



## Newsletter 24



*Every child fulfilling their potential in a nurturing learning environment underpinned by Christian values.*

**Mr P Hayward: Headteacher**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

### Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be open on the following times next week.

These are the opening times:

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30-8.50 am and 3.20-3.40pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	3.20-3.40 pm only, not in morning due to club
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30-8.50 am and 3.20-3.40pm

Children will be able to use their World Book Day Token at the fair to reduce the value of a book they buy, by £1 (this token can only be used when buying a book).

Cash or cheques can be used to purchase items at the fair (cheques made payable to St Andrew's Primary School).

### Measles - Update

I have not received any further reports of measles in school. One family has quarantined themselves and it seems it has been contained. I have contacted the local health team who have said the school does not need to take further action if this remains the case.

### Coronavirus - Update

Schools are receiving daily updates from the Department for Education regarding the Coronavirus. The current advice is that no schools should close in response to a suspected COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England. Children in school are being encouraged to regularly wash their hands and follow good hygiene practice. A problem with the girls' soap dispensers has now been fixed.

### Forest Schools

After Easter, Miss Barnacle will be starting Forest School with children in her class. Class 4 children will be split into two groups and each group will enjoy a six week programme of Forest School. The weekly 2 hour sessions will take place on a Friday morning. Miss Barnacle is seeking a volunteer who is able to come into school to help her outside. Activities will include bush-craft, den building, games, exploring nature and using tools. Sessions will take place every Friday between Easter and the summer break. Can you help? Please contact the office or Miss Barnacle directly if you are able to volunteer once a week. Thank you.

### Year 5 Wow Religious Retreat

It was lovely to see the eight Year 5 children return to school on Friday after they had attended a Wow retreat in Ilam Derbyshire. They enjoyed an overnight stay at the youth hostel with two other schools enjoying prayers and activities.



### Recycling News at St Andrew's



We try to recycle as much as we can here at St Andrew's and regularly discuss with the children the importance of looking after our planet for the future.

Currently, we separate and recycle the children's cardboard milk cartons, plastic straws and brown sandwich bags. Pleasingly, we will soon begin recycling crisp packets the children bring in their lunchboxes.



The company through which our crisp packets will be recycled is TerraCycle. At the moment, we cannot register as a drop-off location as the programme is full. We do, however, have a very kind parent who has volunteered to transfer our crisp packets to a nearby public drop-off location in Stafford (Roots Larder). Some of the items they collect and recycle raise money for charities. Their chosen charity is Childhood Cancer Parents Alliance (CCPA). Further information is available on their website.



St Andrew's is a registered public drop-off location for a variety of writing instruments (pens, highlighters, correction fluid pots and markers). When you have finished with your own at home, you can bring them into school either via your child or the school office to be added to our collection (inside the blue pencil bin next to the staffroom). Once the bin is full, the plastic is sent off for recycling and we begin collecting again.

TerraCycle is a globally recognised company that has many free recycling programmes. Members of the public can take hard-to-recycle waste to registered drop-off locations and help prevent such items ending up in landfills or incinerators. There are drop-off points locally in the Stafford area if anyone wishes to take a look.

### World Book Day



World Book Day was fabulous. Many thanks to the families who helped the children to dress up as their favourite characters. The children pictured were awarded book tokens for their recent efforts in reading. Well done children!



Lots to celebrate this week – merits, My Lexia, spellings, Star Maths, sporting awards and a superb piece of Year 6 homework. Well done children – we are really proud of you.



Prayer Space – From The Bible  
Matthew 4:18-20

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

And Finally...

I would like to warmly welcome our two student teachers to St Andrew’s. Miss Garrington-Miller is working alongside Mrs Yewdell in Class 1 and Miss Angus is working alongside Miss Barnacle in Class 4. I hope they enjoy successful final placements.

Mr Hayward

### Term Dates and Events

#### Spring Term 2020

Wednesday 25 March	Parents' evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 26 March	Parents' evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 2 April	Easter Bonnet Service – Reception and Classes 1 and 2
Thursday 2 April	Maths Mystery Day – More to follow!
Friday 3 April	Term ends: 2.30pm
Friday 3 April	CHILL closes at 5.00pm

**Holiday:** Monday 6 April - Friday 17 April  
JC Academy Kid's Activity Club in school

#### Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 April	Term starts: School opens as normal
Friday 8 May	May Day: Remembering VE Day
Monday 11 May	Year 6 SATs begin

**Half term:** Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May  
JC Academy Kid's Activity Club in school

Monday 1 June	Inset day:
Monday 22 June	Year 6 visit to Isle of Man
Monday 29 June	Values Week begins
Friday 3 July	Family Picnic, Sports Day, Summer Fair
Tuesday 7 July	KS2 performance 1.15pm and 6.30pm
Wednesday 8 July	KS2 performances 1.15pm and 6.30pm
Friday 17 July	Leavers assembly 1.00pm
Friday 17 July	Term ends:
Monday 20 July	Inset day:

**Holiday:** Tuesday 21 July - Monday 31 August  
JC Academy Kid's Activity Club in school

**Emergency Telephone Number – 07561821107 – School visits only**

#### Dates for the academic year 2020 - 2021

##### Autumn Term 2020

Inset day: Tuesday 1 September  
Inset day: Wednesday 2 September  
Term starts: Thursday 3 September

**Half term: Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October**

INSET day: Monday 2 November  
Term ends: Friday 18 December

**Holiday: Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January**

##### Spring Term 2021

INSET day: Monday 4 January  
Term starts: Tuesday 5 January

**Half term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2021**

Term ends: Thursday 1 April

**Holiday: Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April 2021**

**Easter Sunday: Sunday 4 April 2021**

**Summer Term 2021**

Term starts: Monday 19 April

May Day: Monday 3 May

**Half term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2021**

INSET day: Monday 7 June

Term ends: Wednesday 21 July

**Holiday: Thursday 22 July - Tuesday 31 August 2021**