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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 3rd October 2023

Our Value this half term is **COMMUNITY**

Harvest Festival this Friday in school - Let's crack food poverty at home and in Uganda

For Harvest 2023, St Andrew's have decided to help those in need of food - both in the local area and in Uganda, Africa. For our Harvest appeal, we are asking the children to contribute to either collection, or both if families are able:



- **For the local food bank** - Children may bring in packeted or tinned food and/or toiletries which will be passed on to the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank to help those in need across the local area. These will be collected in classrooms and displayed in the school hall until Friday 6th October.
- **For the people of Uganda** - The children will be coming home next week with decorated envelopes. If you would like to make a kind donation to help buy chickens for those living in poverty, please put it in the envelope and return to school by Friday 13th October.

Here is some of our collection so far

A Message from the Safer Travel Team at Hertfordshire County Council

STOP MEANS STOP CAMPAIGN, 9th OCTOBER – 20TH OCTOBER 2023

Your lollipop man or woman will be wearing a bright 'stop means stop' tabard this October. The 'stop means stop' campaign is run to highlight the ongoing danger the school crossing patrols face every day when cars do not stop, even when they have stepped into the road.

Please show your support for them by stopping for your patrol.

Thank you



Jewellery

For safety reasons we ask that children do not wear jewellery to school. Small stud earrings (no hoops please) and or a small cross on a chain may be worn if essential. Please do not send children to school wearing any jewellery on PE days. Many thanks for your support with this.

Interactive Screens available for a small donation to school

We are replacing 2 of our large 65" Interactive classroom screens. If anyone is, or knows someone who might be, interested in having one or both screens please contact the school office.

Construction Toys and Marble Runs



This year we are developing the outside play opportunities for all the children. If anyone has any good quality construction toys or marble runs that they would be happy to give to the school please bring them to the school office.

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.

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.

Friends of St Andrew's School (see also PTFA update attached with this newsletter)

Uniform

The Friends have some pre-loved uniform available. We try to do a sale twice a year but if you need any particular items please do get in touch via your class reps or email us at friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com

Quiz Night

Don't forget we have a quiz night on Friday 20 October. Get your tickets using this link:

<https://www.pta-events.com/fosamh/index.cfm?event=shop>

You can buy a table and send us the names of those on your table or just buy a ticket for yourself and we will make up a table for you. If last years event is anything to go buy it will be a great event.

Thank you!

On behalf of Friends of St Andrew's School

Diary Dates 2023/2024

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

Wednesday, 4/10/2023 – Individual and Sibling Photos (school uniform please)

Thursday, 5/10/2023 – Individual and Sibling Photos (school uniform please)

Friday, 6/10/2023 – Food Bank collection date

Wednesday, 11/10/2023 – EYFS Come and See Morning - 9.10am until 10.10am

Thursday, 12/10/2023 – Y5 Aylmerton 'Come and See' 2.45pm until 3.15pm

Friday, 13/10/2023 – Return Harvest envelopes to school

Friday, 13/10/2023 – Year 6 'Come to school dressed as an WW 2 evacuee'

Monday 23/10/2023 – Friday, 27/11/2023 Half Term

Tuesday, 31/10/2023 – Year 6 Collective Worship 9.10am

Tuesday, 07/11/2023 – Year 5 Collective Worship 9.10am

Wednesday, 8/11/2023 – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening in school – 3.30pm until 5pm

Thursday, 9/11/2023 – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening in school – 3.30pm until 5pm

Tuesday, 14/11/2023 – Year 4 Collective Worship 9.10am

Thursday, 16/11/2023 – Vaccination UK Flu immunisation YR-Y6

Tuesday, 21/11/2023 – Year 3 Collective Worship 9.10am

Friday, 24/11/2023 – Occasional Day school closed

Tuesday, 28/11/2023 – Year 2 Collective Worship 9.10am

Tuesday, 05/12/2023 – Year 1 Collective Worship 9.10am

Monday 11/12/2023 – Cinderella Pantomime trip to South Mill Arts Centre

Tuesday, 12/12/2023 – Year Reception Collective Worship 9.10am

Tuesday, 19/12/2023 – Term ends at 2.00 pm

W/C Monday, 13/05/2023 – Key Stage 2 SATS week

W/C Monday, 3/06/2023 – Brenscombe Week straight after half term (Monday is the INSET day)

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>

School Noticeboard

Citizens Advice East Herts:



Community Information Cafe

Want to know more about services available to families in rural areas?

Why not come along for tea, cake and a chat in **Hunsdon Village Hall** between **9am** and **1pm** on **Tuesday 10th October** to find out?

You'll be able to find out about a wealth of information which could help with access to further support for you and your family, including awareness of services available.



Please contact Emily@communityalliancebeh.org.uk or call
0300 123 1034 to find out more information

