



Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School

NEWSLETTER

14th February 2020



News about: Our Shine Celebration

The children who have 'Shone their light' this week are:

Base 1- Jack

Base 2- Keira

Base 3- Tia

Base 4- Harry

Base 5- Jasmine

Base 6- Evan

Base 7- Emily

Base 8- Millie



They will be bringing home the class 'Herdy' and we will be inviting their parents to share our Shine Celebration on Friday 28th February at 2:40pm.

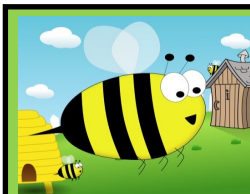
News from: The Head's Office

So, another very busy week in the world of St Andrew's Junior School!

With a power-cut (that caused great excitement to the children) two parent consultation evenings, the half-termly Shine Time Treats and a visit from Mr James and his new grandson Olly it has been full of lovely things.

I have watched Base 5 and Base 1 perform their dances based on their learning in class. Anglo-Saxons and India respectively. Mr Keenan kindly recorded it so we hope to show you next term.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable and relaxing half term holiday.



News from: The Spelling Shed

1st Place- Catherine A (Base 7)

2nd Place- Tom P (Base 3)

3rd Place- Sophie L (Base 8)



AFTER HALF TERM!

After school clubs will resume week beginning:

Monday 24th February.

Wednesday: Homework club- 4:15

Thursday: High 5- **New collection time**
4:30

Music lessons will also resume after half term starting with Guitar on Monday 24th February.



Reading at St Andrew's Junior School

As a school, we believe that unlocking a child's love of reading is one of the very best ways that we can help them develop and continue to grow throughout their childhood into adult life.

All books shared in school are chosen to give the widest range of authors, plots, characters and settings.

Mrs O'Connor (our English Leader) has been encouraging children and staff to recommend books that they have particularly enjoyed.

Today is the first edition of: '**St Andrew's Shining Stories**' section in our newsletter.

A review of 'In the Fifth at Malory Towers' - Enid Blyton

Evelyn in Base 5

'Now that Darrell Rivers and her friends are fifth formers, it's their turn to produce the school play. There is plenty of talent on show but everyone has their own ideas and competition for the starring role is fierce. Can the girls overcome their quarrels so that no one is upstaged?'

This book is an adventure book.

I would recommend this book to others because it is very well-written and is very exciting.

The best character is Darrell Rivers because she writes the play in the story.



A review of 'Gangsta Granny' - David Walliams

Isabella in Base 5

'Our hero Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his grandma's house. She's the boringest grandma ever: all she wants to do is to play Scrabble, and eat cabbage soup. But there are two things Ben doesn't know about his grandma. 1) She was once an international jewel thief. 2) All her life, she has been plotting to steal the Crown Jewels, and now she needs Ben's help...'

This book is a mystery and crime book.

I would recommend this book to others because it is very exciting and makes you want to read on.



A review of 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' - Onjali Q Rauf

Jade and Catherine Base 7

'There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one.'

This book is about a boy who moves to a new school. Because he is a refugee, he has had to evacuate from his home and away from his family. At school, he meets a boy called Tommy who tries to help Ahmet find his parents. The best characters are Ahmet and Tommy because they went on an adventure. We recommend this books because it is adventurous and exciting to read.



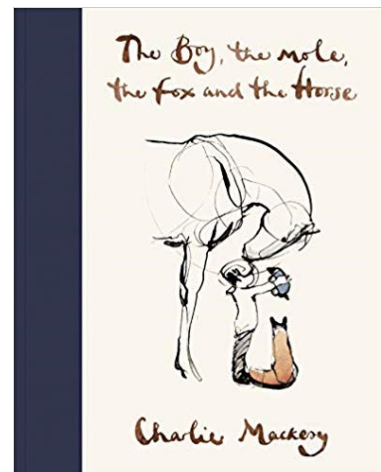
Adult book recommendation- for half term

A review of 'The Keeper of Lost Things' by Ruth Hogan.

A superbly entertaining and heart-warming read. Based on the charming and sentimental concept of reuniting lost items with their owners, this book also contains themes of loss, healing, redemption and the finding of peace.

I really enjoyed this easy read. It was most definitely 'good for my soul'.

By Mrs Black



"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"Kind," said the boy

A book recommendation for EVERYBODY!

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse by Charles Mackesy.

This book is absolutely beautiful! It is definitely one of my favourites and is perfect to dip in and out of.

With beautiful illustrations and wise words it is a must read for everyone.

Mrs Black, Mrs Bourne and Mrs O'Connor

News about: Pupil led Assemblies



We had a real treat on Wednesday when Scarlet, Holly and Hannah planned, prepared and led an assembly based on Bullying.

It was very informative and they even had a quiz at the end!

Thank you girls, your message was very important.

News about: Base 6 Staffing changes.

After half-term Mrs Briggs will be teaching from Monday to Thursday in Base 6.
Mrs Parker will teach on a Friday only.

We would like to thank Mrs Parker for her hard work and commitment to Base 6 since she began teaching them in October. She has worked tirelessly with Mrs Briggs in order to give Base 6 the very best opportunities in their learning.



News about: Furniture donation

Huge thanks to Liz, Nick and Hannah at 'Guy Carpenter' in Witham; they have very kindly facilitated the donation of 14 pieces of office furniture.

Mr Cobbold (Fearne in Base 6's dad) and Mr Keenan were very generous with their time and energy as they kindly collected it all.



Also a big thank you to the parents who responded to the office e-mail requesting help with collection.



NEWS ABOUT: END OF HALF-TERM SHINE TIME FUN

This week the children have been enjoying their 'well-earned' Shine Time treats. These half-termly events have replaced weekly Golden time and allow a wider range of opportunities and experiences to be had.

This half term the Shine Time choices have been: Creating peg doll superheroes, Making slime, Dodgeball, Board games, Harry Potter themed fun and Quidditch!

