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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 28th February 2024

Our Value this half term is **HEART FOR THE EARTH**

Early Years Mud Kitchen – Miss Sharp

I hope you are having a wonderful half term. We are very excited to welcome you all back and reveal our new EYFS mud kitchen area. I know the new set up will provide huge learning opportunities and endless amounts of fun.

However, we would love to ask if anyone has any spare or old resources that we can use in our new mud kitchen. We are looking for things like:

- ladles, spatulas, potato mashers, wooden/plastic spoons, measuring spoons etc
- muffin trays, silicon moulds etc
- pots, pans, jugs, bowls
- enamel/metal cups, plates etc
- plastic boxes with lids for storage/ plastic chest of drawers
- an outside table and chairs



We thank you for your help and really appreciate anything you can donate to us!

Reception Class Easter Come and See Day

On Tuesday, 19th March, we would love to invite Reception parents to join us for whole school worship at 9.10 am, followed by time spent in the classroom and outdoor garden with your child. This should finish around 10:15am.

There will be lots of opportunities to see how the children have progressed in their learning and the different types of activities they can now do. We will also be selling the Easter chocolate nest that your child has made in class. Our activities will revolve around the life cycle of a frog and the celebration of Easter. We hope you can come and can't wait to show off all the amazing learning Reception can do.

HFL Online Safety Newsletter for Parents

Please see attached the Spring 2024 edition of the Hertfordshire online safety newsletter.

School Uniform

As you are aware Fosters Schoolwear, our school uniform supplier, recently went into liquidation. We are currently liaising with alternative local companies and will provide more details about our new suppliers in the next few weeks.

The Little Bracelet Company

Well done to Olivia, Florence, Seren and Hayden in Year 4 who raised an amazing £120.92 in sales from their *Little Bracelet Company* in February. The children were raising money for Cancer Research UK, The Salvation Army and The British Red Cross. Thank you to everyone for supporting them and a special thanks to Mrs Purves for her help enabling the children to set everything up.

Mindset Movers – Mrs Small

As part of our continuous commitment to pupil personal development, we will be introducing a Peer Mediation programme at playtimes and lunchtimes, which will be known as Mindset Movers.

Peer Mediation has been a nationally recognised programme for many years, and is a specific form of conflict resolution led by pupil mediators but managed by teachers. It helps pupils find fair, mutually acceptable, solutions to school-based problems, by helping children to resolve simple disagreements themselves with the emphasis on restoring relationships.



Our Y5 pupils opted for the name Mindset Movers following their training because they liked the idea of helping others to change their mindset and look at a problem from another's point of view. All our Peer Mediators will be supported by Mrs Small and Mrs Dean. The Mindset Movers will be talking to the children in class worship this week and starting in the playground next week.

Visit from Dr Leema Jabbar, Children's Book Author (Year 2, 3 and 4)



We are delighted that Dr Leema Jabbar, GP and children's book author, will be visiting the children on Friday, 1st March 2024.

Leema is on a mission to promote diversity and body positivity and inspiring children to embrace each other's differences. Leema will also be reading her new book 'Love my Skin Outside In'.

If you would like your child to read along with Leema, she is offering her book at a reduced price of £6.99 to our pupils. You can pre-order your signed copy on her website leemajabbar.co.uk/ using the coupon code '**SCHOOL**' once you have added it to the cart, and then tick 'free delivery' to local schools.

Please record your child's name and school in the order notes before payment. (Please do not use Apple Pay for this as the voucher will not work).

Nursery Places

We are now accepting applications for entry into the Nursery class in September 2024, for those children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021. For parents wishing to apply, please complete and return the Nursery Class 2024-25 Admission form that can be found on the school website <https://standrews236.herts.sch.uk/about-us/nursery-admissions/>. Hard copies can be obtained from 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.

School lunch price increase notification

Hertfordshire Catering Ltd have informed us of a price increase for the new financial year. Therefore, from 1 April 2024, the price of a junior paid school meal will be £3.35. This is in line with other schools.



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

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>



As part of our ongoing effort to become more environmentally friendly we are starting a 'reduce, reuse and recycle' section here in the newsletter. Please consider donating your items to school if you have a clearout.

