

Dear Parents and Carers.

Apologies for the lack of newsletter last week; so many things happening that ate my time!

We have made it to the end of the Spring term! The school has been so very busy and I hope that your children have shared the many wonderful learning experiences that have been provided by my committed team.

St Andrew's church was filled to the rafters today when we, and the infants ,shared an Easter celebration together. We also spent time thanking Mr Keenan (and Mrs Keenan) for their dedication and commitment to both schools over the last 32 years.

The children shared their many happy memories – a key one being when Mr Keenan has been on the roof and the missing footballs/ tennis balls/ other random toys are returned to the playground! Great excitement!

We wish Mr Keenan a very happy retirement and we will all miss him very much.

Have a lovely Easter break! Refresh and hopefully we can enjoy some bright spring sunshine!

Wish our very best wishes from



Let Your Light Shine

Mrs Black and the St Andrew's team



A THANK YOU FROM MR KEENAN

As you know, Mr Keenan retired today - he has asked us to pass on a BIG thank you for the kindness and generosity shown towards him.





<u>Spring Term 2023 – dates for your diary:-</u>				
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March: Pay360 Education Payments ceases Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April: ParentPay Launches				
Easter holiday: 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> April Back to school: Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April				
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April: Height and Weight Checks (Year 6 only)				
Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for response		
All Years	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 - ParentPay Launches - Activation Letters were sent out this week			
Year 3				
Year 4				
Year 5				
Year 6	Secondary School Offers - please complete the Google form in the link below https://forms.gle/x6tBZU6WJbt8T4YL8	ASAP please		
	Hilltop Letter	Final payment by Friday		

## PARENTPAY - LIVE FROM 1st APRIL

28<sup>th</sup> April (£106.50)

(replacing Pay360 Education Payments as our online payment provider)

All families have now received activation letters to register for Parentpay which is live from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Pay360 ceases from 31<sup>st</sup> March and should no longer be used.

It should be a relatively simple and quick registration process for Parentpay but if you happen to experience any difficulties please contact the school office. Please see more detailed information later in this newsletter.



### <u>SPRING/SUMMER TERM 2023 MENU</u> Week 1 - week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Thank you for helping to support our school by choosing a school meal for your child/ren. Meals are £2.50 daily and can be ordered by your child in class during registration each morning. Our preferred payment method is via **PARENTPAY** – please contact the office if you have yet to receive your activation letter or need help activating your account.



SPRING/SUMMER 2023 - LUNCH MENU

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Margherita Pizza (v)	Pasta Beef Bolognaise	Roast Chicken	Chicken Burger
	or	or	or
Couscous Garden Salad	Vegetable Pasta Bake (v)	Garlic & Herb Quorn Fillet (v)	Falafel Burger (v)
Coleslaw	Garlic Bread	/	Seasoned Potato Wedge
	Salad Bar	Roast Potatoes	Baked Beans
School's Choice of Cake (v)		Yorkshire Pudding	Sweetcorn
	Fruit Salad (v)	Seasonal Vegetables	
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		Chocolate Oatcake (v)	
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Thank you for supporting us by having a school meal. Please be assured for your peace of mind - all allergens are catered for.



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Points for this week!		
Berwicks	450	
Greystones	567	
Priory	578	



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who have celebrated their birthdays between: 20<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Isaac, Henry M, Amelia P, Sophie, Abigail R, Sienna, George D, Maxwell, Eden, Delilah, Charlie, Elijah

Mrs Maginn, Mrs Banyard, Mrs Briggs, Mrs Jerwood-Morris,



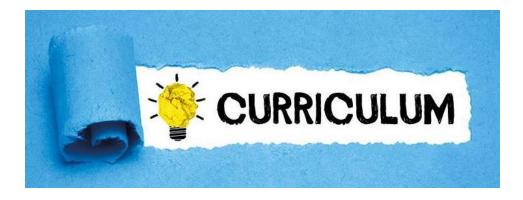
Well done Eleanor !!! Come on girls, who can join her on the list?



These are the children who have been spotted shining in school this week. We could have chosen so many children- the decisions were hard to make! Well done for demonstrating our CARE values.

