you are giving permission for another adult to pick your child up from the club, please inform the office BEFORE 3:15pm. After this time, please phone the school number and select the option to be put through to ASC.

Reception

As part of our topic on 'Real Superheroes,' we've been lucky to have had lots of visitors to talk to us about their jobs and what they do to help people.

Dentist

We were very lucky to have a visit from Amin to talk to us all about being a dentist. He told us about why it is important to look after our mouths and how it is much better to visit a dentist for regular check-ups rather than wait for a problem to arise. Prevention is better than cure! We looked at a picture with 20 baby (milk) teeth in a child's mouth and 32 in an adult and found out that the first baby teeth tend to fall out between the ages of 5-7 years. We talked about why it is important to brush our teeth and to do so for 2 minutes, brushing every part of the tooth. Amin told us the importance of drinking water rather than juice but it is ok to have a little and that we should stick to four things that taste sweet per day. The children also got to explore a model of a tooth with decay and see the nerves it has affected.



Cabin Crew.

We were super lucky to have a visit from Malia's mummy, Dita, about her job as a cabin crew. She talked to the children about how she helped to keep people safe and help them to follow basic safety procedures whilst making them as comfortable as possible. She talked about the safety equipment they used and how cabin crew have to ensure that people are sitting in the correct seats, the luggage is safe, seatbelts are worn, that passengers know where the nearest emergency exits are, that passengers are given the safety briefing and there is no obstruction in the aisles

We learned that most of the fuel is stored in the wings and that's why the blinds have to be put up on take-off and landing so any fire on the wings can be seen quickly.

Physiotherapist

We were really fortunate to have a visit from Serena's Godmother, Amy who is a physiotherapist. She talked to the children all about what her job entailed and how she is an expert in anatomy. She told them she works alongside brain surgeons in a London hospital that has a helicopter pad which the children found exciting! Amy told us all about the bones in our body and the uniform she wears. She then got the children to practise their balances and talked about how important it is to be able to balance as when we get older it will help us to have less falls.



The children did some balancing exercises and then tried it with their eyes closed which was more challenging! Amy suggested practising balancing on one leg whilst brushing their teeth twice a day to build up those skills!



Police Officer

We were so lucky to have a visit from Chris who was a police officer in the force for many years. He told the children his stories of being a police dog handler and had lovely pictures from his time with them. The children sat and listened in awe and had many questions to ask at the end. When we asked who may like to be a police officer when they grew up, almost all put their hands up!

Thank you so much to all of our superhero visitors for taking the time to come in. The children had a great time and were really inspired!

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 9th February

Reception	Roman- for all your hard work when doubling numbers. You made a lovely numicon doubling picture. Well done! Jesse- for a much improved attitude to learning. You have been a lovely talking partner in maths when learning about composition of 6,7,8.
Year 1	Olivia Leung - for always being such a polite and kind member of the class. Kasra – for always being positive and enthusiastic about all your learning.
Year 2	Martha – for increased improvement in focus, initiating and completing all of her work. Jacob – for getting involved in all carpet discussions and being a more independent learner.
Year 3	Henry L – for being a ‘Master Baker’ – you successfully designed and made your own bread product! Kylie – for being a ‘Punctuation Perfectionist’! You check your writing carefully and diligently.
Year 4	Leo – for being a patient, kind, caring and supportive learning partner. Shay – for working with a fantastic attitude and such great determination in our Maths lessons.
Year 5	Year 5 - for a fantastic trip into London on Wednesday. You were all brilliant!
Year 6	Year 6: for a great Egyptian Day! You were all focused, creative and enthusiastic! Well done!

What's happening next half term

Monday 19th February – School reopens after half term
Monday 26th February – Hearing/Vision checks for Reception pupils
Thursday 29th February – PTA ‘Break the Rules’ Day
Thursday 29th February – Parents Evening Video appointments 3:50-6:30pm
Thursday 7th March – Parents Evening Video appointments 3:50-6:30pm
Friday 8th March – Dress Up for World Book Day
Friday 8th March – PTA Mother’s Day ‘secret room’ gift buying opportunities
Monday 11th March – Year 5 performing at Arts Depot Dance Festival 5-7pm
Tuesday 12th March – Lent Assembly in School with Revd Cate
Friday 15th March – How to Help your Child with Maths workshop in hall 9am
Wednesday 20th March – Cross Country competition at Oak Hill Park
Monday 25th March – PTA ‘Bunny Bounce’ competition
Tuesday 26th March – PTA eggs in jar competition
Wednesday 27th March – PTA Easter bonnet competition
Thursday 28th March – Lent Service at St Andrew’s Church 9:30am
Thursday 28th March – End of school term **1:30pm finish for all**