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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 8th January 2024

Our Value this half term is **HEART FOR THE EARTH**



We are all different at St Andrew's, but we all swim together!

We wanted to share our lovely new hall display with you. Each child has created their own unique design to add to our 'school' of fish. We hope that you agree it is very effective and represents our school family beautifully!

Turn off the lights - poster competition

This week's Heart for the Earth collective workshops have focused on 'Let there be Light!' The children have been learning about saving energy and how this could help combat global warming.

The children have been challenged to create a 'Turn off the lights' poster which will be put near one of the many light switches in school. These posters should be A4 in size and as bright and bold as possible to catch attention. The poster competition is open to all year groups and closes on Friday 26th January. So get creative children and help us to save energy in school and at home.



The Children's Commissioner's 'Big Ambition'



Dame Rachel De Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England is asking all parents, carers and young people to complete a short questionnaire by following the following link or QR code:



www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Polite reminder

Our school day starts at 8.45am and registers are taken at 8.55am. Any children arriving after this time are marked as 'late'. For those 'keen beans' our Daily Mile is open from 8.30am on the school field, weather permitting.



Playtime role play zone

Thank you so much to those families who have donated items for our new calm room. In addition, we are looking for the following items for our upcoming role play zone in the playground:

- play shop items eg till, food, money etc
- play doctors items eg stethoscope, bandages, dressing up etc
- any children's dressing up clothes and accessories
- old handbags
- large pieces of fabric
- bean bags

Parent Teacher Consultations – Tuesday and Wednesday 13 and 14 February 2024

This term we will be trialling a new on-line system for booking appointments at Parent Teacher Consultations. Further information about the SchoolCloud App will be coming shortly.

Have there been any changes to your data?

Could you please let the school office know if there have been any recent changes to your data; new telephone, new email address etc. Thank you.

Nursery Applications

Applications open to apply for a place in our Nursery Class opens Monday, 15 January 2024. All Nursery Admissions information and application form can be found on the school website <https://standrews236.herts.sch.uk/about-us/nursery-admissions/>

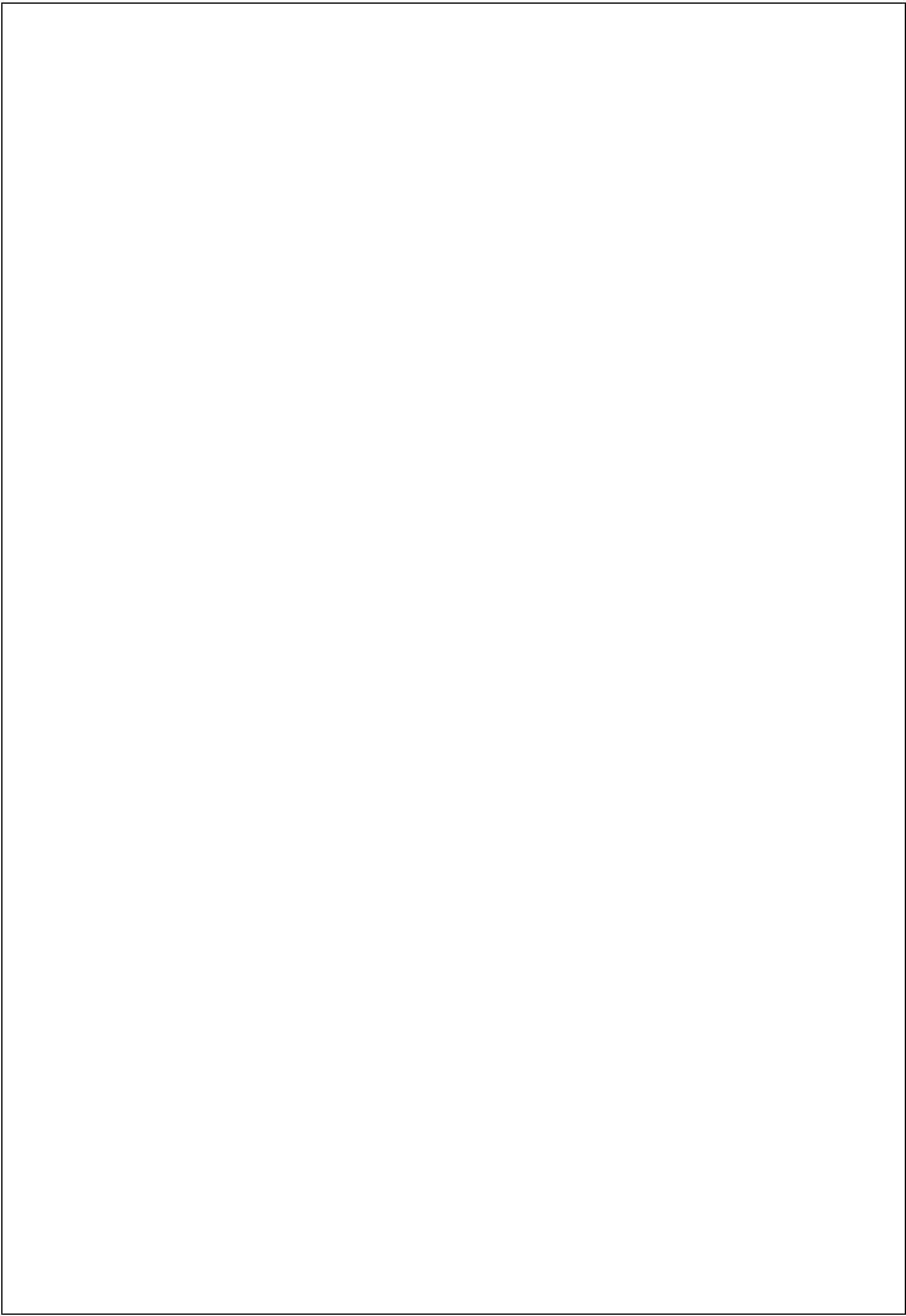
School lunches

School lunches are provided free of charge for children in Reception and KS1. For children in KS2 lunches cost £3.20 per day and payment is online via the School Gateway. Please can we remind parents that lunches must be paid for in advance (**pay as you go**) and your account may be frozen if it is in arrears. Thank you.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

