

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final newsletter of the half-term. The children have worked so hard this week completing their assessments; well done to all of them for giving their best!

Our Turtle Class started the week with a bang, watching a performance of Matilda at Ramsey Academy. The children really were impressed by the quality of the performance; it was a real treat to see so many of our former pupils "treading the boards." We were so grateful for the invitation.

As you are aware, we are holding our second parent consultation evening sessions of the year the week after the half term holiday. We are using an online booking system for the first time and early feedback is very positive. Can we ask that if you haven't yet booked you try to do so before the end of the week. Calling those who have not booked in will put time demands on our admin team at a very busy period - we thank you in advance. We look forward to seeing you and sharing information and ways in which you can work with us to support their learning journey.

Have a great week.

Kind regards

Bridgette Gough

Headteacher

Collective Worship and Reflection

This week, in worship, our theme has been perseverance, linking with our learning for life behaviour "Don't Give Up." Please ask the children about the stories we have shared and the takeaways. They have included Jabari Jumps and The Parable of the Lost Sheep. We also enjoyed hosting a church visit on Thursday finding out about the "Parable of the Persistent Widow."

This followed a great week where we thought about Spirituality and valuing time to just be. The stories and poem chosen really highlighted the restorative power of time spent out and about in nature and with our loved ones; that sometimes simple days can be the best and encouraging the children to notice the awe and wonder in the world around us. The books shared were *The Big Big Sea*, *Mayfly Day* and *On a Magical Do-Nothing Day*.

We hope the weather allows for a simple and special day like one of these in the week ahead.



Love Life and Learning

Important SASHA News

Following the AGM held last night, SASHA have had to postpone the election of a new committee due to lack of members. The work of the group has made such a difference to the lives of pupils at St. Andrew's, not just in the fun had at so many great events but also with the monies raised which have allowed us to have many "icing on the cake" experiences; the annual pantomime, the Roots to Food visits, the Artist in Residence visit and many other projects. As a school we so want this important work to continue and more fun to be had! If you feel you have the skills, your school's parent and staff group needs you. Please contact the school office for more information.



Parent Consultation Group

Our Parent Consultation Group support the school in delivering the best service we can to our pupils and their families. The PCG is a representative group used to gather information and feedback. We explore current practice and ideas for the future of the school offer. We know that we have lots of new parents joining the school in the next couple of months and we hope some of you may be interested in this role. We have a meeting approximately once every term/half term. If you feel you may have the time to support us in this way, we ask that you contact the school office to receive further information about the group and an application form should you be interested.

Book Fair/ World Book Day reminder

Our book fair will arrive on Monday 3rd March, please see the attached letter for more information.

The dress up day this year will follow the theme which is "Read Your Way" and be "Dress Your Way," so whether you feel a pyjama day, a fancy-dress costume day or party outfit are in order, it's up to you.

New Date for EY Learning Together

We have a new date for the Tiger Cub Learning Together, you haven't got too long to wait, it has been rescheduled for Friday March 7th, and will be held at the same time scheduled 2.00pm. Apologies again for the postponement.

Headteacher's Cup

Tiger Cub Class: W1-Tommy

W2-Olivia

Reindeer Class: W1-Albie

W2-Belle

Fennec Fox Class: W1-Louie

W2-Jaxon

Panda Class: W1-Thomas

W2-Jack

Snow Leopard Class: W1-Beau

W2-Joshua

Turtle Class: W1-Matthew

W2-Betty

Seal Class: W1-Chloe

W2-Abigail



Birthdays in February

Benjamin

Beau

Maurice

Benedict

Merdan

Abigail

Tommy

Harry

Franky

Sidney

Stanley

Stanley N

Sebastian

Teddy



Going For Green

Ruby & Isabella

Sports Cup

Oliver & Sebastian

Farewell and Thank You

Farewell and thank you to Becki, we know the children have really enjoyed the Dance Lesson provision on a Tuesday, we hope we can work with you again in the future, should another opportunity arise.

Autism Central Coffee Morning

We are really glad to be hosting an Autism Central Coffee Morning at 9:30 on
Wednesday 5th March.

This event is not just for those with a child with a diagnosis of autism but those who feel this is something they want to find out more about and explore.

Have your say on new Essex Air Quality Strategy

Families across Essex are being encouraged to share their feedback on a new draft Essex Air Quality Strategy.

Air pollution is the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK, with children particularly susceptible to the health impacts.

Many sources of air pollution also release greenhouse gases and reducing pollution also helps tackle climate change.

The new strategy sets out actions to improve air quality and help reduce the impacts of air pollution on people's health.

Have your say on the draft strategy by completing the public consultation survey before March 2.

For further information on the Essex Air Quality Strategy noted in the newsletter please click on the following link - www.essexair.org.uk/strategy