



# St Andrew's Church School Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019



## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to our new families who have joined us this Term. The children have settled back beautifully into school and are working very hard. It has also been lovely to see them out playing in the sunshine!

It is important to acknowledge the challenges we have faced over the last few months and I would like to thank all our families for the love and care you have shown to us all.

Thank you to the Friends for all the special events that have been organised to look after the staff, including the amazing afternoon tea!

Also, thank you to Mrs Stephen and the staff team, our Governors, St Swithin's and Lore from Christchurch for your support as we continue to build our wonderful St Andrew's community.

It has been clear that there certainly is:

*'Fairy dust to be found in every situation no matter how difficult '*

Mrs Jayne

Acting Headteacher

## END OF TERM 3 ASSEMBLY

On the last Tuesday of Term 3 we had a special assembly to reflect on the Term. We thought about Mrs East through prayer and shared reflections of the shiny / sparkly memories (symbolised by a diamond) and the hard moments (symbolised by a rough rock) of the past few weeks. It was wonderful to hear the children talk freely about things they had found hard but also to share many more sparkly moments of joy.



## YEAR 3 ASSEMBLY

The Year 3 class assembly was a delight! They performed poems they'd written based on the class book, *Varjak Paw*; sang and played instruments they'd made themselves; taught us how to count in Chinese; and showcased their artwork! Their presentational skills were particularly impressive, what a confident show of their learning!



## RECEPTION VISIT PIZZA EXPRESS

Cooking takes place regularly in Foundation Stage and this week all the children had the chance to make pizzas. On Wednesday our Reception children were especially lucky because they were taught how to make theirs by the experts at Pizza Express! It was fun and lively morning learning about food, tasting fresh ingredients, and of course, learning about the stages in making our pizzas!



## TAKE ONE PICTURE EXHIBITION

'Take One Picture exhibition'...welcome to come to school on Thurs 28th March at 2pm to look around the classrooms and see what the children have been up to this term where they have been using the painting 'Men of the Docks' by George Bellows as the stimulus.



## GREEN CLASSROOMS UPDATE

St Andrew's newsletter will feature a new Green Section where we will post updates and information on the Green Classrooms project and all the progress the school and the children are making towards our Sustainability and Eco goals.





## YEAR 6 SCIENCE

### How do animals adapt to their environments?

Year 6 watched David Attenborough's Planet Earth II and discussed how the ibex mountain goat is adapted for survival in its environment. They then explored a wide range of animals (as well as plants such as stinging nettles) and created presentation posters to explain to the class how each animal may have adapted.



## YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY

Year 6 explored the theme of courage by creating a play and dance piece based on Kobi Yamada's book 'What do you do with a problem?'

The children demonstrated creativity, confidence and pride in performing together.



## INTERNATIONAL BOOK GIVING DAY

To celebrate International Book Giving Day on the 14th February, all children in KS2 chose a 'keep forever' book, funded by the National Literacy Trust and their Young Reader Programme. It was a joy to see the children so excited to browse and select a book each, and then enjoy reading it in the sunshine!



## YEAR 5 OURDOOR LEARNING

Year 5 have been enjoying the wonderful weather and the early signs of spring. We have been making the most of the dry weather to explore the Botanical Gardens. We were on the search for signs of spring and enjoyed locating spring flowers and trying to name them in English and German!

die Osterglocke - Daffodil

der Krokus - Crocus



# SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS

**Would you like to find out more about 'Schools Without Walls' and the creative curriculum at St Andrew's?**

**St Andrew's Parents are warmly invited to an informal social evening of presentations and discussions to share information on School Without Walls and creativity in the curriculum.**

**You will:**

- **Learn more about the Schools Without Walls project**
- **Find out about the St Andrew's creative curriculum and our place in the project**
- **Collaborate with other parents to share ideas**
- **Network with the St Andrew's creative community**

**Please come and join us on Thursday 7th March 7-9pm in the school hall for an evening of learning, creativity and FUN.**

**Cheese, wine and refreshments will be available.**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Seth, Darius, Emily, Alicja, Oliwia, Nina,  
Agatha, Luka, Vienna, Mikki

## LEARNING LEAVES:

Nacho, Eco, Oliwia, Ben, Alisa, Camille,  
Viola, Lily, Malini, Juan, Talia, Seth, Jazzy,  
Dahlia, Kamil, Kyle, Barney, Maria, Asia,  
Harley, Danielle, Laurie, Jir, Ruby,  
Jeremiah, Ethan, Dalaa

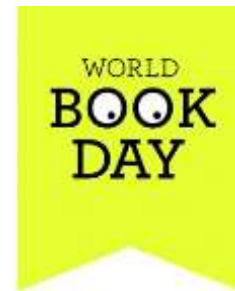
## GOLDEN LEAVES:

Haroula, Flo, Sambor, Matilda, Celeste,  
Emily, Stella, Amy, Lena, Sasha, Yamin,  
Rupert, Chantai

## WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please come dressed as your favourite book character.

There will be an extended Celebration Assembly from 2:30 pm and all parents are welcome.



We have a NEW menu for Spring & Summer.

If you are having any difficulty in ordering for your children **PLEASE** ask for help at the school office. You need to order **EVEN** if you are able to claim for UISFM or Free School Meals.

## Thank You

Mrs Bryant wants to say a huge thank you. She now has lots of boxes, tubes and toys.

You have ALL been so kind!

### TERM 4 WEEK 1 ATTENDANCE

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.83%	95%	96.52%	91.33%	92.59%	95%	96.25%

**Congratulations to Year Y 2 for the best class attendance this week of 96.52%**  
**Whole school attendance from September is 93.96%; our whole school attendance target is 96%**

**Please work with us to make sure children are on time and in school every day.**

The ***“Signing IN/OUT Book”***, for any child who **arrives**, or **leaves**, by the front entrance is now in the office.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please phone the school office, **preferably before 8:45 am.**

After this time it is difficult to change any dinner arrangements.

Many thanks.

### FORTHCOMING DATES TERM 4

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.....** World Book Day ( Celebration Assembly will start at 2:30pm )
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.....** Schools Without Walls evening 7-9 pm in the school hall
- **Wednesday 20th / Thursday 21st March** Parent Evenings
- **Thursday 28th March at 2pm** 'Take One Picture exhibition'
- **Friday 5th April.....** End of Term 4