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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I just wanted to send a heartfelt thank you from all of the staff here at St Andrew's for all your kind words and wishes you have passed on to us about Mrs Coward's death.

We spoke to the children on Wednesday, and even though the news was difficult and emotional to hear, the children did very well. So many pupils had memories and stories about her, and this will be something I pass onto Mrs Coward's husband and 2 children. I think they will find great comfort in hearing how beloved she was to so many of our children.

We are checking our classroom worry boxes daily to monitor pupils, but if you feel your child needs any extra pastoral support, please do not hesitate to reach out. The pastoral team are always here ready to comfort, listen and support in any way we can. This offer also extends to you as parents, as we are aware cancer and loss has touched so many of our lives and this may be triggering for yourselves as well.

I made an error earlier in the week and thought the funeral service was later in the afternoon. I have received confirmation it is at an earlier time so the school will be closing slightly earlier at 1.00pm. Sincere apologies for my mistake.

Early School Closure Monday 13th May – 1.00pm pick up

- Lunchtime will run slightly earlier on the day but every child will eat their school dinner or packed lunch as normal
- Pick up is at 1.00pm from the usual classroom doors
- Pupils will have a paper pack of learning in their book bags (this optional learning, not compulsory)

As a school we wanted to share some fun photos and memories of Mrs Coward this week. She was a team player and dedicated to the children she worked with. A truly kind and gentle person, who

never had a bad word to say about anyone.



We wanted to share with you the thank you note she wrote to the children after receiving all their cards, pictures and messages.

WOW St. Andrews!!!! Thank you so much for the wonderful cards and gifts you have sent me!! So many kind words and beautiful drawings. They really cheered me up!

As you know, I have not been very well over the last few months but all of the amazing doctors and nurses have been taking very good care of me.

Friends have been visiting me and we have had special times together - eating cream teas, flower arranging, going for short walks and watching great movies!! I have been spending time with my family. We have built a Lego R2-D2 and I have been teaching my boys, Daniel and Isaac, how to cook their favourite meals-meatballs, curry, lasagne and chocolate brownies!! Yum!! Last week we visited the seaside to breathe in the salty air and listen to the waves crash against the shore-my most favourite thing to do!

I am really sorry I cannot come and visit you at the moment but just want you all to know I do miss you. I hope you are all working really hard at school and making sure you have as much fun along the way!

*Lots of love,
Mrs. Coward x*



I hope you're able to spend time with loved ones this weekend and make lots of happy memories,
Stina Witkowski

House Mufti Day

Painshill was the winning House at the end of last term and have won a mufti day. On **Friday 26 April** pupils in **Painshill House** can come to school in mufti instead of their school uniform.

Biles Class

We finished our Nature's Art unit by collecting material from our environment and creating pieces of art. We made a range of animals including birds, bees and a dragon! We also created landscape images and abstract art. We enjoyed ourselves and can't wait to start our next art topic. (Mrs Ellard)



Clubs

Mrs Ellard's **homework club** is still up and running on Thursday after school. A chance to help your class reach their Doodle target and work together to achieve homework goals. Mrs Ellard is there to help with logins and problem solve tricky Maths/Lexia questions. Please email her if you want to save a spot. (l.ellard@standrews-primary.surrey.sch.uk)

There are a few places available in **Drama Club**. Please email Mrs Branscombe info@learnthroughdrama.com if you would like to reserve a space for your child.

On Tuesday the school enjoyed a fun assembly presented by Kim from Merry Balloons . If you would like to



learn how to create balloon models, there are spaces in the Thursday **balloon club**. Please contact Kimberley kimsmerryballoons@gmail.com



Staff news

This week we welcomed Mrs McGinn as a new Learning Support Assistant.



Next week we will have a **uniform shop sale on Tuesday 23rd after school**. Perfect timing to get your summer uniform sorted. Please see flyer regarding donations.

One for the grown-ups this time! We will be hosting a **Quiz Night** in May which we plan to be lots of fun. A real eat, drink and be merry event. So get your thinking caps on and speak with friends, family and neighbours about teaming up and getting out! The Quizmaster from The Bear will be challenging and entertaining us with his questions and we will have spot prizes and lot of fun and laughter planned for this one. Date and tickets will be announced next week!

Summer Event? Instead of having a Summer Fair this year we are planning something a little different. We hope to have a day out at the school - one that has never been done, in my memory, before. We're hoping the adults and children alike will love this experience. So, what is it? If you want to get the inside scoop on all the ideas and plans behind the mystery why not join our "Friends" WhatsApp (message Yvonne on 07952978088). I will be sharing what is planned and booked. Help, of course, is always welcomed! Details will then be shared with our parent community via the newsletter soon! (Yvonne Bond)

Prayer of Loss

Thank you for the lives of all those loved ones who, whilst no longer walking beside us or holding our hand along life's journey as once they did, live on in the collective memory of those they have left behind. Enjoy their company, Loving God until we shall meet again.

Amen

Best Class Attendance
Farah

House Points
Brooklands

Next Week's Value
Respect

Celebration Certificates

Value– Resilience

- Cole:** Meghan
- Brown:** Hubert
- Kolisi:** Aanya
- Nadim:** Anaelia
- Biles:** Jayden
- Farah:** Mia



Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Cole:** Theo
- Brown:** Phoebe B
- Kolisi:** Elizabeth
- Nadim:** Charmaine
- Biles:** Ciara
- Farah:** Anahita