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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 8th November 2023

Our Value this half term is **HOPE, LOVE AND LIGHT**

Remembrance

This week at school during worship we are focussing on the poppy and its importance as a symbol for remembrance, peace and hope. In picture news we will look at how poppies have evolved through the ages. This will culminate in a special worship on Friday, including a minute's silence at 11am.



We have a Poppy Appeal honesty box outside school for donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal with poppies at pick up and drop off.

Toy Donations

Each year St Andrew's Church collects toys on behalf of local Social Services to be distributed as Christmas gifts to children in care.

To support the Church during the interregnum, the collection this year will take place via St Andrew's School.

If you are having a clear out of your toy cupboard in advance of Christmas, we would very much welcome donations of any new or nearly-new toys or gifts, suitable for gifting, for both boys and girls of any age from birth to seventeen years old.



Please bring your unwrapped donations to the school office anytime from today until the final collection date of 15th December 2023. We will then ensure these are passed on for wrapping and distribution in time for Christmas. Thank you for your support in helping to bring

some much needed Christmas cheer to disadvantaged children in the community.

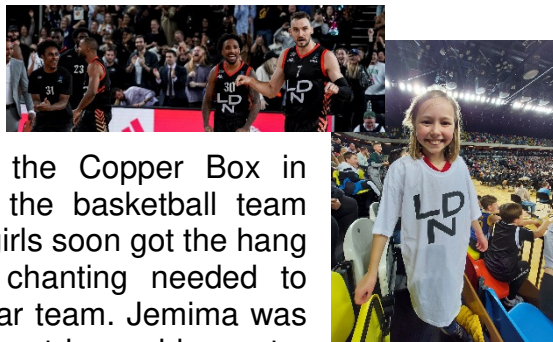
St Andrew's School Christmas Calendar

We are all set for a very exciting and packed December in the run up to Christmas. Please see the attached dates for your diaries. Parents and Carers are invited to join us for the highlighted events.

Basketball



Our Year 5/6 netball team had a fantastic night last Friday at the Copper Box in Stratford, supporting the basketball team 'London Lions'. The girls soon got the hang of the singing and chanting needed to support such a popular team. Jemima was even chosen to take part in a mid-quarter 'mini game' and won a very large T-shirt for her efforts! A great time was had by all.



Think before you send

We have been sent this helpful poster about online safety that you may wish to share with your child at home


Keeping children safe online

Parent Guides to Online Safety

THINK before you send!



If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.




scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with






www.skipssafetynet.org

Reminder – Nut Free School



As our school currently has pupils on roll who suffer from a serious nut allergy, we request that parents and carers do not send food to school that contains nuts or sesame.

This includes; all types of nuts, spreads and sandwich fillings containing nuts like peanut butter and Nutella, cereal and chocolate bars which contain nuts; cakes or biscuits which contain nuts, shop bought houmous or pesto.

Please check food labels if you are unsure about ingredients.

Applying for a School Place September 2024

The online application system for applying for a place in Reception class in September 2024 is now open. www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/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

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>

Our School Development Plan

School Development Priorities – St Andrew's three main priorities 2023-3024:

- 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 2023/2024

Friday, 10/11/2023 – Remembrance Day service in school

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

Friday, 08/12/2023 – Y5 Anglo Saxon Day

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

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

Wednesday, 13/12/2023 – Whole School Christmas lunch (£3.20 for traditional Christmas lunch)

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

03/06/2023 – 07/06/2023 – Brenscombe Week straight after half term (Monday is the INSET day)

Term Dates for 2023/2024

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| 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> |

www.muchhadham.org.uk/muchhadhamchristmasparty

MUCH HADHAM CHRISTMAS PARTY

 *Supporting*
Acorn House
CHARITY # 1610435

 **The Sick
Children's
Trust**
NHS Charitable Incorporated Foundation
CHARITY # 1610435

**MUCH HADHAM
VILLAGE HALL
CHARITY # 303451**

**SATURDAY
16TH
DECEMBER**

WHAT'S THAT

FOOD BAR RAFFLE
7:30 PM - 11:30 PM
TICKETS £12.50

Much Hadham Village Hall, SG10 6DQ





Herts Music Service are on a recruitment drive for pupils to attend groups within the East Herts and Broxbourne area, so much can be gained by attending groups -musically and socially.

Please find below poster for the group that Herts Music Service run at their centre in Bishop's Stortford.



Hertfordshire Music Service

Music Groups for all school ages

Join a music group or ensemble at

Bishop's Stortford Music Centre

Based at Birchwood High School CM23 5BD



- ♪ excellent musical tuition
- ♪ highly experienced music teachers
- ♪ convenient venue
- ♪ friendly and helpful group members
- ♪ learning and playing modern and popular music
- ♪ performance opportunities at termly concerts
- ♪ groups from young beginners to seasoned instrumentalists
- ♪ teamwork
- ♪ reinforce learning from individual lessons
- ♪ develop musical connections
- ♪ two week try out
- ♪ warm welcome

SATURDAY MUSIC GROUPS AND ENSEMBLES

Junior Music Group

9.00-9.40am

Ages 4-7 for beginners

String Group

9.45-10.45am

Anyone able to play 5 notes or more

Senior Wind Band

9.50-10.50am

Any wind and brass instrument grade 4 and above

Orchestra

11.00-12.00 midday

Any instrument

On-line Theory Group

(book through Hertford Music Centre)

9.00-9.40am

Grade 3/4 and able to work independently

FRIDAY MUSIC GROUPS AND ENSEMBLES

Junior Brass Ensemble

4.30-5.10pm

Anyone able to play 5 notes or more on a brass instrument

Training Band

5.30-6.30pm

Anyone able to play 5 notes or more on any instrument

Ensemble sign up



Each ensemble fee is £59.00 per term or, if you join more than one ensemble, consider the HMS Ensemble Membership for £109 per term to join and participate in more HMS ensembles for no extra cost; T&C's apply as per website

To register on line please visit <https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

or scan the Ensemble sign up QR code above

For further information please e-mail

bstortfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

or call 01992 556 752 (term time only)

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Have YOU got
what it takes
to turn
the page?

Are you aged 8+?
Come and join us to complete fun
activities, chat about books and
make new friends!

Bishop's Stortford Library 4pm-5pm
22nd November until 13th December
£2.50 per session.
Places limited please book at the library.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