The school is aware that with the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme automatically providing all children up to Year 2 with a free meal every day, many families do not apply for means-tested free school meal provision until their child reaches Year 3. This could mean parents are missing out on other sources of support they are entitled to, linked to household income and the benefits of associated pupil premium funding. Please see link below to check eligibility:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>



After School Multisports and Gymnastics Clubs

There are spaces available at the Multisports Club on Tuesdays and Gymnastics Club on Thursdays. <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/10506/>

Premier Education will be in school on Friday to tell the children more about the Multisports Club on Tuesdays after school.

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You are invited to Premier's extracurricular activities

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Benefits for your child:

- Try new activities and make new friends
- Learn transferable skills for the future
- Stay focused & alert for their lessons
- Develop confidence, creativity and self-esteem

Most importantly, they'll have so much fun!

Here's what's on near you:

ST ANDREWS COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY'S MULTISPORTS CLUB
RECEPTION - YEAR 1
3.15 - 4.15

THURSDAY'S GYMNASTICS CLUB
YEAR 1 - 6
3.15 - 4.15

SESSIONS START W/C 8TH JANUARY UNTIL W/C 25TH MARCH 11 WEEKS £5.50 PER SESSION

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Our School Development Plan

School Development Priorities – St Andrew's three main priorities 2023-2024:

- 1 For pupils to play a more active role in their learning journey – including a greater awareness of their own progress towards the end points for each subject.
- 2 To improve children's emotional literacy across the school, to help them articulate their feelings positively.
- 3 To improve the school's carbon footprint and the children's understanding of creating a more sustainable future.

Mrs Dimond looks forward to sharing our progress against these priorities at the end of each term.

News from the Friends of St Andrew's School

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

The Friends

friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com

Diary Dates 2024

**** Parents and carers are invited to the events that are highlighted ****

Friday, 19/01/2024 – Air Pollution Workshops for Y4, Y5 and Y6

Tuesday, 23/01/2024 – Year 6 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday, 23/01/2024 – Y5 Peer mediators/play leaders training day

Tuesday, 30/01/2024 – Year 5 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Friday, 02/02/2024 – Little Bracelet Company (Y4) stall after school

Monday, 05/02/2024 – Friday 09/02/2024 Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday, 06/02/2024 – Year 4 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday, 13/02/24 and Wednesday, 14/02/2024 – Parent Teacher Consultations

Tuesday, 27/02/2024 – Year 3 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday, 05/03/2024 – Year 2 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

W/C Monday, 11/03/2024 – Y6 Bikeability week

Tuesday, 12/03/2024 – Year 1 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday, 19/03/2024 – Year Reception Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday, 26/03/2024 – Year Nursery Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Thursday, 02/05/2024 – Photographer - whole class photographs

W/C Monday, 13/05/2024 – Key Stage 2 SATS week

03/06/2024 – 07/06/2024 – Brenscombe Week straight after half term (Monday is the INSET day)

02/10/2024 and 03/10/2024 – Photographer – individual and sibling portraits

Term Dates for 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023	
<i>Friday, 1 September 2023</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
Monday, 4 September 2023	Term begins
Monday, 23 October – Friday, 27 October 2023	Half term
<i>Friday, 24 November 2023</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 19 December 2023	Term ends 2pm
<i>Wednesday, 20 December 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Spring Term 2024	
Thursday, 4 January 2024	Term begins
Monday, 19 February – Friday, 23 February 2024	Half term
Thursday, 28 March 2024	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2024	
Monday, 15 April 2024	Term begins
Monday, 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024	Half term
<i>Monday, 3 June</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 19 July 2024	Term ends 2pm
<i>Monday, 22 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>
<i>Monday, 23 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>

Term Dates for 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2023	
<i>Monday, 2 September 2024</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
<i>Tuesday, 3 September 2024</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 4 September 2024	Term begins
Monday, 28 October - Friday 1 November 2024	Half term
<i>Friday, 29 November 2024</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 20 December 2024	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2025	
<i>Monday, 6 January 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 7 January 2025	Term begins
Monday, 17 February to Friday, 21 February 2025	Half term
Friday, 4 April	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday, 22 April 2025	Term begins
Monday, 26 May to Friday, 30 May 2025	Half term
<i>Monday, 2 June 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Tuesday, 3 June 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 23 July 2025	Term ends 2pm

School Noticeboard



The next SADA Drop in session will be Monday, 29th January from 12.30 to 2.30 in Letchworth Town. For further information SADA@stevenage.gov.uk.



SADA Drop-in Service

Every other Monday from 12.30pm to 2.30pm

To provide support and advice to victims and survivors, and children living with domestic abuse

For more information, please call 01438 242666
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or email SADA@stevenage.gov.uk



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Much Hadham Table Tennis Club

The Much Hadham Table Tennis Club is setting up a course for junior children from 31st January in the Village Hall, 6pm to 7pm on Wednesdays. Please contact Andy Furze (tel: 01279 842358 andyfurze@aol.com) for further information.