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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 16th November 2023

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

Children in Need 'Be Spotacular' – Non-uniform day

This Friday 17th November for Children in Need we are encouraging the children to 'Be Spotacular'. Children are invited to come into school wearing 'something spotty' in return for a small donation to Children in Need. Please don't go out and buy items especially. A couple of paper spots pinned to an old jumper would be perfect.

Please ensure shoes are suitable for running and playing.

Our Year 6 children will be collecting cash in their Children in Need buckets at the beginning and end of the day on Friday.



Remembrance Service

Last Friday, we held a special Remembrance Service in school. Mrs Dimond spoke to the children about the important job done by the armed forces to keep everyone safe. Miles and Ralph showed the medals that their daddy had been awarded and two minutes silence was observed to think about those who had been and continue to be affected by war.

After the service, each class visited our stone cross to say prayers and give thanks. Each class made an amazing 'Poppy' contribution, which can be seen in the school entrance hall. They are absolutely beautiful!



Parent Teacher Consultations

It was lovely to welcome you all at parent teacher consultations last week. Thank you for attending the meetings with teachers to support your child's progress.

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.

We would very much welcome donations of any new (or pristine/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 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.



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 2023-2024:

- 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 Friend of St Andrew's School

CHARITY # 1069760
Friends of St. Andrew's

CHRISTMAS ELFRIDGES
TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER
&
WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

BUY YOUR SHOPPING VOUCHERS HERE:
[HTTPS://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.COM/FOSAMH](https://www.pta-events.com/fosamh)

Christmas FILM NIGHT
Featuring "The Grinch"
Friday 1st December
£4.50 per child
4pm - 6pm
St Andrew's Primary School,
Much Hadham
NB: Please bring a blanket & cushion for comfort.

www.pta-events.com /fosamh
Charity # 1069760

Tea Towels

There's still time to order your tea towels and coasters.

The towels and coasters make fantastic Christmas gifts for loved ones and are a great keepsake.

Orders are via PTA Events <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosamh/index.cfm?event=login¬LoggedIn=true&success=products>

Deadline for orders is 20 November.

For any questions please get in touch via friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com

Diary Dates 2023/2024

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

Friday, 17/11/2023 – Children in Need 'Be Spotacular'

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

Wednesday, 22/11/2023 – Y4 Egyptian Day

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

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

Thursday, 30/11/2023 – St Andrew's Day
Thursday, 30/11/2023 – Parent Forum

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

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.muchhadhamvillagehall.co.uk/muchhadhamvillagehallchristmasparty

MUCH HADHAM CHRISTMAS PARTY

Supporting
Acorn House

 The Sick
Children's
Trust
NHS Charities Together
CHARITY # 1610635

MUCH HADHAM
VILLAGE HALL
CHARITY # 303931

**SATURDAY
16TH
DECEMBER**

WHAT'S THAT

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

Much Hadham Village Hall, SG10 6DO



*LIVE MUSIC
FROM*



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.