
School Newsletter

St Andrew's CE Primary Academy

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Friends,

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Meet the Teacher Sessions this week. We have received some very positive feedback about how useful it was to talk through the structure of the year, the curriculum, whole school strategies and homework. These sessions form an invaluable opportunity to open channels of communication and clarify the expectations of your child's year group. We look forward to seeing you at follow up events during the year.

Keeping Our Children Safe

Next week's session will be on Wednesday at 5.30pm. There will be a brief Parents' Forum and then a presentation/ discussion on 'Keeping Our Children Safe'.

Mental Health

The staff have completed two training sessions so far in looking at Growth Mindset and Promoting Positive Mental Health. We have made a commitment to trial a number of strategies with the children and will feed back to you how we think we are doing at a later date. If you notice any impact please let us know; it will help us to evaluate what we are doing so that we can make the best possible provision for the children.

Our Target of the Week

We have all been thinking about making a positive start to the day. We are saying hello or good morning to people and even asking how their evening was. The children have really made a difference to the atmosphere around the school as they have taken this target to heart.

Packed Lunches and Snacks

Please remember:

- to cut grapes in half. They are a choking hazard and this will reduce the risk.
- we are a nut-free school.

Data Collection

Data Collection forms will be sent home with your child in a sealed envelope this evening. Please return these by Friday 22nd September.



Breakfast Club

There are still spaces on Mondays and Thursdays. Sessions start at 8am and cost £2.70 for a school age child and £3.50 for a Pre-school child.



Clubs

We are full for Lego and Cooking Club. There is still plenty of availability for Football.



School Photographs

Tempest will be in with us on Wednesday 11th October for individual and family portraits.



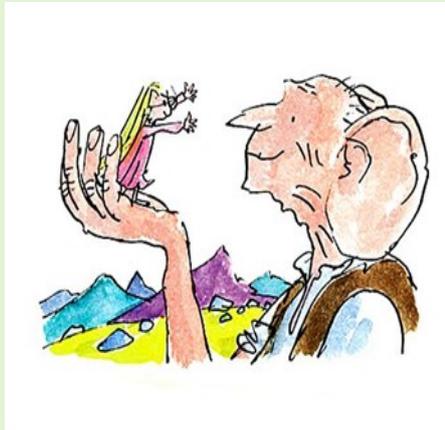
The Week Ahead - After School Clubs and Events

Monday	Y4 Swimming 3.30-4.30 KS2 Football and Cooking
Tuesday	3.30-4.30 KS1 Football
Wednesday	3.30-4.30 Lego
Thursday	3.30-4.30 Go Active Club
Friday	

Curriculum Provision

This section will normally include feedback about each class. As we have all been doing assessments this week there follows a general comment:

We have used this week to complete a series of assessments with the children to inform provision and staff deployment. Teacher assessment and formal testing have helped us build a picture of class dynamics and the needs of individuals. We have also started our Enrichment Programme and have completed Music, PE and Forest School Sessions.



Some classes also completed activities to celebrate Roald Dahl Day and took part in the live broadcast starring Quentin Blake.

Everyone has been working very hard and teachers struggled to decide upon Stars of the Week as they were spoilt for choice.

Dates for your Diary

4th –6th October: Y4 Residential– Hooke Court
5th October: Harvest Festival at 2pm in the church.
Half Term Holiday - Week beginning 23rd October.

Pre School

We have been in the role play area which is currently set up as a home corner. The children have been bringing in their babies and showing us how they look after them. We have been wearing animal masks to play different parts in nursery rhymes and we have made Incy Wincy Spiders for our display—come and have a look.

Stars of the Week



Maple: Noah for sharing his positive smile with us all.

Hazel: Archie for a positive attitude to the start of the day.

Holly: Emily for a positive attitude to the whole day.

Willow: David for being polite, helpful and interested in how everyone is doing.

Oak: the whole class for a determined attitude towards their formal assessments.