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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

What a FANTASTIC first week it has been!

It was so lovely to see so many of you at sports day. The children did a brilliant job and showed such determination and team spirit! The weather was just perfect as well. Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped set up and run the event.

The school took part on a special D-Day lunch where we picnicked out on the field. Our kitchen crew wore red, white and blue outfits and children learnt about the history and meaning of this special 80th anniversary.

Also, all of our classes have taken part in their outdoor learning this week, enjoying exploring the early summer nature our school grounds have to offer.

Today I enjoyed tea with the twelve pupils who had been chosen by their teacher to attend the Head Teachers Tea Party.

Wishing you all a sunny and safe weekend with friends and family,

Stina Witkowski

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences

There are new regulations coming into effect from 19 August 2024 which affect penalty notices issued for both low attendance and unauthorised leave of absence. (holidays, funerals, weddings etc).

Please read the attached guidance from Surrey County Council on issuing penalty notices which we have been advised to share with parents. There will be more information on this in the coming weeks as soon as Surrey has fully updated schools..

Sports Day

On Wednesday morning, the whole of St Andrew's took part in our annual Sports Day event. The children all competed in a number of races ranging from a straight sprint to an obstacle race. All the children watched on and cheered for the members of their Houses. At the end of the event, it was the final race that determined the winning house - Box Hill. The parents' race was also very competitive and this year included a warm up run by Ultimate coaching.

The event could not have happened without our volunteers: James and Holly Wild, Abbie Evans and the team from Ultimate Coaching. Thank you to all the staff who came in early to help set up for the event, Year 6 who helped clear up and a special mention to Mr Stafford who got his lawnmower to ensure the track was clear. (Miss Mercey)



D-Day lunch

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day on 6th June, our catering company, Twelve15, put on a special lunch of traditional fish and chips and ice cream. The children were able to enjoy eating their lunch on the field. Temi and Caroline joined in the spirit of the day with their patriotic colours and Mr Stafford added to the occasion with Union Jack bunting at the front of the school.





This week has been a busy one in St Andrew's garden. Not only have we received news of our accreditation as an RHS Level 1 School Gardening Award but every child has had an opportunity to be outside enjoying our wonderful grounds and learning more through gardening and other outdoor learning activities. This year, all of us have learnt more about planting, potting on and tending as well as making our gardening space more accessible. This week, we've planted out more than 100 plants including sunflowers, morning glory, sweet pea, tomatoes and courgettes. To make this possible, between us, we've filled more than 20 buckets of weeding! The children have worked well as a team and helped to transform our growing space.

Please read the attached flyer, Our Garden Needs You, to see if you can help in any way. (Mrs Mackie-Gandy)



Friends of St Andrew's parents have been very busy this week - a huge thank you to our all helpers. We had the pleasure of attending **Sport Day** and supply refreshments and bubbles! Pictures on our social media - Facebook and Instagram.

On Thursday we got to **meet new parents** who will be joining us in September as they begin their school journey. We spoke to them about the role of Friends of St Andrew's in our school and talked about the wonderful events we get to hold for our children and parents alike.

And Friday it's a full house and funky shirts for the **St Andrew's Quiz night!** We have lots of groups from the community joining in the fun with a great night planned by FoSA. We'll keep you posted as to who are the winners - my money is on the teachers!!

Again this night would not have been possible without the help and planning of the Friends of St Andrew's parents. Special mention to Mr Andy McKeon, Quizmaster Extraordinaire, who is giving us his time and entertaining hosting skills!! We are so lucky to have people like this in our Friends group.

Next week is **Daddy Doughnuts** - see attached poster.

School Uniform – Pop-up shop

Unismart, who supply our school uniform, is now operating online and parents can order through their website www.unismart.co.uk. On **Friday 21 June** they will be running a pop-up shop at school in the dining hall from 2.00pm. If you need any new uniform for September do come along.

UNISMART

Best Class Attendance
Biles

House Points
Boxhill

Next Week's Value
Respect

Celebration Certificates

Value– Resilience

- Cole:** Rocco
- Brown:** Simi
- Kolisi:** Elliot
- Nadim:** Charmaine
- Biles:** Zoia
- Farah:** Josh



Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Cole:** Theo
- Brown:** Bonnie
- Kolisi:** Aiden
- Nadim:** Rudy
- Biles:** Georgie
- Farah:** Isaac