In particular, this week we are hoping to find:

- **Pots, saucepans, utensils for EYFS mud kitchen**

Thank you so much to those families for all the fabulous donated items we have received this term for our new role play zone and calm room.

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 Friends of St Andrew's School

Second Hand World Book Day Costume Sale

We will have a second-hand costume stall after school on most days working up to World Book Day on 7th March 2024.

Secret Gift Shop

Mothers' Day is coming up and there will be a secret gift shop in school to allow the children to buy a gift for those special people in their lives.

Date: Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March 2024

Gifts will vary in price from £2-£10

We would kindly ask you to pre-pay your vouchers so we know how many presents to have ready, as we want everyone to have a selection of gifts to choose from. Cash will be accepted on the day but, pre-paid vouchers would be much appreciated.

Vouchers are available through PTA Events using the following link, or ask your class rep:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosamh/index.cfm?event=login¬LoggedIn=true&>

EGM – Friday, 1st March 2024

The Friends will be holding an EGM in school on Friday, 1st March at 2.30 pm. The main business of the meeting will be to adopt an updated constitution, a copy of which can be reviewed in the school office. Please come along and find out more about what the Friends do.

Many thanks for your support.

The PTA

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Diary Dates 2024

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

Friday, 01/03/2024 – A visit from Dr Leema Jabbar, children's author (Y2, 3 and 4)

Friday, 01/03/2024 – The Friends of St Andrew's School EGM at 2.30 pm

Monday, 04/03/2024 – KS2 Young Shakespeare

Tuesday, 05/03/2024 – Year 2 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Thursday, 07/03/2024 – World Book Day (wear something book related)

W/C Monday, 11/03/2024 – Y6 Bikeability week

W/C 11/03/2024 and 18/03/2024 – The Big Walk and Wheel

Tuesday, 12/03/2024 – Year 1 Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Book Fair – Friday, 15/03/2024 and Monday, 18/03 and Tuesday 19/03/2024

Tuesday, 19/03/2024 – Year Reception Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday, 19/03/2024 – Year Reception Parents Easter Come and See Day

Wednesday, 20/03/2024 – YR School Nurse

Tuesday, 26/03/2024 – Year Nursery Parents invited to Collective Worship (9.10 – 9.40)

Tuesday 26/03/2024 – Nursery Parents Easter Come and See Day

Tuesday, 26/03/2024 – Y3 and Y4 'The Bee Musical' Performances at 2 pm and 5.30 pm

W/C Monday, 22/04/2024 – Y3 Swimming

Thursday, 02/05/2024 – Photographer - whole class photographs

W/C Monday, 13/05/2024 – Key Stage 2 SATS week

03/06/2024 – 07/06/2024 – Brenscombe Week straight after half term (Monday is the INSET day)

Wednesday, 25/09/2024 – Friday, 27/09/2024 – Y5 at Aylmerton

02/10/2024 and 03/10/2024 – Photographer – individual and sibling portraits

Term Dates for 2023/2024

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
Monday, 3 June	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 19 July 2024	Term ends 2pm
Monday, 22 July 2024	<i>Inset – School closed</i>
Monday, 23 July 2024	<i>Inset – School closed</i>

Term Dates for 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2023	
Monday, 2 September 2024	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
Tuesday, 3 September 2024	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 4 September 2024	Term begins
Monday, 28 October - Friday 1 November 2024	Half term
Friday, 29 November 2024	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 20 December 2024	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2025	
Monday, 6 January 2025	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 7 January 2025	Term begins
Monday, 17 February to Friday, 21 February 2025	Half term
Friday, 4 April	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday, 22 April 2025	Term begins
Monday, 26 May to Friday, 30 May 2025	Half term
Monday, 2 June 2025	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 3 June 2025	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 23 July 2025	Term ends 2pm



MUCH HADHAM WRAPAROUND CLUBS



At Much Hadham Preschool

Session times & Fees

Breakfast Club:

7.30am—9am £7.50

After School Club:

3pm—4pm £6

3pm—6pm £18

To book your 1st session, please complete
the Clubs registration form via our website:

www.muchhadhampreschool.co.uk/clubs

Bookings can then be made by emailing us
at: muchhadhampreschool@yahoo.co.uk