



Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER
2nd October 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

A week where the children have yet again made me so very proud. We are now a month into our 'whole-school return'! The children in Year three have settled into school so well, quickly learning rules and the ways that we do things. ALL children have made a fantastic return after months away. We have spent the last month nurturing relationships, creating opportunities for the children to talk, re-kindle friendships and make new ones!

A month in, and I am sure you also agree that everyone is extremely tired! Children, parents and staff alike! Taking time to try and recharge batteries at the weekend is so important- let's hope for a little sunshine this weekend!



Thank you all for your ongoing support- as a staff we feel like the St Andrew's family is really working together. Have a lovely weekend.

Becky Black

If your child or a member of your family receives a positive COVID19 test result our dedicated e-mail address is: covid19@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk

This e-mail address will be monitored 7 days a week. This will allow our protocols for a positive test in school to be followed in the most timely manner.

This e-mail should only be used in the event of a positive test.



A huge thank you to the 11 mums who attended our first JSA Zoom meeting on Wednesday evening.

The JSA have worked tirelessly for many years to raise money to give all of the children at St Andrew's Junior School extra resources and experiences which enhance and broaden our CARE curriculum; for this we are so grateful.

At the AGM on Wednesday we discussed: what fundraising options are available in COVID times, what opportunities we would like the children to have this term and long-term bigger projects.

If you have any ideas or are keen to help please contact the school office who will point you in the right direction!

All ideas, offers of help or donations gratefully received!

Welcome to a new weekly feature; this week it is the turn of year 3.

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR THREE!

Apple and Birch Base

We are so proud of our Year 3 learners for the fantastic start they have made to life at St. Andrew's.

This week, our lovely Year 3 children have had the opportunity to be immersed in their history topic. Justine, our Forest School teacher, arranged a fantastic day of 'all things Stone Age' for the children to experience on the school site!

We learnt how to create our very own weapons then test them to see if we would be accurate enough to catch our own dinner; a bit different to popping to Tesco! We used tools to knap 'flints' (soap) to create our very own hand-axes and arrow-heads. Clay thumb pots were created, and we used natural materials like sticks and feathers to make patterns on them. Everyone had an opportunity to look at some art from the Stone Age, then create two pieces of artwork, painting using mud and water. It was very messy but a lot of fun! In our 'Outdoor Classroom', we created dens from sticks and leaves, thinking about the temporary housing that was used during the Mesolithic era of the Stone Age.

Some were more waterproof than others!

By far the children's favourite activity was learning how to light a fire. Justine taught the children how to use a striker to create a spark, much like flint would have been used in the Stone Age. Some children were able to successfully start a fire this way, and one or two children managed the 'One Strike Challenge' and get their fire lit on the first strike!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Justine for her hard work in arranging such a fantastic day.

Mrs Pettifer, Mrs Larrad, Mrs Maginn and Mrs Reynolds



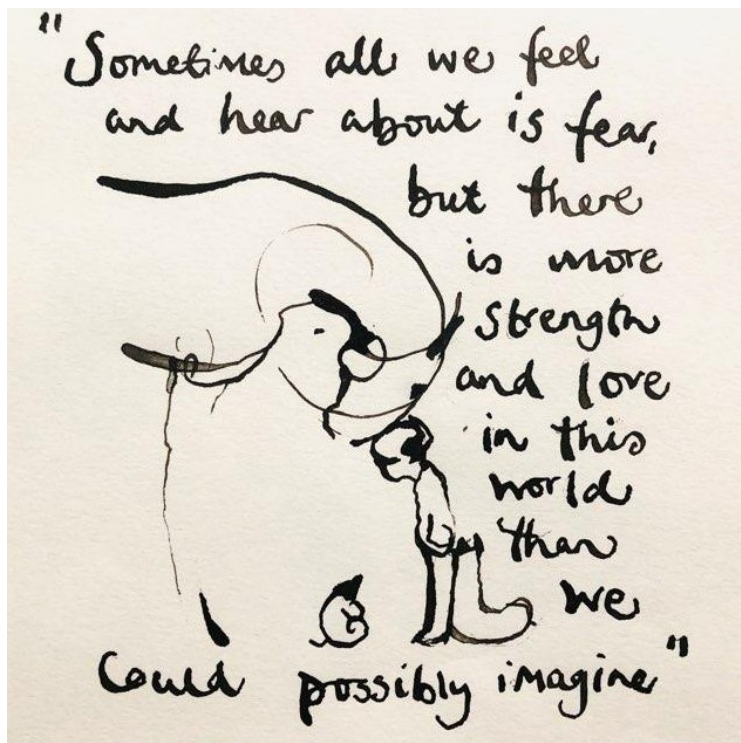


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Reflections

Help us to:

Be strong when we feel scared.

Be patient when we feel irritated.

Be kind when we hurt.

Be understanding when we feel frustrated.



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

28th September- 4th October

Harry I, Mollie C, Max E,





The children who have SHONE
this week are: Evelyn, Kai,
George, Archie, Maiy'bel,
Grace, Elly and Ben.

WELL DONE!!