> Apple - Neil R Birch - Alex Cherry - Fletcher Fir - George Maple and Oak - Everyone! Rowan - Sharilyn Sycamore - Naomi

# Compassion Achievement Respect Enjoyment Every child is loved and known. Every child shines.



# Spotlight on DT by Mrs Larrad

DT - Design and technology is one of the many foundation subjects taught at St Andrew's It's a subject that encompasses a variety of skills including construction, textiles, cooking and gives all children a chance to shine in another area of the curriculum. Design and Technology enables children to draw on their maths, science, engineering, computing and art skills. Risk-taking is an integral to DT and once learnt, children become resourceful, innovative and enterprising. The DT curriculum in our school is usually linked to the topics that are being covered through History.

This term has seen the children of St Andrew's enjoy learning a range of topics: Year 3 have studied the Egyptians and have made Egyptian flatbreads, Year 4 have recently designed, sewn and created their own purses, Year 5 made Cam toys related to their space topic and will be making viking longboats this term. Year 6, for their World War One topic, last term, made a vegetable soup and for their Harry Potter topic, they made motorised buggies (the bus and the Ford Anglia car).

### Year 3 Flatbreads

The children tasted a different variety of flatbreads and then followed a simple recipe to produce their own Egyptian flatbread. Once they had been cooked they were able to taste them and evaluate them and hopefully saved some for their family to taste at home!



### Year 4 Purses

The children looked at different purses and saw how they were constructed. They thought about their designs and how they would like them to look and fasten.

Once designed they made their purses using sewing skills they had learnt and decided on how they would fasten.







### Year 5 - Space cam toys

Last term, the children looked at cam toys and evaluated how they worked and designed their own toy. 'A cam is a rotating or sliding piece in a mechanical linkage used especially in transforming rotary motion into linear motion.'The cam toy was linked to the year 5 science topic of space. They used skills such as design, cutting, drawing and assembling as well as evaluating their finished design making suggestions for improvements. This term Year 5 will be making Viking longboats using wooden structures.



### Year 6 Buggy making

The buggies were made linking them to the year 6 topic of Harry Potter. The children designed either the bus or the Ford Anglia car from the film. The children had to design their buggy, use cutting, drawing and skills, using a hacksaw and had to assemble it. Once completed they then had to evaluate their buggy to see if it worked as well as expected and what they would do to make improvements.



#### Soup making

For their First World war history topic Year 6 learnt how to make root vegetable soup from scratch, using skills such as chopping, safety of equipment and food hygiene.





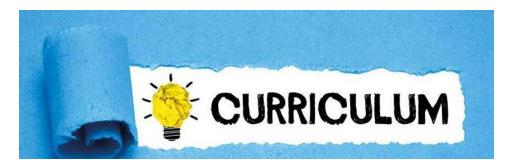
### Spotlight on Science

During the academic year, each year group will be taught five topics which are linked to the three areas of science: biology, chemistry and physics.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Light	Living things and their habitats	Earth and space	Light
Rocks	Electricity	Forces	Electricity
Forces and magnets	Sound	Properties and changes of materials	Animals including humans
Plants	States of matter	Living things and their habitats	Living things and their habitats
Animals including humans	Animals including humans	Animals including humans	Evolution and inheritance

You will notice that there are some repeating topics. Where this happens, each year group will be covering different objectives. Below is an example of this with the topic Electricity which is covered in both Year 4 and Year 6.

Band 4 (5 statements)	Band 6 (3 statements)
I can talk about common appliances that run on electricity	I can show that the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer depends on the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit
I can construct and draw with labels a simple series electrical circuit which includes cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers	I can compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches
I can predict if a lamp will light or not in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery	I can draw a diagram using recognised symbols to represent a simple circuit
I can explain that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit	
I can show that some materials are conductors and some are insulators, and can explain that metals are good conductors	



Wherever possible, the teachers endeavour to make links between subjects. For example, Year 3 link their science topic about 'Plants' with their writing unit - explanation texts. As part of the Year 4 computing lessons, Mrs Waring shows the children how to use micro:bits to record and compare light, sound and temperature in each classroom. This links



to the topics 'Sound' and 'Light'. Year 5 link their science topic about 'Earth and space' with their DT lessons. The children make a cam toy with a planet of their choice as their moving part. Year 6 learn the skill



of classification in their science topic 'Living things and their habitats'. They then transfer this skill to classify animals from the story 'Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them' which is part of their non-chronological reports topic in English.

Once a year, we celebrate British Science

Week. This year, the children took part in a range of activities which were designed to engage and excite their interest in science. Below are photographs of just a few of the fantastic activities that they took part in on Friday 17th March.









After school, the JSA kindly organised their own science event which was well attended and enjoyed by all. The children and their parents were able to make slime, an edible garden, magic colouring, paper helicopters and many more. We ended the session with a demonstration of how to make elephant toothpaste!



