

Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER 23rd October 2020





Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we have made it through the longest half-term in our lives!

The journey has been exhausting for each and everyone one of us; in our various work -lives, home -lives and as members of a world living through a pandemic.

I cannot emphasise enough the pride I have in our amazing St Andrew's Community. I would like to thank everyone for their support, patience, flexibility, creativity and ongoing positivity. The fact is that we will all get through this— and we can confidently say that we will have tried our absolute hardest to give the children at St Andrew's the very best education, opportunities and experiences that we can. I appreciate that we haven't and won't always get in absolutely right for all families— but we constantly strive to do the best we can in an ever-changing educational and pandemic-filled landscape. I will be sharing our new remote learning plans with you after half term— these have been in place since the end of September and outline our support should your child need to self-isolate, or in the unlikely event that the school should go into 'lockdown' again.

Please do enjoy half-term with your lovely children.

Take care B Black

CHANGE OF SCHOOL TIMES FOR CHILDREN IN VINEHURST

After half-term the children in Vinehurst are going to be asked to enter school at 8:55 each day,

the gate will be shut promptly at 9:00.

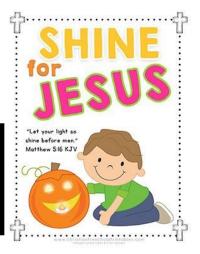
At the end of the day the children in Vinehurst will be leaving school at 3:10.

Any issues please do speak to Mrs Black.

Please email any photos of your family's carved pumpkins— I will create a Power-point of them after half term.

Use you child's year group email addresses to share your half term creations!

PLEASE NOTE: YEAR GROUP EMAILS WILL NOT BE MONITORED DURING HALF-TERM - Staff will be having a very well-earned break.





The JSA have sent home a letter and sponsor form for your child- we are planning on trying to do a St Andrew's 1000 mile challenge! PAPER FORMS HAVE COME HOME TODAY!

The monies will all be spent on supporting all of our children in school.

NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORING BOARD

Mr David Davies (a co-opted governor and parent) has had to step down from his role due to work commitments. We would like to thank him for his contribution to the governing board over the last 2.5 years and wish him well.

Dr Ginny Craig has also finished her term of office at St Andrew's after 5 years (she kindly stayed for an additional year!) We would like to thank her for the time and effort that she put into her role as governor responsible for finance. She has kindly decided to remain as an Associate governor; this means that she will not have a portfolio of responsibilities but will be attend meetings to give her advice and guidance. We are so very grateful to Dr. Craig as she would be greatly missed!



https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/

Please follow this link for up-to-date e safety information.

They are also on facebook—they give brilliant advice about how to keep your child safe online. Worth a look!

This year has been brutal on many of us! We can't cure Covid-19 but we can help ensure that no kid goes hungry. Tues - Fri next week we will have packed lunches available for any child that needs one No charge, no questions, no judgement, just a take away healthy, balanced meal for your little ones white label

We will be in Hatfield Peverel Village Hall 12:30 -13:30 Mon to Fri.

If any parent would like to message us on Facebook or text/call prior then they are most welcome to reserve a lunch.

@WhiteLabelDetroitPizza

Call: 07946390548

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This is a VERY generous message from one of our parents!

What an amazingly kind gesture.



SPOTLIGHT on: SHINE TIME TREATS ACROSS THE WHOLE SCHOOL

The house points that are earnt by the children in each class are collated every week. At the end of each half term, the children earn different 'Shine time treats' depending upon the number of house points the class team have been awarded. The increased sense of 'team' has been really important in re-developing the relationships within class. This half-term the treats have been: pyjama and popcorn film fun, a year group quiz, freestyle art sessions and football matches!













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REFLECTION

Please help us stop and take some time this half-term to:

Enjoy some silence

Listen to laughter

Be thankful

Squeeze our loved ones tight.

Illustration by Charlie Mackesy

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

19th October-1st November

Ralphie, Olivia D, Lilly D, Abigail J, Marshall.

Mrs Connell and Miss Watson



Today we have said Goodbye to Mrs Hollidge.

She is a much loved and valued member of staff. She has supported many children during her time here at St Andrew's. We wish her the very best as she begins a new adventure.





PRITI PATEL'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2020

This is the letter I received:

This year, entrants are invited to design a Christmas card celebrating the festive season and the card could depict a scene from their

favourite Christmas book or film, their favourite Christmas memory or their favourite activity during the Christmas season.

The submissions will be judged by myself and pupils can be as creative as they like.

All entries must be no larger than A4 and pupils can use pens, crayons and pencils, however due to the printing process, entries cannot have items attached to them such as glitter or cotton.

Entries must not be folded and the pupil's name, age, year group and school should be clearly marked on the reverse of each entry as batches of entries become separated during judging.

If you would like your child to take part please post to:

Entries must be received in my Westminster office at the House of Commons, London, SW1A OAA by Friday 6 November 2020.

Upon submitting, parents must be made aware that this information about their child will be included on the reverse of the card. This date has been chosen so that pupils have the half-term to complete and submit their artwork.

Entries received after the deadline will unfortunately not be considered. The winner and runners up will be announced week commencing 16 November 2020 and I will contact the winning pupil's school to let them know.

