



Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER
18th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown past. Another week where the resilience of our St Andrew's family has made me so proud. I have been so impressed with the way that all children have settled down into the new normal of this academic year. Their attitude and flexibility in accepting new rules and routines has been nothing short of brilliant. It is interesting to see how many of our 'new ways' are actually calmer and have a positive impact on so many of us. Thank you to you our wonderful St Andrew's families for being so supportive and helpful in making these changes so effective.

Thank you for trying to socially distance during drop-off and collection; I appreciate it isn't always easy but can see everyone trying to keep our community as safe as we can- so thank you.

As we make the most of the good weather please do make sure that your child has at least one named water bottle in school each day, two if they have PE or it is particularly hot.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Becky Black



Year Six parents- the application window for secondary schools is now open. It closes on October 31st 2020.

Next week I will be sharing a Power-point presentation with you regarding the application process. WATCH THIS SPACE!

COVID -19 ADAPTATIONS TO SHINE AND BIRTHDAYS IN SCHOOL

As the COVID situation continues we are constantly making adaptations to our risk assessment as situations arise or guidance changes.

Herdys will NOT be coming home with the child who has been awarded the SHINE AWARD, but will sit on their desk in school instead!



We are asking that you DO NOT bring sweets in for your child to share if it is their birthday.



PE safety reminder

On the days when your child is attending school
in their PE kit;
please make sure that their earrings have been removed
before school.



FOREST SCHOOL FUN



Our children have been loving working with Justine in Forest Schools.

Watching them develop their skills of communication, negotiation, problem solving and resilience as they have tried to build dens, shelters and mastering using new tools is wonderful to watch.

Popping by to watch is one of my favourite parts of a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons!



Welcome to a new weekly feature; this week it is the turn of year 5.

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR FOUR!

Maple and Oak Base

This week, we have been reading the book, *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan and writing descriptive poems and stories using the images of the book to inspire us. This book contains only images - no words, so we have used lots of class discussion to generate ideas about the story. The man in the story sets off on a journey to a strange land, leaving his wife and daughter behind. We started by linking our Compassion, Achieve, Respect, Enjoy values to the story and thought about the effect the man leaving would have on his family. We then looked at the images and selected nouns, verbs and adverbs for effect to write a poem. The children wrote some beautiful poems and really thought about how they could include our school values.

In Science, we have been learning about forces. We made three different parachutes using paper and string and explored their air resistance by dropping them from the same height. Then, we looked at water resistance and made three different shapes out of blu-tac. We dropped them into a huge tub of water and measured how long they took to hit the bottom of the tub. This was all very exciting and a fun way to learn about science!

Well done Year 5 for a great start back at school!

Mrs Briggs, Mrs Jeary, Mrs Arnold and Miss Delf



Reflections

"Do you have any wisdom
for today?" asked the boy
"Yes," said the mole,
"What is it?"
"Don't put it off till tomorrow..."



...the cake you could eat today."

Illustration by Charlie Mackesy

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We have been reflecting on **Generosity** in our Collective Worship this week.

We have been thinking how we can be generous with our:

Time

Money

Toys

And cake!

As we enter Harvest we will continue this theme.



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to the children who celebrate their birthdays

14th September- 20th September

Callum, Jasmine P, Bella J, Aston,

Luca

Mrs Hollidge (from Birch Base)



Lunches are changing!



From Monday 21st September we have an exciting new jacket potato option, in addition to the existing cold lunch option!

Choose from;

- ♦ Jacket potato with butter,
- ♦ Jacket potato with cheese, or
- ♦ Jacket potato with tuna.



Thank you to all our families who are helping to support the school by choosing to purchase a school lunch. It really does help us!

To put your mind at rest —the meals provided by the school are served in takeaway bags and boxes . The catering staff wear gloves when handling the food or packaging. The meals are collected and delivered to the classroom by staff allocated to each bubble. All the children eat their meals at their own desk regardless of whether they have bought in a lunch from home or have a meal supplied by the school. The desks are cleaned with anti bacterial spray both before and after lunch and all children and staff wash their hands thoroughly. Please be assured that there is no increased risk to your child by choosing to support the school and purchase a school lunch.

During these difficult times your financial situation may have changed and you may be entitled to free school meals for your child. Please past this link into your browser for further information or to apply. <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>





The children who have SHONE
this week are: Luca, Joseph,
Jake, Evie-Mai, Albie, Archie,
Zorianna and Jack.

WELL DONE!!

