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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely break over Easter with friends and family. The children all came back looking rested and full of smiles.

This week we have hit the ground running and classes have been focusing on handwriting practice, editing sentences and practising spelling and punctuation through dictation. We are working on getting these key skills correct in writing alongside consistent sentence structure.

I met with Class Ambassadors as they discussed how to relaunch our 'Healthy Eating and Good Table Manners' tickets at lunchtimes. They are excited about the responsibility of being in charge of ticket collection and counting each week.

We also said goodbye to one of our fabulous kitchen crew: Temi. The children joined me in thanking her with flowers, chocolates and a card. We will miss her dearly, but also wish her the very best in her next adventure.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Stina Witkowski



Art Bytes is a national art and EdTech programme for Year 5 and Year 9 pupils. Sponsored by Claremont and Oxshott Arts Society, a group of Year 5 pupils submitted entries to the Art Bytes inter-school art competition.

We would like your help to win! Click on the QR code or visit St Andrew's portfolio pages to see our three shortlisted artworks. Using the **VOTE NOW** buttons that appear under each shortlisted artwork, vote for your preference. **Voting is open until Sunday 19th April**



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The artwork from each school receiving the most votes wins a place in the virtual gallery exhibition and goes forward for regional consideration and possibly national award consideration by an esteemed judging panel.

Please vote now! (Mrs Eley-Art & Design subject lead)
Year 6

This week, Year 6 started a new music project. To begin with, we listened to Boléro and discussed how the song grows using volume and the layering of instruments. We then learnt the beat pattern and came up with mimes, which reflected everyday activities. As a class, we had to guess what was being mimed - we had washing windows, eating ice cream and playing basketball! (Mrs Ellard)

Reading

Congratulations to last half term's Reading Raffle winners. The new Reading Raffle book choices are up, meaning there are six new exciting options to try and win. Children who complete their reading at home will earn tickets to give them a chance of winning.

Congratulations to Millie and Edie on completing the Golden Bookmark Reading Challenge and receiving a Golden Bookmark. Well done!



Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:



1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.



Autism Outreach Coffee Morning
We are pleased to be hosting a coffee morning with AUTISM OUTREACH at school on Tuesday 21 April at 9.00am.



Autism Outreach is a valuable partner and support us to meet the needs of our children with ASD. They can work with children with or without a diagnosis. ([Autism Outreach for Schools - Home](#)) *Your child does not need to have a diagnosis to come to the coffee morning- this is open to anyone who is interested.* There is more information in the attached letter. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. (Mrs Johnston SENDCo)

Head Teacher Tea Party

Ten children enjoyed a tea party with Mrs Witkowski today. They had been invited by their teachers in recognition of their good work and for consistently demonstrating our school values.



Parton Class will be holding a cake sale on Friday 24 April to help raise money towards their school trip. Please come along and support them if you can.



We have a Bag2School collection on Tuesday 29 April. If you have any unwanted clothes and shoes at home, we would really appreciate any donations. Thank you FoSA



Best Class Attendance
Hamilton

House Points
Painshill

Next week's value
Gratitude

Celebration Certificates

Value– Perseverance

- Teresa:** Maisie
Parton: Oliver P
Henry: Tommy
Craig: Finn
Hamilton: Melanie



Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Teresa:** Nella
Parton: Istvan
Henry: Indianna
Craig: David
Hamilton: Aidan