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# St Andrew's News



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## Message from the Head Teacher.

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to welcome the children back and I hope you all had a lovely week together as a family.

In Monday's assembly, we looked at the school value of Aspire and how this can be applied to our everyday goals and choices not just lifelong dreams. Through a selection of pictures we discussed how often we needed to eat healthy food compared to sugary treat foods across a day or week. Or how much time we should be spending gaming and on devices each day. These small every day aspirations add up over time to make a big impact!

Next week we have the school book fair visiting so look out for your child's book requests. As a school we work to inspire a love of reading and week's like this can be a great way in for reluctant readers. Please do make sure you are reading at home as much as possible with your child as this skill is the pathway to accessing the rest of the curriculum.

I hope you all enjoy a fun filled weekend as a family,

Stina Witkowski

## Head Teacher Tea Party

Mrs Witkowski celebrated with the twelve pupils who had been invited by their teacher to the Head Teacher's Tea Party for consistently demonstrating our school values or for making a super effort with their homework last half term.



## SUPER AMAZING BOOK FAIR!

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Next week will be our annual book fair. This year scholastic has a

great range of books for children aged 2 - 11 to choose from. On either Monday or Tuesday your child will come home with their wish list from the book fair. The wish list also contains a link to the website for you to be able to look at all the books on offer and the link to pay online for the books you wish to order. **No payment will be taken in school.** On Monday, Tuesday and Friday after school the fair will also be available in the office foyer for you to have a look in person at the books on offer this year, so please come in and take a look. There a poster attached to the newsletter for you to get a taste of the books that are on offer. Remember all sales from the book fair help us to earn points towards buying free books for the school so every penny counts. (Miss Joyce)

## WORLD BOOK DAY

7 MARCH 2024

World Book Day is a celebration of books and reading with the mission to promote reading for pleasure. Research shows that only 25% of children read every day or nearly every day for pleasure. It has been suggested that children who choose to read in their spare time are more likely to succeed in life.

St Andrew's will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7 March** and pupils are invited to come to school dressed as a character from any book. Dressing up is a fun way to give children a chance to talk about what they are reading, it brings characters to life and gives children ideas for new titles to try based on their friend's decision to dress as a character that had interested them. We look forward to seeing which characters will come to school on World Book Day.

As part of World Book Day celebrations, all pupils are invited to return to school at 5.00pm on Thursday 7 March in their pyjamas to listen to bedtime stories read by their teacher.



Staff News

We warmly welcomed Mrs Sandhu to St Andrew's this week. She will be working as a learning support assistant.

We also said goodbye to Mrs Mora and we wish her well in her new position.

Parent Survey

Surrey County Council are asking parents/carers to take part in this survey as it is important to gather your views regarding early education and childcare for 0-4 year olds and also for out of school childcare provision for 5-11 year olds during school term time. This will help them to ensure they have enough high-quality education and childcare and wraparound places for everyone that needs them.

Please use this link to complete the survey

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/early-years-expansion-entitlements-parent-survey>

Pensarn Trip

This week, Miss Mercey held a Pensarn meeting for Year 5 parents. This is an amazing trip that is a firm favourite of our Year 6 pupils. All parents in Year 5 should have received the slides that she shared. If anyone has any questions, please contact her directly.

Homework Club

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)



This Friday we host our Spring discos - one for the big kids, one for the little kids! A huge thank you to all who bought tickets and gave kind donations. We have raised £360 which is an incredible figure for a little school. Thank you to the parent helpers,

teaching staff and our DJ Andy Dickson!



One of the sweetest events of the year,

"Bedtime Stories" is on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. Parents will be able to get their FREE ticket on ClassList for their child(ren) and it's one of the most popular events on the school calendar. We need TWO parent helpers per class to help us make it happen. We would need parents helpers from 4.30-6.30pm at the school to bring hot chocolate and biscuits to the classrooms. If you can help please let your Class Rep know. ( Yvonne Bond)

Easter Egg Design Competition

Painshill Park is having Big Statue Easter Egg trail from 16 March to 14 April and have invited our pupils to take part in a competition to create their own egg character. The winning design will be painted on one of the eggs featured in the trail. A form is attached for children to complete their design.

The school that submits the most entries will have the chance to win a class visit to Painshill's forest school.



**Best Class Attendance**  
**Nadim**

**House Points**  
**Wisley**

**Next Week's Value**  
**Contribute**

Celebration CertificatesValue– Aspire

**Cole:** Chael  
**Brown:** Saahir  
**Kolisi:** Lilly M  
**Nadim:** Mollie  
**Biles:** Mariella  
**Farah:** Sophie

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

**Cole:** Olly-Andre  
**Brown:** Ajay  
**Kolisi:** Charmaine  
**Nadim:** Montanna  
**Biles:** Mate  
**Farah:** Iyla-Rose