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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 13th March 2024

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

World Book Day 2024 – Mrs Cole

What a joyful and exciting day we had at St Andrew's celebrating World Book Day. The children looked amazing and it was so lovely to see how enthusiastic they were about their book characters.

We also thoroughly enjoyed all of the 'wild' and 'extreme' reading photos that you sent in, a big thank you to all those who took part. There were over 70 entries and we had great fun showing these in our World Book Day worship on Thursday morning. There were winners across each phase who received a £5 book voucher for the Scholastic Book Fair at school. However, each child, who took part, also received a small prize.



Please come to our Book Fair at school this **Friday, 15th March, Monday, 18th March and Tuesday 19th March**. Please note cash or card payments only, ApplePay is not accepted. We look forward to seeing you there!



Robotic Hands – Mrs Campbell

Year 5 have been learning about bionics in STEM and the complex structure of our human hand. As part of our Mission to Mars we made prototype bionic hands to allow robots to help us manipulate objects for astronauts to use. Cardboard represented the skin, straws for bones, string for tendons and rubber bands for muscles.



Quicksticks Hockey Competition – Mrs Small

On Thursday 7th March, a team of Year 5 pupils attended the Quicksticks Hockey competition at Birchwood School. In total, 14 schools took part, and the children, as always, represented St Andrew's brilliantly. They showed great enthusiasm and super teamwork throughout the whole event. My grateful thanks to parents who re-organised their day in order to transport the children to and from the event and to Mr Dean and Mrs Godfrey for looking after the children throughout the morning.



FA's 'Biggest Football Session Ever'

Last Friday lunchtime, girls across the school were invited to take part in the FA's 'Biggest Football Session Ever'. Mrs Watson and Mrs Small ran activities and matches for over 60 girls on the school field. It was the opportunity to introduce the sport to some, boost confidence and develop skills of others, but most importantly to be active and have fun with football. Thank you to all the girls for taking part and to Mrs Watson and Mrs Small for organising the event.



Maths Challenge

Huge congratulations to Imogen, Isadora, Daisy and Holly, who successfully completed the Year 5 Maths Challenge last week. Not only did they achieve an amazing score, but out of 250 schools, they have made it through to the top 20 schools who will be competing in the upcoming finals. What an amazing achievement!



Art Competition

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4-19 and studying in the UK. Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artwork will be displayed online and onsite at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes will be awarded to inspiring artworks across each key stage. Parents and Carers can submit artworks via the RA website <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>.

Entries can be submitted up to 27th March 2024

The Big Walk and Wheel 2024

This week and next week is the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. It's the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved. Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as you can during the two weeks 11th-22nd March 2024. For those who need to drive to school, we have an agreement with Much Hadham Village Hall, who are happy for their carpark to be used at the beginning and end of the day for those wishing to 'Park and Stride' during the two week period.



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 clear out:

In particular, this week we are hoping to find:

- **Boys and girls pants/knickers (age 6-8) for spares in Y2**
- **Pots, saucepans, utensils for EYFS mud kitchen**

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.

News from the Friends of St Andrew's School

Upcoming dates for your diaries:

- Thursday, 14th March 2024 – Cake Sale Y3 and Y4
- Wednesday, 27th March 2024 – Easter Trail
- Thursday, 18th April 202 – Cake Sale Y5 and Y6
- Friday, 10th May 2024 – Quiz Night
- Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th June 2024 – Someone Special Shop
- Friday, 28th June 2024 – Summer Fair

Many thanks for your support.

The PTA

friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com

Diary Dates 2024

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

**** PTA events ****

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)

Thursday 14/03/2024 – Cake Sale Y3 and Y4 (PTA)

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 2.15 pm and 5.30 pm

Wednesday, 27/03/2024 – Easter Trail (PTA)

Thursday, 18/03/2024 – Cake Sale Y5 and Y6 (PTA)

W/C Monday, 22/04/2024 – Y3 Swimming

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

Friday, 10/05/2024 – PTA Quiz Night

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)

Tuesday & Wednesday 11&12/06/2024 – Someone Special Shop (PTA)

Friday, 28/06/2024 – PTA Summer Fair

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

School Noticeboard

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ADULTS @ Grange Paddocks

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

KIDS @ Jackson Square

SUNDAYS
4-5 9:45AM
6-7 10:25AM
8-12 11:10AM

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SECRET ART CLUB PRESENTS

EASTER ART CAMP

With artist Caroline Clark
School years 3-6

Activities:

- Printing
- Collage
- 3D work
- Painting on wood
- Plus feed the chickens
- Outside space with trampoline

Dates:

Tuesday April 9th 9am - 3pm
Wednesday April 10th 9am - 3pm

Book now at:

www.carolinedarkartist.com
07847 269 734

Address:

The Secret Art House
Behind Sheering Village
Hall,
Sheering
CM22 7LX

Advance booking
£30

Booking on the day £35

Perry Grove & Green Tea
PRESERVATION SOCIETY

EASTER MONDAY 1ST APRIL 2-4PM
AT PRINCE OF WALES MARQUEE GREEN TYE

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Easter trail, scavenger hunt, tea and cake sale

Collect your trail maps from the pub and follow the clues around the footpath. Riddle solving scavenger hunt for the older ones - get your teams together!

RSVP to PGGEaster@gmail.com by 28th March with the number of children and their ages

Free entry, donations welcome
If you can bring a cake to help us this day please get in touch!



EASTER HOLIDAYS

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SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION
or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps

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Woodland Rangers

Easter Forest School Sessions



This is where the adventure begins... Easter holiday club for primary school age children 5-11.

Time: 9.30am to 4pm

When:

Monday 8th April - Sticks, tools and Woodland crafts

Tuesday 9th April - Dens and knots

Wednesday 10th April - Fire Safety and Campfire cooking

Where: Millennium Woods, Little Hadham, Herts, SG11 2ED

£35.00 per day, All three days all £90.00 - Sibling discounts available

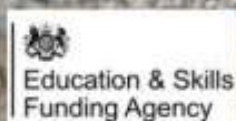
To make your booking please visit our website

www.woodlandrangers.co.uk



School Support Careers

**FULLY FUNDED
Online Course**



**Available in
Levels 1, 2 & 3**

Are you looking for a job that fits in around your family? Gain the necessary qualifications to support you, fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

Levels 1, 2 & 3 for School Support Course with a Guaranteed Job Interview.

- **Our classes are based online - Run only in term time - During school hours to fit in with the school run -**

Course Times

- Total of 5 days per week (Mon-Fri) for 6 weeks
- There are 2 lessons per day (9.30am – 11am) & (1pm – 2pm)
- Must have internet access and a laptop or tablet.

- **No prior experience necessary -**

Eligibility Criteria

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Must Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit). If you live in Merseyside, you do not need to claim any benefits.
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

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