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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 19th June 2024

Our Value this half term is **SERVICE**



Y3 and Y4 Trip to Cambridge



Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic time in Cambridge on Tuesday. We visited the museum of archaeology and anthropology, the Sedgewick museum, and Downing Place church. All the children were so engrossed in the exhibits we saw and showed respect and maturity in the church. They represented St Andrew's beautifully! Overall, it was an excellent and enriching experience for all. Special thanks to Mrs Kendall, Mrs Hansford, Mrs Webb, Mr Chivers, Ms Batchelor, and Mrs Ward who helped out for the day, and thanks go to Mrs Lane, Ms O'Neil, and Mr Dean for accompanying the classes.

Mrs Watson and Miss Cox

Y5 Fun Fundraising Afternoon

On Tuesday 25th June, Year 5 will be hosting a 'Fun Afternoon' (in school time) as part of their Young Leadership Award. Each class (apart from Nursery) will have the opportunity to take part in the fun competitions and activities that Year 5 have independently organised. Prizes to be won! We are asking each child to donate up to £3 as an entrance fee to the event, with the aim of raising money for new playtime equipment. This will be collected by the class teacher in the morning. Huge thanks, in advance, for your support in this.

FUN'N' GAMES

AIM High Writing Workshop – Ms O'Neill

Last Thursday, 13th June, I took six children to Christchurch School in Ware. There we took part in a fascinating Writing Workshop with award winning poet Coral Rumble. The children behaved beautifully whilst expanding and stretching their vocabulary and techniques in writing. These included using challenging techniques of writing such as basing poems on similes, using interesting adjectives and adverbs and more descriptive verbs and nouns. They did us proud! Well done children!



Chris Lubbe- Webinar for Year 6

For the third year running, our Year 6s have been inspired by the amazing and sometimes shocking story of Chris Lubbe. Chris joined us and several other local schools for a webinar last week to talk about his life story - growing up in South Africa during the rise and fall of apartheid and his time as one of the bodyguards of Nelson Mandela. His messages of hope and forgiveness were extremely thought provoking.



Mrs Clarke's Drama Club - Beauty and the Beast

On Tuesday, Mrs Clarke's Drama Club staged their production of *Beauty and the Beast* to the rest of the school alongside drama club parents and family. Imogen, Betsy, Orla, Jemima, Abi, Isadora, Nicole, Lottie, Isabella, Hudson, Jasper and Xanthe have all been working hard and they put on a great performance. The club members, in addition to acting the parts, all had a hand in the production from set design and costumes to programme production and props. Thank you club parents for all your help and support and a **huge thank you** to Mrs Sue Clarke for all her hard work with the production and who voluntarily runs drama club for our Y5 and 6 children after school on Mondays.



Friday, 21st June 2024 – Non-Uniform Day

Children can come to school, tomorrow, in their own clothes in exchange for a donation of a bottle and £1 to the PTA for the Summer Fair.

News from Home

A little note to celebrate children's achievements and successes outside school

Elijah and Zachary's Karate success! Both boys passed their recent Karate gradings with a merit and are now karate red belts. Zachary even stood up and performed the ritual Kyu Rei Bow to show respect and appreciation for his Sensei and the Dojo!



Pupil Premium/Free School Meals – Reception, Y1 and Y2

The school is aware that with the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme automatically providing all children up to the end of 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>



As part of our ongoing effort to become more environmentally friendly we are starting a 'reduce, reuse and recycle' section here in the newsletter. Please consider donating your items to school if you have a Summer clear-out.

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.

Diary Dates 2024

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

Friday, 21/06/2024 – Non Uniform Day

Tuesday, 25/06/2024 – Year Reception Collective Worship

Wednesday, 26/06/2024 – Diocesan Heart for the Earth filming day

Thursday, 27/06/2024 – Year 5 Colchester Zoo Trip

Friday, 28/06/2024 – PTA Summer Fair

Tuesday, 02/07/2024 – Year Nursery Collective Worship

Tuesday, 02/07/2024 – Early Years Sports Morning from 9.45am

Friday, 05/07/2024 – YR trip to Church Farm Ardeley

Tuesday, 09/07/2024 – YN Pop up Town in school

Tuesday, 09/07/2024 – The Selfish Giant
 Thursday, 11/07/2024 – Moving Up Day
Thursday, 11/07/2024 – PTA Quiz Night
 Tuesday, 16/07/2024 – KS1 Shepreth Trip
Tuesday, 16/07/2024 – Y5/Y6 Production
 Thursday, 18/07/2024 – Y6 Leavers Day
 Friday, 19/07/2024 – Last day of term. School finishes at 2 pm.

Wednesday, 25/09/2024 – Friday, 27/09/2024 – Y5 Aylmerton Trip
 02/10/2024 and 03/10/2024 – Photographer – individual and sibling portraits
 Monday, 16/12/2024 pm – Pantomime Trip to South Mills Arts Centre – Robin Hood

Monday 02/06/2025 – Friday 06/06/2025 – Y6 Brenscombe Trip

(Collective Worship starts at 9.10 am and lasts approximately 20 minutes)

Term Dates for 2023/2024

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 2024	
<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

ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER?



Do you care for a family member because.....

they have a
mental or
physical
illness?

they
struggle
with
alcohol?

they have a
mental or
physical
disability?

they
struggle
with drugs?

Carers in Hertfordshire will help you by...



Listening



Supporting



Empowering



**Building networks
with other carers**



**Carers in
Hertfordshire**

Young Carers

Support for YOU



For more information, visit
www.carersinherts.org.uk/young-carers
or scan the QR code

*"Having people listen
and support me has
got me through the
hardest of times."*