



Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School

NEWSLETTER

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News from: The Office

We are pleased to say you can now pay online for school meals, trips and music. You should have had a **SIMS Pay** registration invite by email. Please contact us if you have any difficulty registering.

School Meals costs this term will be:-

Day: £2.15, Week: £10.75

First Half Term: £79.55

Term to Christmas: £152.65

If paying cash or cheque, please send to school in a named envelope. Thank you.

News from: The Head's office

Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely to be welcoming you all back to school from the privileged position of being the Headteacher of St Andrew's Junior School.

The school has been a hive of activity during the summer holidays ensuring that we are starting back ready to move forward into an exciting new era.

We have had two new rooms created from a cluttered storage area; this has given us an improved music room and a new conference room. A huge thank you to Mrs Draper for the vision, room-clearing-efforts and persistence in seeing this project through. Thank you to Mr Keenan for his hard work and skills in creating these spaces. The staff have been working hard in order to create learning environments and topics that will continue to engage the children's interests and develop their love of learning.

We will be using the 'Outdoor classroom' far more and throughout the year all children will have the opportunity to do 'Forest schools'- developing skills of communication, resilience, team building, compromise and focus. It is an exciting time!

Thank you so much for all of your kind messages and support - I am so excited to be in a position to move forward together to create even better opportunities and outcomes for your children.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Becky Black



News from: The Rainbow Room

I am very pleased to introduce

Mrs Dutaut (pronounced Doo- toe) to St Andrew's Junior School. Mrs Dutaut is our new Deputy Headteacher and SENCo. She has lots of experience in a range of settings and has recently been the Lead Specialist Teacher for Cognition and Learning at Essex CC. We are very excited about having Mrs Dutaut join our team, I am sure you will get to know her quickly. Mrs Dutaut will be on the gate after school each day if you want to say hi!

New faces...

We have had a number of new families move into the area.

We would like to warmly welcome Miley, Kingsley, Rio, Keira, Busola, Jade and Madison.

Let your light shine- Matthew 5:16.

St Andrew's put Christian values at the heart of school life, and as such the staff and governors have selected a Bible verse that we feel reflects our values. 'Let your light shine' is a perfect reflection of what we believe wholeheartedly at St Andrew's. Our core values are Enjoy, Respect, Achieve and we shall now be celebrating children who have been spotted 'shining their light' in one of these ways. For example, by showing kindness to another, going above and beyond (RESPECT), demonstrating musical skills, achieving success in their learning (ACHIEVE) or sharing enthusiasm for activities out of school (ENJOY). Each week one child in each base will be awarded a Shine certificate and will take home the class mascot Herdy (ask your children!).



Parents/Carers of the selected children will be invited to join us for Shine celebration assembly on Friday mornings at 9:00-9:25.

If you are unable to join us we shall send photos home!

This will allow all children to demonstrate how they 'shine' in their own unique way. Celebrating together will be a wonderful end to the week!

News about: Sporting Achievements.

I am very pleased to share with you that we have been awarded the *Bronze Sports Award*.

Miss Watson has many exciting plans for developing the Sports opportunities within our school and allowing a wider range of children to 'shine' this year! Miss Watson will hold Sports Clubs on a Wednesday after school where pupils will have the opportunity to develop the skills needed in order to enter and compete in a range of sports, from Dodgeball to Kurling. Pupils who attend the club will be selected to participate in inter-school tournaments or house events (*Greystones, Berwicks, Vinehurst and Priory!*)



PLEASE ensure all children have named PE kit in school at all times.

News about: School Photos on Monday Morning.

Individual school photographs will be taken on Monday morning. Please ensure your child's hair is neatly tied up if it is long enough to touch their shirt collar (as per our uniform policy). Pupil photos are used throughout the year in school and therefore need to reflect our dress code and uniform policy. Many thanks.

News about: Positive Behaviour Support

Following feedback from parents, staff and governors, we are carrying out a review of the behaviour policy at St Andrew's. We are trialling a revised approach this term with a renewed focus on positive behaviour support. School staff will be focussing on developing pupil's understanding of the school's core values and expectations. Where pupils are struggling to meet expectations, or fail to demonstrate our core values, we will be using a sliding scale of reminders, warnings, consequence without conflict, and restoration (opportunity to make amends and re-build relationships). Occasionally, some pupils will require additional support, which may necessitate a referral for behaviour support to Mrs Dutaut. Parents will be informed and invited to work with the school, when this is necessary.

This school year we will be introducing *Shine Time* to replace Golden Time.

Shine Time works differently- the whole class will have the opportunity to decide on what they are 'working towards'. Classes will work together to earn a set number of house points to receive their chosen reward at the end of the half term. Rewards will increase in value and/or duration depending on the number of house points achieved.



The children have responded very positively to this suggestion and this strategy has worked very well in many schools. Exciting times!

Welcome to our new Year 3 pupils.

It has been lovely to see our Year 3 children settle so quickly into life at St Andrew's Junior School.

We have enjoyed getting to know them and are looking forward to watching them grow, flourish and shine!



Welcome back from the teaching staff.



News about: Homework nights.

Homework is given out and collected in on the same day the following week;

- Years 5 and 6 on a Tuesday
- Year 3 on a Wednesday
- Year 4 on a Monday