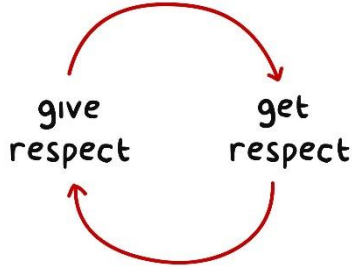




ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 20th 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?

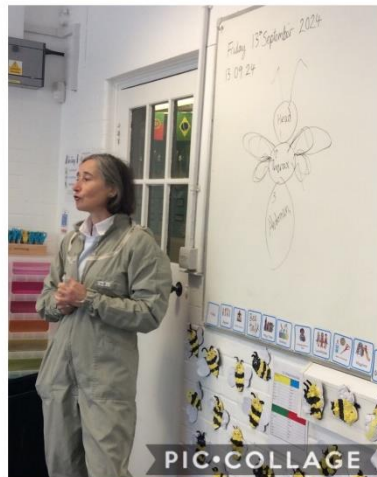
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," Luke 6:31

"Without feelings of respect, what is there to distinguish men from beasts?" Confucius

Year 3 Visit from Beekeeper



On Friday 13th September 2024, Year 3 welcomed beekeeper Lucie Chaumeton in to our class. Lucie taught us all about the life cycle of a honeybee, what they produce and their environmental importance. We all learned such a lot and even got to taste some of the honey that Lucie's 50,000 (approx!) bees produced.



Lucie kindly donated the £60 received from parents and the school for her time to a local food bank



Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 22nd September 17th Sunday after Trinity for our communion service at 10.00am.

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

[Please see the attached flyer regarding forthcoming services at St Andrew's Church](#)

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. 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. **A reminder for Rec/Y1/Y2 pupils not to play directly outside a junior class before 3:30pm. Older children are still learning and cannot be distracted.**

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. There are still a worrying number of pupils who do not bring a water bottle into school. **It is important for all to be drinking throughout the day.**

Cooked 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.



Packed Lunches



We are aware that some of our older pupils choose to have a packed lunch instead of a cooked school dinner. Please be advised that packed lunches are required to be as healthy as possible with a balanced diet within. Biscuits bars or a cake are allowed but sweets or bars of chocolate must not be part of a packed lunch and should be a treat enjoyed out of school

We're hiring!

We currently require a Mealtime Supervisor to support the pupils with their lunches and supervise their playtime activities. The position is 5 days per week from 11:45 – 1:15pm Monday to Friday, term time only to start as soon as possible. Further details, including an application form, can be found on our website under News & Events. All staff are subject to an enhanced DBS certificate before employment can commence. Please chat with Ms Devine or Mrs Bonfield if you are interested/want to find out a little more about the role.

MacMillan charity 'coffee morning' next Friday 27th September

Most parents will be aware that MacMillan Cancer charity is one that is a yearly event here at school. It is a charity that is close to the staff's heart and is therefore led by school staff, who provide the treats to be enjoyed by others. In a change from the After School cake sale of previous years, staff will be providing treats for the children to enjoy in class and we would ask each pupil to bring at least £2 donation which will be sent onto the charity. Higher amounts can be donated too. Obviously, the children will be given cordial to drink with their treats instead of coffee! Please help us support this charity by sending your child in with a money donation next Friday. Food allergies will be catered for.



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.

Cutlery

Please help your child at home with practising scraping any uneaten food into the bin after meals rather than doing this for them. This will help them understanding that cutlery does not get thrown in the bin alongside the food! This week we have had to spend money purchasing new cutlery due to it being accidentally thrown out.

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 20th September

Year 1	Shiloh – for settling well into our school and making new friends. Yigit – for settling well into our school and being enthusiastic about your learning, especially Phonics.
Year 2	Moriike – For beautiful, fluent reading and defining unusual vocabulary Nia – For always participating in discussions and giving clear explanations for your answers
Year 3	Alicia – for demonstrating an excellent attitude towards your learning and showing perseverance and determination. Arthur - for being an excellent learning partner and sharing your ideas. Well done!
Year 4	Luca R-D – for confidently leading class discussions and contributing in every lesson. Evie – for always having a positive attitude to your learning and when trying out new challenges.
Year 5	Laura – for your resilience and determination when you find work tricky. Well done for never giving up! George – wonderful explanations in Science and Geography using subject-specific vocabulary. Well done!
Year 6	Brodie – for fantastic perseverance in maths and mastering place value to 10,000,000, Alessia – for putting her hand up and contributing to our class debate.

What's happening this half term

Wednesday 25th September – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)
Friday 27th September – Macmillan cancer fundraiser class morning/afternoon tea
Monday 30th September – Year 2 Infant Music Festival support session pm
Tuesday 1st October - New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)
Tuesday 1st October – Year 5 & Year 6 police visit pm
Thursday 3rd October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)
Thursday 3rd October – Year 1-6 flu vaccinations
Monday 7th October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)
Monday 7th October – New parents school tours 1:30pm (2025 entry)
Tuesday 8th October – 9:30am Year 1-6 Harvest Festival at St Andrew's church
Tuesday 8th October – Y3-Y6 Cross Country competition at Copthall playing fields
Wednesday 9th October – New Reception parents' coffee morning 9:15am in Dining Room
Thursday 10th October – 4 pupils complete Bronze ambassadors training at Hendon Leisure Centre
Thursday 10th October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)
Thursday 10th October – New parents school tours 1:30pm (2025 entry)
Thursday 10th October – PTA AGM in library 6:30pm
Monday 14th October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)
Monday 14th October – New parents school tours 1:30pm (2025 entry)
Wednesday 16th October – PTA calendar photo shoot
Thursday 17th October – New parents school tours 9:45am (2025 entry)
Thursday 17th October – New parents school tours 1:30pm (2025 entry)
Thursday 17th October – St Andrew's girls' vs Christ Church 3:45pm kick off
Friday 18th October – Just One Tree charity fundraising – all wear green
Friday 18th October – Speech & Language (SALT) workshop for Reception parents am
Tuesday 22nd October – Y6 trip to Ragged School
Wednesday 23rd October – Year 5 Class Assembly
Thursday 24th October – PTA Quiz