



Headteacher: Mrs D. Thompson



**Take delight in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4**



Thank you for the fantastic contribution that you made for our Harvest food collection. We filled many boxes of food to go to the Hope Centre and Food Bank. This will make a difference to many lives, here in Northampton. The children had their Harvest Services at school as the church had much of its lead stolen from the roof, rendering it unfit for use due to rain flooding the inside. The church has started a fundraising campaign and needs our support and prayers at this time as it will be very expensive to fix the roof.



As you have probably heard, we are presently having a big push on reading for pleasure at St. Andrew's. Please can all parents in all year groups take the time to read **with** their children, even with the oldest children. Children can learn a lot from listening to adults read and this includes fluent child readers. Reading for pleasure, and enjoying a good book, is one of the most important activities that children can do and it has been proven that this leads to future academic success. The local libraries are stocked with the most amazing books which are all free to take out for all ages.



After the holidays you will be hearing more information about our KS2 Karate Reading Challenge where children will be rewarded for the number of nightly reads they complete with an adult. Watch out for more information next term!

Children in upper KS2 are being challenged to read a greater range of authors! Please try to encourage them to read something different if they are always reading *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* or David Walliams books! We have lots of great books in school.

Thank you to all of you who came to school in mufti and donated your £1 towards buying new reading resources. This will be used to buy a more diverse range of reading materials for all year groups including newspapers, magazines, comics and graphic novels.

It doesn't matter what they read! Reading something is better than reading nothing!



Many year groups have been busy this term with lots of curriculum days (see the News on our website). Year 2 have performed a fantastic sea-themed assembly based on their literacy work. Year 5 have been training to be Young Leaders and lots of year groups have attended sports competitions.



Even the staff have been busy training. Mrs Hodson has trained to set up a Forest School at St. Andrew's and this could be accessed by all year groups. Mrs Worth has organised Talk for Writing training for all teaching staff to improve writing in our school.

Miss Thompson has left and the school has appointed a new Teaching Assistant, Miss Bunker, who will be working in KS1. Mrs Cole, Mrs Owen, and Mrs Alderman will be leaving at Christmas. They will be moving to new schools/ventures and we wish them all our best wishes. Mrs Archer will be returning just before Christmas from maternity leave and will be in Year 1 Overstone with Mr Reed.

Don't forget that Remembrance Day is coming up and poppies will be on sale at school. If you would like your child to have one, send them in with some money for a donation.

Look at the website for more pics and stories: [www.standrews.northants.sch.uk](http://www.standrews.northants.sch.uk)

## St Andrew's amazing competition: 'Story in a shoe box'

During half term children are encouraged to make a model of their favourite book in a shoe box, using whatever materials they choose and there will be a winner chosen for each year group. The boxes will be displayed around the school for everyone to see!

The entries need to be brought into school for Monday 29th October and must be clearly labelled with name and class.

And further exciting reading news - the school library will be open after school on a Friday until 3.50pm from 2nd November, so please come along and enjoy reading a book in our newly-designed library. Miss Woods has worked really hard and a big thank you to FOSA who donated funds to purchase the new seating stools, wall decorations and our fantastic Octopus!



Our newly-designed library is an exciting place to visit –Opening Nov' 2nd Every Friday 3.20pm–3.50pm

## Year 5 Multi-sports 11th October 2018



Year 5 had a great time when they went to Northampton Academy. They played lots of different games and learnt new skills that they put into mini-sports.

The team returned to school with 2 medals for demonstrating good characteristics of determination, positive attitude and sportsmanship.

Well done to all who took part.



## Year 1 Investigations in Great Billing

The children in Year 1 had a glorious sunny afternoon walk up to Great Billing Pocket Park on Thursday 4th October, to investigate the trees and the woods in our local environment.

The children were particularly looking at the variety of leaves and seeds seen at this particular time of the year.

They also enjoyed taking some wax rubbings from the tree bark to compare patterns when we were back at school.



Look at the website for the Behaviour Policy: [www.standrews.northants.sch.uk](http://www.standrews.northants.sch.uk)

## Our New Behaviour Reward System

Each class has a ship on the wall where all children start "on board" at the beginning of the day. If they are "on board" at the end of the day they will be awarded a token. Each child will record this token on their own personal token card. Children can stay "on board" the ship by following the Green Behaviours (see chart below).

The tokens that children get for being "on board", a super learner, attending a club or reading regularly are also going to be used to add to their House Team collection container. Each child is a member of one of four houses. They will be awarded a token the colour of their house.

Each class's house tokens will be collected and counted each week by the Year 6 House Captains and these added to the whole school House Team container. The team with the most tokens each term will get a team reward.

5 tokens are given as a reward for the following:

- When selected a Super Learner for Good Works Assembly.
- Attending a club for a full term without any absences.
- Senior Leadership awards for outstanding behaviour/attitude/learning (Orange Tokens)

2 tokens for reading seven times in a week

1 token for reading 5 times in a week

The tokens are represented by a tick in a box on a token card belonging to each child. Each child is responsible for looking after their token card. If it is lost, they will have to start again with a new card.

Each child can decide how to spend their tokens on the rewards. The rewards are prizes, which can be chosen from the prizes cabinet. The prizes are graded to correspond to the number of tokens gained. Tokens need to be spent within an academic year; they cannot be carried over to the next academic year.

