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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been packed with special visitors in our school.

We had two groups of ACS students come in to teach lessons in Cole class all about plastic pollution in our seas. The pupils learnt about how everyone can contribute to helping our environment and save our beautiful oceans for the future.

Also, another one of our partners, Reed's School, came to sit and listen with many of our children as they shared their favourite books with them. Our pupils love to share a book with our special reading buddies each week.

Plus, Lexi, came in to see everyone and sit and listen to readers. She is now an honorary pupil of St Andrew's and loved by our children!

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who come into school to support children each week with their reading. You are greatly appreciated and make such a difference.

A Thank You Prayer for all who volunteer and help our school.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before you with hearts overflowing with gratitude for the enthusiastic volunteers you have placed in our lives.

Their contagious energy and unwavering dedication light up the lives of those they serve and inspire us all.

Lord, bless these volunteers with renewed strength and zeal. Let their enthusiasm serve as a beacon of hope and motivation to others.

May their joyful spirits encourage those around them to approach life's challenges with optimism and determination. Amen.

Wishing all of our wonderful school community a restful and happy weekend with family and loved ones.

Stina Witkowski



Every day of school is important, moments matter, attendance counts. Attached please find a letter from Mrs Witkowski regarding attendance and why it matters so much.

The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate

for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. You may find this NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health-conditions/when-to-keep-your-child-at-home/) helpful in deciding whether to send your child to school.

Cole Class

A group of older students from the ACS school came to visit Cole Class yesterday. They talked to us about the dangers of plastic in the sea and how this can harm the creatures who live there. We learned about how important it is for us to recycle plastic instead of throwing it away. We played a fish finding game and took part in a quiz. The students made it really fun for us to learn - thank you ACS. (Mrs Wilde)



Ratpunzel

Kolisi class have published our own book this week! As part of our "Ratpunzel" learning journey the children have been inspired to write their own version of the story. The children have used powerful speech, adverbial openers and expanded noun phrases to add detail to their characters. We have had evil foxes, beautiful squirrels and kind hedgehogs all featured in a variety of stories. The children are now working hard to publish these as books with their own illustrations. They are all wonderful ! (Miss Joyce)



Year 6

In Farah this week, we have been looking at climate change in both English and geography. The children have really enjoyed researching the causes and the effects and are now writing a persuasive piece for their peers on what could be done to help. (Miss Mercey)

School Uniform**UNISMART**

Unismart, that stocks our school uniform has closed its shop in Cobham. They will be operating online and organising pop up sales at school as appropriate. Uniform can be ordered via their website www.unismart.co.uk.

They are offering free delivery of online orders to the school.

Dentist

Dr Gor has been a dentist in Cobham for over 15 years and has reported that she is unfortunately seeing a large decline in oral health amongst children and adults post pandemic.



The River Mole Dental Practice is accepting new NHS patients. NHS examinations and treatment for children under the age of 18 years, and those aged 18 and in full time education is free. They also have some spaces for adults on the NHS as well.

To register please visit rivermoledental.co.uk and click on the New Patient tabs. Alternatively call in at: **River Mole Dental, Cobham Health Centre, 168 Portsmouth Road, Cobham KT11 1HT** (Half term and afterschool appointments available).



River Mole Dental
Tel: 01932 866252



Last Friday we had our Bag2School clothing collection. From the bags and bags of donations we got 220kg of clothing and we are on a rate of 50p per kilo. This means we will receive **£110 from your donations**. Thank you!

We also had a pre-loved uniform sale last Friday. Lisa, our shop manager, included items that may be of use for the Sayers Croft residential trip. We try to include items that are useful to the children in our sales so why not drop by and see what we have next time we set up? With the closure of Unismart in the village, we will continue to supply preloved uniform. **All uniform donations welcome – particularly PE uniform with the school badge.**

This week we had the first of the cakes sales of the year. Thank you to the St Andrew's community for supporting Coles (Reception/Year 1) class. **They raised £170 for their school trip to Bird World.** We hope to have more cake sales for each class this year.



Reminder: The Friends of St Andrew's AGM is on **Monday 5th Feb at 2.15pm**. I hope to offer a video/dial in for those who can't come in person, details to follow. (Yvonne Bond)



Monday 5th February at 2.15pm

Best Class Attendance

Farah

House Points

Painshill

Next Week's Value

Respect

Celebration CertificatesValue– Resilience

Cole: Theo

Brown: Riley

Kolisi: Daisy

Nadim: Wrenne

Biles: Myschka

Farah: Alex

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

Cole: Mikey

Brown: Edgar

Kolisi: Maggie

Nadim: Poppy

Biles: Toby

Farah: Eames