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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Our Value this half term is **COMMUNITY**

### Active October

As a school, we fully understand the importance of active habits that help to develop active lifestyles for our children today and for their future. Being active doesn't only help our physical bodies, but research suggests that it helps children with their social and emotional wellbeing, improves concentration and focus for learning too.

### It's all about the cubes!

Our Daily Mile Running Club has been a long-established activity at school and October sees the start of a new initiative to encourage more children to take part. Every class in school has a jar which needs to be filled with cubes. Cubes are earned by coming along to running club and completing at least 3 laps of the track. If a child completes 10 laps there are bonus cubes on offer! Once the class fills their jar, they receive a special treat from Mrs Small.



Running Club is on every morning (apart from when it is raining) from 8.30-8.45 am and is open to all children. We do ask that parents of children in Y2 and below please stay so that they can be taken to class for the start of the school day.

### Harvest Festival 2023 - Let's crack food poverty at home and in Uganda

A huge thank you to you all for your generosity for this year's Harvest appeal.

**For the local food bank** – Bishop's Stortford Food Bank would like to pass on their sincere thanks for all your fantastic food and toiletry donations. Two volunteers arrived from the Food Bank to collect donations on Tuesday.



### **For the people of Uganda to help buy chickens**

– thank you for all the generous donations that we have received so far. There is still time to return envelopes before Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October and we will let you know the total raised in the next newsletter.

## **Behaviour Policy**


We are very proud of pupil behaviour at St Andrew's. As part of our home/school value of Community, we have recently updated our Behaviour Policy. Children from the Pupil Parliament have added their thoughts and ideas to create a poster to be displayed around the school (see below).


Our full policy can be found on the School website

<https://standrews236.herts.sch.uk/parents/policies/>



**At St Andrew's we try to BE KIND and WORK HARD**

If I...	My teacher will....
Am kind to my friends. Use kind hands and feet. Help other children and grown-ups. Listen to others and follow instructions. Concentrate on my learning. Line up quietly. Share and take turns. Try my best with my work. Respect school property.	Give me a sticker Give me a clippy Tell me that I've done a good job Tell my parent and celebrate my success Give STAR awards <div>  </div> <div>           People will feel...            Happy, fantastic, joyful, pleased,            excited, amazed, warm, proud,            thankful         </div>

If I.....	My teacher will...
Call out or make noises Ignore an adult Distract my friends from their learning Disrupt my friends Rush my work	Talk to me and give me a warning 3 warnings and then a time out
If I answer an adult back rudely Hurt my friends	Give me a time out.
Break any toys or classroom equipment on purpose Stop my friends from playing safely -If I do this more than once	Ask me to fill out a 5W form and that will help me learn about making the right choice of behaviour Talk to my parent Send me to another grown up in charge.
Say a naughty word Keep doing any of the things above Do something dangerous like run out of my classroom	Send me to another grown up in charge Talk to my parent. <div>  </div> <div>           People will feel...            Sad, embarrassed, angry, cross,            annoyed, scared, worried, upset         </div>

At St Andrew's we believe in the power of saying and showing that we are sorry and the importance of forgiveness.

**Let's work together to keep St Andrew's a happy and safe community.**

## **World Mental Health Day 2023**



In recognition of World Mental Health day, that took place this week, the children have been discussing the importance of keeping a healthy brain and mind through the story 'Ruby's Worry'.

An important way we can help to keep worries 'at bay' and tackle problems head on, is to talk and share our thoughts, worries and even our aspirations with a trusted person.



Therefore, to highlight the value of this activity to our children, we would like you to take the time this week, in place of regular homework, to sit down with them and ask them 'What's on your mind?' Or if you prefer, your children could draw a picture of what is happening inside their heads. If it is helpful, you may want to watch the story again at:

([https://youtu.be/l8E6R0lAXqA?si=w74EFqdKitWi\\_xtW](https://youtu.be/l8E6R0lAXqA?si=w74EFqdKitWi_xtW))

For further support or ideas on this topic, please visit:

<https://www.itv.com/britaingettalking/support.html>

## **Sweet Treats**

As a healthy school we encourage the children to choose healthy snacks and treats. We also have an increasing number of children in school with severe allergies. Regretfully, we have taken the decision to no longer hand out sweets that children sometimes bring in for Birthdays.

## **Nativity Dates**

Early Years have their Nativity performance at 9.30am on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

KS1 have their Nativity performance on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (an afternoon and an early evening performance).

The finer details will follow nearer the dates.

## **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.

## **From the Friends of St Andrew's School**

### **CHRISTMAS ARTWORK**

We have organised an exciting **Christmas Design Project** for this Autumn term! This week your child will bring home with them a completed Christmas design along with an order form to order a range of products featuring their personal artwork.

The Christmas designs can be professionally printed and purchased on a range of products including Cards, Tags, Wrapping Paper and Gift Mugs.

**Please keep designs flat and damage free, as marks will show on the final print.**

Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions.

**All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER**

Cards will be delivered by the beginning of December.

Thank you for supporting The Friends

### **QUIZ POSTPONED**

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the quiz night on October 20th. A new date will follow in due course. Anyone who has bought a ticket already will be reimbursed shortly. Apologies for any inconvenience.

## **Diary Dates 2023/2024**

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

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

Wednesday, 06/12/2023 – EYFS Nativity at 9.30am

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

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

Thursday, 14/12/2023 – KS1 Nativity (afternoon and evening performance)

**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)

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## Term Dates for 2023/2024

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



## School Noticeboard

### Little Hadham Brownies

Little Hadham Brownies have spaces at the moment for girls aged 7-10. We meet at the Village Hall in Little Hadham on Tuesdays in term time and the focus is on fun and badges!

Anyone who is interested please contact me on 07976 724558 or [jo436@btinternet.com](mailto:jo436@btinternet.com)

Thank you.

Jo (Wise Owl 🦉)



Parents can  
drop off or  
stay and relax  
with a cuppa

### **THE SECRET ART CLUB**

With Artist Caroline Clark

#### **Half Term Activities:**

Saturday 21st October - Halloween Wreath Making 1pm - 3pm - £20  
Monday 23rd October - Spooky Pumpkins and Ghosts Bubble Painting 10am - 12 noon £10  
Tuesday 24th - Halloween Bag Painting - 10 am - 12 noon - £15  
Wednesday 25th October- Sketchbook Making Workshop 3pm - 5pm - £12  
Thursday 26th October - Halloween Wreath Making - 10 am - 12 noon - £20  
Saturday 28th October - Pet or Favourite Animal Portraits on Canvas - 1 pm - 3 pm - £17

All materials provided - SPACES ARE LIMITED

#### **Address**

The Secret Art House  
Opposite Sheering Village Hall  
Sheering,  
Near Bishops Stortford  
CM22 7LX

#### **Register interest**

Caz Clark (Caroline)  
07847 269 734



**Workshops for  
children aged  
5-11 years**