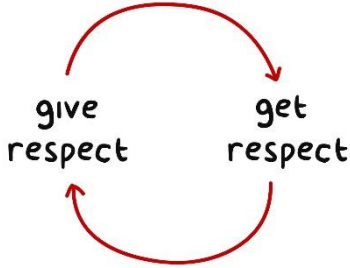




# ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## 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

## School Clubs

Current clubs have now been finalised and details of each club and a complete timetable has been added onto the website. Please go to Parents section, followed by the bottom drop down tab for Clubs.

All clubs should be on for next week if they haven't already started.

Please note, some clubs have had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers.



## Meet the Teacher Years 1-6



Meet the Teacher event is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 5:30-6:30pm for classes in Years 1-6 (Reception class have already been meeting their parents as they start and will host a separate parents meeting at a later date). It is an opportunity if you wish to put a face to the name of who is teaching your child this year. It is not a time for a face to face individual parent consultation of your child nor for you to 'interview' the teacher. Please be aware that your child's teacher will have been here since before 8am so the event will finish on time.

## Finchley Fire Station Open Day

Finchley Fire Station are hosting an Open Day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 12-4pm. All are welcome. Please see poster previously sent out with last week's newsletter.

## Our Link with St Andrew's Church

*Please join us this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity for our communion service at 10.00am.*

*Please join us for coffee after the service, in Church. All very welcome!*

## 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 via Parentpay and parents are expected to have sufficient credit before a booking is completed.**

## 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.



## Star 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 13<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Farah</b> – for a fantastic start to Y1! You are calm, focused and respectful. Well done! <b>Magnus</b> – for sharing your ideas in class and listening carefully to instructions. Keep it up!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Kasra</b> – for enthusiastically sharing your ideas and opinions during class discussions <b>Olivia F</b> – for being sensible and mature, setting an excellent example to your classmates
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Christian</b> – for asking interesting questions in lessons and having such a positive attitude towards your learning. <b>Alex M</b> – for consistently demonstrating our school values and being an excellent, supportive role model to others.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Oden</b> – for independently completing your Maths challenges this week. Well done! <b>Wako</b> – for setting an excellent example of being a good learner. Keep it up!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Riko</b> – for being a kind and supportive learning partner. <b>Maya</b> – for confidently answering questions in class and being a conscientious learner.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Yehor</b> – working hard and making contributions to all class discussions. <b>Seanna</b> – for excellent focus and application of new knowledge to her written work.

## What's happening this half term

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 whole class instrument lessons start  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1-6 Meet the Teacher 5:30-6:30pm  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan cancer fundraiser class afternoon tea  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Year 5 & Year 6 police visit pm  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 1-6 flu vaccinations  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – New parents school tours 1:30pm (2025 entry)  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – 9:30am Year 1-6 Harvest Festival at St Andrew's church  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3-Year 6 Cross Country competition at Copthall playing fields  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – 4 pupil complete Bronze ambassadors training at Hendon Leisure Centre  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – New parents school tours 1:30pm (2025 entry)  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – PTA AGM in library 6:30pm  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – New parents school tours 1:30pm (2025 entry)  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – PTA calendar photo shoot  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – New New parents school tours 1:30pm (2025 entry)  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Just One Tree charity fundraising – all wear green  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Speech & Language (SALT) workshop for Reception parents am  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Y6 trip to Ragged School  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 5 Class Assembly  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – PTA Quiz