In the past, the 'zoom in, zoom out!' challenge has been very popular with the children so I have put a new one on Google Classroom for the Easter holidays.

For those of you who are not familiar with this challenge, the children will see an object from very close up. They need to guess what they think the object may be. Can they guess all six? Good luck!

# Spotlight on Cross Country Years 3 and 4



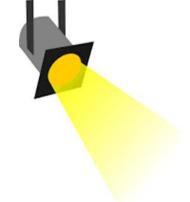


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# **Spotlight on**



### GREAT BADDOW HIGH SCHOOL INTER-PRIMARY MUSIC COMPETITION SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH



Bella's family were very proud of her perseverance at the GBHS music competition at the weekend. When she first arrived she was a little daunted by the size of the audience but she was so brave and sang beautifully!

WOW Bella - what a performance, what a star - we are so proud of you too!

Minaya in Fir Base also participated music in the competition and the won Outstanding Performance award (1<sup>st</sup> Place) in the Advanced Category.

Another fantastic performance from a St. Andrew's pupil - what a star you are Minaya - well done! Your family are extremely proud of you and so are we!





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Jasmine's family are all very proud of her performance on the piano. She was nervous as there were a lot of people this year who attended but she focused and performed her two pieces beautifully.

Really well done to you Jasmine – another St. Andrew's star shining!







Grace's family have shared with us her achievements over the weekend.

She performed in 'A magical musical fantasy adventure around Europe' with Pixie Lott performing arts academy. She took part in several acts in the show singing and dancing and also played the leading role of Lumiere in the Beauty and the Beast section. She did so well to learn her lines and perform in front of such a large audience including Pixie Lott herself.

What a star - her family are so incredibly proud of her and so are we! Well done Grace!







Dylan and Joshua completed their first modern dance exam together on Sunday, their families are so proud of them both for this and can't wait to get the results.

Well done Dylan and Joshua!

Isabelle competed at the Ultimate Dance Championship in Rayleigh on Saturday with her lyrical solo and her group dance Madness. She placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in her solo and her group came 1<sup>st</sup> scoring highest group dance for their age in the competition.

She also completed an improvisation challenge, dancing for 40 seconds to music she hadn't heard before! She was picked out of all age groups to be in the top 10 and to dance again. Her family are just so proud of her!

Well done and congratulations Isabelle!









As we move over to our new online payment provider, Parentpay, please be mindful of the following:-

- Pay 360 Education Payments will not be supported from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and will cease.
- ParentPay is live from 1<sup>st</sup> April activation letters were sent out to all families this week. Please activate your account as soon as possible - we hope to see the majority of families activated and registered on our return to school on 17<sup>th</sup> April - thank you. If you experience any difficulties with registration, please contact the school office and we will deal with these on our return.
- Opening balances for school meals and Hilltop (Year 6 families) will be manually entered onto Parentpay after 1<sup>st</sup> April. This will enable accurate information at the close of Pay360 on 31<sup>st</sup> March to be entered BUT, it will take some time to get this information onto Parentpay so please bear with us whilst this information is collated and entered. Families will be notified when accurate opening balances are on so please direct any queries you may have to the school office after then.

The Society Spring Show is on Saturday 1st April at the Village Hall 2 - 4pm. We have been asked to help encourage the children to take part.

The children's entries are as follows:-

LEGO MODEL (not a kit) A POTATO PERSON











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### 3rd April-14th April-Maldon Primary School, Heybridge Swifts F.C. & Plantation Hall

Just over one week to go until our Red Sport & Play Camps start. We have 8 action packed days including 2 Big Days Out events! Pricing starts £18.00 per day , To book your space visitwww.lsccoaching.com

HAF Funded places- WONDE code vouchers-

If your child is eligible for free school meals you will receive a wonde code from your school. To book your fully funded places please head to Holiday Activities - Your HAF Programme made simple

### Children may also be eligible for a funded spaces if -

- They are assessed as being in need
- They are looked-after children, children with an education, health and care plan (EHC)
- They have been assessed as otherwise vulnerable
- They are living in areas of high deprivation

### **Big Days Out**

#### £29.50 (lunch included)

Maldon Promenade Park is our first Big Day Out! We will be visiting the animals at Maldon Petting zoo and scoring points on the Pirates Bay golf course!

For our second Big Day Out, we are heading to Madison Heights for lots of fun roller skating, bowling and playing in Monkey Puzzle!!