



*Deep Christian roots, nurturing
strong growth, flourishing
children'*

St. Andrew's Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you to bearing with us as the replacement perimeter fence was being installed over the last couple of days. The job, as is so often the case, has proved more challenging than initially thought, but is well on the way to being completed.

The children are really excelling in their learning and I've been moved to tears on several occasions this week with the quality of writing children have brought to me. Particular 'well dones' to Issy and George in Year 6 for their myth openings. We clearly have some budding authors amongst us. We welcomed the local charity Actiotrack, a performing Arts company, into school this week.

I found it really inspiring because even if you feel shy, they gave you the confidence to have a go at performing. Rachel (Y4)

I found it really challenging, but I was really proud of what I achieved, especially the pyramid challenge! Jake (Y4)

It's really helped with my writing, because it's helped me to plan in my head and imagine more clearly what I want to write. William (Y4)

Stars of the Week

MAPLE– Jack

HAZEL– Luke

HOLLY– Mica

WILLOW– Emily B

OAK– Tegan



Pre-School

Pre-school have continued exploring their theme 'People who Help Us' this week. They had a visit from the postman who spoke about how a letter gets delivered. The children then wrote letters and posted them in the post box and are awaiting their arrival. The dental nurse also visited us at the beginning of the week and we learnt about the importance of looking after our teeth.

The Week Ahead

On Tuesday we look forward to our second football match of the tournament to be played at home against Marshwood and the Space Dome is landing on Wednesday ready for Maple and Hazel classes to explore. Pre-school are looking forward to the RNLI visiting on Wednesday too.

Parent Forum

This term's Parent Forum will be held on Thursday 9th February at 6.30pm. As you know, this is your opportunity as parents to contribute to the shape and success of the school. The last Parent Forum clearly impacted on the school – we now have a lot more sporting opportunities and safeguarding concerns are being addressed. If you have any questions or queries for this term's meeting, please email the school office, drop comments into the comments box in the school office before next Friday.

Reading Dogs

Molly and Willow are coming to school regularly now and have begun to move into Willow classroom for their visits. They remain safe in their crates when listening to readers, but are starting to get used to being petted by the children. As you will appreciate, this is a slow process and needs to be handled carefully for the mutual benefit of the dogs and children.

Lunches

Please can you ensure that a menu has been returned with your child's choices for hot school lunches. We need to know the week before so that Portlock's Pantry can order the correct amount of ingredients. We are unable to add and delete children on a daily basis .

MAT News

I'm often asked how St Andrew's benefits from being a member of the Acorn Multi Academy Trust. The obvious benefits include the sporting opportunities and shared residentials for the children, but the staff also benefit hugely from being members of the MAT. We have monthly joint staff meetings to share good practice and explore new developments together. Subject co-ordinators meet termly to keep up to date with their subjects and as Heads of School, we meet fortnightly to look at strategy and best practise for our schools. Our purchasing power, as a group of 6 schools, rather than an individual one is also significantly improved.

Activities at Axminster Library

We will be celebrating Harry Potter Book Night on Thursday 2 February between 4pm and 5pm.

Children will be able to make a tiny keepsake box in the colours of the Hogwarts house that they choose to be in. There will be something special to put in the box.

We will also have a treasure hunt around the library.

We always provide crafts activities for children any time we are open during the school holidays and this February half term we are making owls from scrap material.

We hope the children will also help us make a huge owl display in the library.

We are open Monday 10-1, Tuesday 10-6, Thursday 10-5 and Saturday 10-1.

All our activities are free. They suit all ages, boys and girls. Everyone is very welcome.

Family Service

At the start of next month we will be celebrating our next Family Service (Sunday 5th February, 10am) and I will be looking for volunteers to lead the prayers at this service next week.

The whole school attendance last week was 95.6%

Quote of the day

“ DON'T JUDGE EACH DAY BY THE HARVEST YOU REAP BUT BY THE SEEDS THAT YOU PLANT. ”

Robert Louis Stevenson

Thank you for your ongoing support – it is always very much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend .

Mrs Gilmour-White

The Trustees of
Chardstock Community Hall

invite you to a

**'Big Breakfast
& Table Top Sale'**

at the Community Hall

Sunday 29th Jan 9am-12

**DO come and support this
fund raising event (£5 a meal) &
enjoy a good start to the day!**

Registered Charity No. 272433

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 1st February– Holly Class Trip Fossil Hunting Day

Wednesday 1st February—Maple and Hazel Class Space Dome Day

Wednesday 1st February– RNLI visit to Pre-School

Monday 7th February– Football match Chardstock vs Marshwood 3.30pm more details to follow

Tuesday 7th February Parents Evening 4-7pm

Wednesday 8th February Additional Parents Evening or Hazel and Holly Class parents

Wednesday 8th February– Hazel Class Worship 9.10am

Thursday 9th February– Parents' Forum 6.30pm

Friday 10th February– Last day of school

Monday 13th-Friday 17th Half Term

Monday 20th February– Return to school

Monday 20th February– Oak Class swimming continues

Thursday 23rd February– Friends of School Meeting

Monday 27th February—Open the Book– All Welcome to attend

Wednesday 1st March– Cross Country Stockland

Thursday 2nd March– World Book Day

Tuesday 7th March– Friends of School Meeting

Friday 17th March– FoS Pamper Evening

Saturday 6th May– FoS May Fayre

Dates in red relate to the whole school including pre-school

Dates in blue relate to just school aged children

Dates in green relate to just pre-school children

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