All children who have stayed "on board" the ship everyday will go into the draw for a raffle prize at the end of each week. Teachers will take the children's "on board" names and put into the raffle prize box at the beginning of Friday's assembly.

Many children have said how much they like the new system because it rewards more frequently and it is much easier to follow.

Green	Blue	Amber	Red
<p>These <i>are</i> examples of behaviours that children should be demonstrating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High quality work</li> <li>• Polite to everybody</li> <li>• Kind</li> <li>• Thoughtful</li> <li>• Helpful</li> <li>• Supportive of their peers</li> <li>• Show respect for everyone</li> <li>• Show a positive attitude to their learning</li> <li>• Sensible</li> <li>• Walk around the school</li> <li>• Clears up after themselves</li> <li>• Independent</li> <li>• Show a positive attitude to their work</li> </ul>	<p>These are examples of behaviours that need a warning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor quality work</li> <li>• Shouting out</li> <li>• Humming</li> <li>• Inappropriate noises</li> <li>• Tapping of any kind</li> <li>• Not following instructions</li> <li>• Eye rolling</li> <li>• Fidgeting</li> <li>• Minimum effort in work</li> <li>• Lack of courtesies</li> <li>• Deliberate silly questions</li> <li>• Fiddling with shoes</li> <li>• Staring out of the window</li> <li>• Distracting others</li> <li>• Talking over others</li> </ul>	<p>These are examples of time out behaviours and need to be logged</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor quality work</li> <li>• Shouting out</li> <li>• Whistling / humming</li> <li>• Making inappropriate noises</li> <li>• Leaving seat without permission</li> <li>• Tapping on the table/pen/pencil tapping</li> <li>• Shouting out</li> <li>• Leaning back on chair</li> <li>• Fiddling with things on tables</li> <li>• Fiddling with shoes</li> <li>• Not following instructions</li> <li>• Ignoring what has been asked</li> <li>• Eye rolling/tutting/huffing</li> <li>• No/minimum effort in work</li> <li>• Staring out of the window</li> <li>• Slouching</li> <li>• Playing with each other's hair</li> <li>• Shoulder shrugging</li> <li>• Silly questioning</li> <li>• Noisy yawning</li> <li>• Answering back</li> <li>• Laughing after being told off</li> <li>• Being unkind to others, be it deliberately or not</li> <li>• Fidgeting on the carpet</li> <li>• Running in the school</li> <li>• Swinging on a chair</li> <li>• Defiance</li> </ul>	<p>These are examples of behaviours needing intervention from KS leaders or SLT and need to be logged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual Blue or Amber behaviours despite warnings and consequences.</li> <li>• Poking a sharp pencil in someone's face</li> <li>• Punching/ hitting other children /adults</li> <li>• Biting adults/ children</li> <li>• Kicking adults/children</li> <li>• Throwing things</li> <li>• Damaging classroom resources</li> <li>• Temper tantrums – throwing equipment</li> <li>• Throwing objects in classroom</li> <li>• Hurting other physically</li> <li>• Hurting another child deliberately</li> <li>• Hurting others verbally</li> <li>• Bad language to adults/children</li> <li>• Spitting at adults/children</li> </ul>



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Year 5 have had a great time investigating dissolving and separating materials. And they will be exploring irreversible changes with Soda fountains!



Year 4 have been building their own circuits in science and learning how circuits work. They have also been exploring the inside of an electrical plug and learning how they work.



# OPEN DAY

## Thursday 22nd November

*Are you looking for a school place for  
September 2019?*

*Do you know someone who has a child who will be  
5 after September 2019?*

*The deadline for applications for Primary School places  
is approaching: come along to our Open Day and see  
what St Andrew's can offer.*



**Tour times: 10.00am & 1.30pm**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES

# School Car Park



We would like to remind parents that the school Car Park is NOT to be used when collecting or dropping children to school at any time (including Breakfast and After School Clubs, Film Club and any other after school event) unless by prior arrangement.

**It is for Staff Members and School Visitors only.**

The car park is an extremely busy place and we want to ensure the safety of all our children.

Recently there have been several parents repeatedly using the gate area to drop children off—this is the only entrance to the car park and it is **NOT** a safe place. Please park your vehicle away from the school gates—**NOT** on the Zig-Zag zones and walk your child into school. The majority of our parents park safely and legally: please help us to make sure we keep **ALL** our children safe.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 29th October**—School Reopens

**Wednesday 19th December**—School closes

**Monday 7th January 2019**—School Reopens

**Friday 15th February 2019**—School closes

**Monday 25th February 2019**—School Reopens

**Friday 5th April**—School closes

**Wednesday 24th April**—School Reopens

**Monday 6th May**—School Closed Bank Holiday

For the whole School year dates see  
Calendar on school website:

[www.standrews.northants.sch.uk](http://www.standrews.northants.sch.uk)

## Parenting Course

### 1-2-3 Magic

### Starts 8th November

#### What it is NOT:-

- 1-2-3 Magic is **NOT** Magic

#### What it is:-

- 1-2-3 Magic is a 4 week programme
- 1-2-3 Magic is a simple and effective way of managing behaviour of children
- 1-2-3 Magic is an evidence based programme meaning it WORKS
- 1-2-3 Magic puts the 'parent in charge.' Prevents the 'Talk, Persuade, Argue, Yell and HIT' syndrome

**Contact Mrs Francis for more  
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