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Covid Guidance following easing of National Covid Restrictions

With the easing of National Covid restrictions, I wanted to let you know the stance that we will take at St Andrew's, in line with the latest guidance from the DfE and Hertfordshire County Council, in order to try to minimise the impact of Covid on the learning of our children and to keep everyone as safe as possible:

- Staff and children are no longer asked to take lateral flow tests as a result of being a close contact.
- Staff and children who are exhibiting symptoms of Covid will be asked to take a PCR test (for as long as they are available). Those who test negative may return to school as soon as they feel well. Those who test positive will be asked to stay at home for at least 5 days and then return to school when they feel well enough.
- School will continue with high levels of hygiene and cleanliness.
- School will continue to keep areas well ventilated.
- School will continue to put in contingency plans in the event of an outbreak (5 or more connected cases). This may involve scaling back events and putting classes temporarily back into bubbles.
- We ask that you continue to keep us informed if your child has Covid or Covid symptoms and to not send children into school if they are unwell.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Mrs Dimond

Parent forum

Thank you to all who attended the Parent Forum on 28th February and to those parents and carers who left feedback with their class rep. The topics brought for future discussion included:

- home/school communication,
- lunchtime and after school clubs and
- opportunities to further foster home/school links, particularly face to face ones!

Mrs Cole and I are already looking forward to our next Parent Forum on Thursday 28th March at 2.30pm where home/school communication will be on the agenda. Mrs Dimond

Website

Our school website www.standrews236.herts.sch.uk is a great place to find class information, term dates and news, links for uniform, lunches, milk, the School Gateway and other useful information.

Year 3 and 4's Drama Production

Please save the dates Monday, and Tuesday 28th and 29th March 2022 for Year 3 and Year 4's drama production 'Plastic Pirates' There will be a performance for Year 3 parents and carers on Monday evening and Year 4 parents and carers on Tuesday evening. More information to follow.



Spiritual Garden

St Andrew's is developing its very own spiritual garden. During whole school worship this morning, the children were introduced to the word 'spirituality', what it might mean and when they might feel it.

The children in Years 4 and 6 have worked with Mrs Dimond to develop their ideas for the garden and over the coming weeks, the whole school will work together to bring some of these ideas alive!

If you have any of the following that you would be happy to donate to the garden, please let us know: all weather bean bags, cushions or chairs, wooden pallets, old car hub caps, solar powered water feature. Thank you so much.



Picture News

During class worship time the children have been learning about events from in the News. Each week we look at a current news story which can provide the opportunity for us to learn from our world and develop respect for other's beliefs, feelings and faiths. This week, the events in Ukraine have encouraged us to think and talk about 'compassion'.

Resource 

What is compassion?

Share your thoughts to the questions below...

What is compassion? Who are your neighbours?
Can you think of a time in your life when you helped others?
Do you think the world be different if more people showed compassion?

What does the bible have to say?

"Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."
Proverbs 11:25

Christians believe that their behaviours and thoughts must reflect the kindness and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone.

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Resource 

Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the story.

What's happening in Ukraine?

Ukraine and Russia have a lot of unsettled history. The two countries used to be part of the Soviet Union, from 1922-1991. Some Ukrainians want their country to have closer ties to the western countries, but others want it to have closer ties to Russia. Over the past few days, Russia have launched a wave of attacks on Ukraine with Russian forces launched a major military assault on Ukraine on Thursday morning.

How are Ukraine's neighbouring countries helping?

Countries who share a border with Ukraine have been preparing for the arrival of refugees. Maia Sandu, Moldova's president said she was prepared to help Ukrainian refugees. Slovakia, Hungary and Poland have also said they are ready to welcome refugees and are sending extra troops to manage people arriving at crossings set up on their borders with Ukraine.

How are the UK and wider world helping Ukraine?

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced sanctions to have a negative impact on the Russian economy and he's said that the UK was one of the first countries in Europe to send defensive weapons to help Ukraine.

There are many charities that are offering support including UNICEF, who are working across eastern Ukraine to deliver life-saving programmes for children. Sunflower of Peace is another charity who are helping paramedics and doctors, and have been fundraising for supplies, which include medical backpacks.


Pictured above: Ukraine in orange and Russia in Green

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Vandalism

Over the weekend our Early Years garden was vandalised and a group of boys were seen in the playground on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. We do not think that these children attend St Andrew's but we would be grateful if you could keep an eye out and let the Police know (telephone number 101) if you see anything suspicious. Thank you.

Admissions to Nursery Class for September 2022

Parents wishing to apply for a place at St Andrew's School Nursery in September 2022 can apply using the Admission to Nursery Class 2022-23 form available from the school website. The deadline for applications is Friday, 11th March 2022.

New Diary Dates

We are so pleased to see school life getting 'back to normal' and we have added some new diary dates and events. Please see below.

