



St. Andrew's News

October 2021



Excellence
Nurture
Respect
Integrity
Community
Hope

Diary Dates

12th October: individual school photographs

21st October: children break up for half-term

22nd October: INSET day

1st November: children return to school

3rd November: shoebox appeal donations in by today

17th November: flu vaccination for pupils in Reception to Year 6

Hello!

Who can believe that we have entered our fifth full week of term? Time has flown by and it has been great to see all the children settling into their new classrooms and new routines so well.

We would like to welcome all those pupils and their families who are new to St. Andrew's and we very much hope that you enjoy your time in your new school.

Our School Values

This term we are focusing on the value of excellence. We have talked about what this means to us and that we can all be truly excellent, not by being the best, but by doing our best. We have celebrated much excellence in our Friday assemblies already, with children doing their best with their school work, their behaviour for learning and their kindness towards others. We would love to hear of any times when you have caught your child or children doing their best and living our school value of excellence!

Covid

As you may know, we have had several cases of Covid in school, amongst both pupils and staff. We are continuing to implement regular handwashing, cleaning of frequently touched surfaces in the classroom, ensuring good ventilation and limiting group sizes using the hall by holding assemblies via Zoom and having year group sittings at lunchtime. We are doing our best, but please be aware that things might not return to normal as quickly as you might have been expecting. Thank you to everyone who has helped us maintain this good practice, which shall continue until cases start to decline.

Welcome back from the PTA!

We'd like to take a moment to thank everyone for their contributions to fundraising last year; we raised a massive amount, nearly £10,000!

This helped contribute to some amazing things in memory of Mr Anderson and his love of music, including new musical equipment in the playground and a bench, we also bought each year group a wet play kit which is starting to come in handy! If you haven't seen it yet, there's a new science board outside Year 5's classroom. The PTA also bought an iPad charging station and over £800 of new reading level books.

This year, the PTA is back bigger than ever with some of the old favourites and hopefully some new additions to fundraising....and we have a big project planned!

How do the PTA do this? With a dedicated core committee and a heap of handy helpers! And that's where you come in... can't commit to meetings or a position, but can help wrap, man a stall for an hour, be a class rep or sell raffle tickets? Then ask to join our handy helpers list and when we need you we'll email - you choose how much you can help!

Just email us at pta@st-andrews-pri.cambs.sch.uk to join us!

Shoebox Appeal

As you may have seen from the leaflets the children have brought home, we are running a shoebox appeal again this year. Please send in any items from the Wish List, together with a £3 donation, with your child by 3rd November and we will pack and wrap the shoe boxes ready for distribution. Thank you!



Allergy Notification

Please note that we have a pupil in school with a severe nut allergy. We ask therefore that you do not send your child to school with any food containing nuts, or nut products. Thank you!

Safety First

Cars are regularly parked on the school roundabout at the beginning and end of the day. Please help to keep our school community safe by not parking, or leaving your car running, on the roundabout at any time of the school day.

Harvest Celebration

We will be having our school Harvest Festival on Monday 18th October. Revd. Eleanor and all those at the Soham Foodbank would be very grateful if you were able to donate food items for the occasion, including, for example:

- Long life milk
- Tinned tomatoes
- Dried rice
- Tinned puddings - custard, rice pudding or sponges

Thank you!