Diary Dates 2021/22

Thursday, 03/03/2022 – Year 6 Quicksticks Hockey competition

Friday, 04/03/2022 – World Book Day at St Andrew's (dress in bright colours to celebrate 'Our Colourful World')

Monday, 07/03/2022 – Spiritual Garden Week

Thursday, 10/03/2022 – Y5 Maths Challenge

Friday, 18/03/2022 – Red Nose Day (wear something red and bring in a donation)

Tuesday, 22/03/2022 – Young Shakespeare

Tuesday and Wednesday, 22 and 23/02/2022 – PTA Mothering Sunday Shop

Thursday, 24/03/2022 – Parent Forum Meeting at 2.30 pm

Monday, 28/03/2022 and Tuesday, 29/03/2022 – Y3/Y4 Production (Plastic Pirates) – Evening performance for Y3 Parents and Carers on Monday and evening performance for Y4 Parents and Carers on Tuesday

Wednesday, 30/03/2022 – Easter Service at Church 09.30-11.00

Thursday, 31/03/2022 – EYFS Easter Garden Party

Thursday, 31/03/2022 – PTA Easter Egg Hunt after school

Monday – Friday, 09-13/05/2022 – KS1 and KS2 SATs Week

Tuesday, 17/05/2022 – Y6 Crucial Crew

Monday – Friday, 23-27/05/2022 – Y6 Brenscombe Trip

Wednesday, 08/06/2022 – Y4 Faith Tour

Diary Dates 2022/23

Monday – Wednesday 10-12/10/2022 – Y5 Aylmerton Trip

Term Dates for 2022

Spring Term 2022	
Friday, 1 April 2022	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2022	
<i>Tuesday, 19 April 2022</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 20 April 2022	Term begins
Monday, 30 May to Friday, 3 June 2022	Half term
<i>Monday, 6 June 2022</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday 20 July 2022	Term ends 2pm
Thursday 21 July 2022	Inset – school closed
Friday 22 July 2022	Day in lieu of additional Bank Holiday

Term Dates for 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022	
<i>Thursday, 1 September 2022</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
<i>Friday, 2 September 2022</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Monday, 5 September 2022	Term begins
Monday, 24 October 2022 – Friday, 28 October 2022	Half Term
<i>Friday, 25 November 2022</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 21 December 2022	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2023	
<i>Thursday, 5 January 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Friday, 6 January 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Monday, 9 January 2023	Term begins
Monday, 13 February 2023 – Friday, 17 February 2023	Half Term
Friday, 31 March 2023	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2023	
Monday, 17 April 2023	Term begins
Monday, 29 May 2023 – Friday, 2 June 2023	Half Term
<i>Monday, 5 June 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 21 July 2023	Term ends 2pm

Contact email for the Friends of St Andrew's School:

friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com

School Noticeboard



Children and Families at St Andrew's Church in March



Sunday, 6 March, 9:15 am, **Communion for all the Church Family.**

A short all-age service, with coffee and pastries before the service at 9 am.



Saturday, 19 March, 4.30 pm, **Messy Church** in the church.

Messy Church is for families with children of all ages from birth to primary school year 6.

Join us for tea, fun activities and a celebration.



27 March is Mother's Day.

Come and join us for our **Mothering Sunday Service** at 9.15 am.

A short all-age service in which we express our gratitude to our mothers by giving out flowers. We have coffee and pastries before the service at 9 am.

Keep an eye open on our website www.riverashchurches.org.uk for details of other events – or go to our Facebook page [Christmas at Saint Andrew's Church, Much Hadham](#).

!HELP FOR UKRAINE!

6th March 2022

Much Hadham 29, Windmill Way

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!

The Polish shop in Harlow is organising a *collection of vital items* to deliver to *Ukrainian refugees* in Poland.

You can drop off any items to the Polish shop –any time- (*Mini delikatesy Kubus, CM20 1JS Harlow*) ...or to the *address listed above on 6th March*, where you will be greeted with some homemade cake.

LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED – in good condition please!

- Blankets, THERMAL BLANKETS
- Blow-up mattresses
- Insulated foam mats
- Bedding
- Towels
- Sleeping bags
- Food with long EXP date (not in jars)
- Thermoses
- Nappies
- Power banks
- Batteries
- Medical masks
- Antibac wipes/sprays
- Bandages/ dressings
- Plasters
- Baby/feeding bottles
- ~~Stuffed toys~~
- Wet wipes

- FIRST AID KITS
- PAINKILLERS
- Hygiene products for any age... toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soaps, sanitary towels
- SUDOCREM

Please spread the word!

Kind regards, Mirek and Justyna Grzywacz

Any questions, please contact me on 07927 185115

DON'T SHOUT AT ME!!

5 Steps To A Calmer Family Life



- Fed up with shouting?
- Are you constantly repeating yourself?
- Getting into constant power struggles with your child?
- Do you want tips and strategies to deal with angry children?
- Want to know how to model and teach safe ways of expressing anger?

Webinar style session for parents & carers of children aged 5-11.
Come and listen to our expert speaker and discover new ways of approaching angry behaviours,
to develop a calmer family life



Date: Tuesday 15th March '22
Time : 9.30am - 11.30am
Price: £2.00 per household

Booking Information

Please contact
Jo at ASPECTS
Family Support Service

admin@aspects.org.uk
or call 01279 758134



SCAN ME

TechSafe

An interactive workshop for parents & carers of East Herts (children aged 5-11)



Safer Gaming for children with SEND

Date: Tuesday 15th March 2022

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Price: FREE

This workshop is for residents of East Herts
(Includes Bishop Stortford, Hertford, Ware, Sawbridgeworth, Buntingford and

This interactive workshop will be delivered via Zoom



We will discuss:

- The benefits of gaming for children and young people with SEND
- How to reduce the risks associated with gaming for children and young people with SEND
- Is this game suitable for my child?
- Time Management

To book this FREE interactive session funded by East Herts Council.

Please email: admin@aspects.org.uk

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