

St. Andrew's VC Lower School

Newsletter

January 2017



Aspire Believe Celebrate

Happy New Year!

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Values Education

and

Collective Worship

Our Value for this half term is Simplicity. Here is how we explain it to the children:

Simplicity is appreciating the small things in life.

Simplicity is natural and beautiful.

Simplicity is no unnecessary thinking.

There are many ways to explore this value. In one assembly we will hear an African story about two people who believe that riches and fine clothes are the most important things in life. They come to realise that the simple things in life are far more important, starting with friendship. In one of our assemblies this half term we will also be learning about the elements of prayer; thanks – help – praise – care - sorry.

As well as all this each class in Years 1 to 4 will take a turn to lead an assembly. Parents are invited to these assemblies – look out for the special invitations.

Assemblies start at 10.10 a.m. promptly.

Class Assembly Dates

Wren Class – 3 rd Feb Swallow Class – 10 th March Robin Class – 3 rd March Owl Class – 13 th Jan Puffin Class – 27 th Jan Kingfisher Class – 20 th Jan	Oak Class – 27 th Feb Willow Class – 13 th March Ash Class – 6 th March Maple Class – 16 th Jan Mulberry Class – 30 th Jan Holly Class – 23 rd Jan	Chaffinch Class – 20 th Jan Sparrow Class – 27 th Jan Blackbird Class – 13 th Jan Poplar Class – 3 rd Feb Birch Class – 16 th Jan
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Parents Maths Evening

Thursday 26th January

If you would like to know more about the teaching of Maths and how to support your child's progress come along to our information session on 26th January 7.30 p.m. at the West Site in Brunts Lane.

Let us know if you are coming so that we can plan for the right numbers – 01767 312311.

Thank you.

The children were wonderful in their shows last December. In our collections you donated £1244.14 to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Thank you so much for this amazing generosity.

The West Site Yr 4 Carol Service also raised £115 for the St. Andrew's Church Christmas Charities. Thank you for your support.

Lower and Middle School Applications Deadline – 15th January!!!

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

0300 300 8037

Welcome

This term we welcome Mr. Groombridge (Yr 2 West Site) and Mrs. Miles (Yr 3 East Site) to our teaching team.

School Closures

We do our best to remain open in snowy weather and will only close if we do not have enough staff in school or there is a heating problem. We make our decision fairly late, as if we make it too early, we are more likely to close. **School closures can be viewed on the Central Bedfordshire website**

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk and are announced on BBC 3 counties radio. There is also the school website www.standrewslowerschool.co.uk.

Your contact details

If you have changed address or phone number over the hols please make sure the school office has the most up to date details.

Please make sure all clothes are names – hats, scarves, gloves, PE kit.

Please remember that tracksuit bottoms are needed for PE in the winter months.

Diary Dates

11th Jan – West Site PTFA Mtg
7.30 p.m.
13th Jan – West Site PTFA Yr 2
Cake Sale
16th Jan – East Site PTFA Mtg
7.30 p.m.
23rd Jan – West Site Buddy Class
Week
25th Jan – Tag Rugby Tournament
26th Jan – Maths Information
Evening
1st Feb – West Site PTFA Mtg
2nd Feb – East Site PTFA Cake
Sale
6th Feb – Maths Week
7th Feb – West Site Yr 4 History
off the Page Day
8th & 9th Feb – Parents Evenings
13th – 17th Feb – Half Term Break
24th Feb – West Site Yr 4 PTFA
Cake Sale
28th Feb onwards – Library Visits
1st March – West Site PTFA Story
Time
2nd March – World Book Day
3rd March – West Site PTFA Quiz
Night – all welcome
6th March – West Site Buddy
Class Week
15th March – West Site PTFA Mtg
7.30 p.m.
17th March – West Site Yr R
PTFA Cake Sale

21st March – Creation Day
23rd March – West Site PTFA
Secret Mothers Day
23rd March – East Site Parent
Forum 7.30 p.m.
24th March – Comic Relief Day
29th March – Yr 3 Play Out
Celebration
30th March – West Site Parent
Forum 7.30 p.m.
31st March – West Site PTFA
Non-Uniform Day
4th April – Last day of term

18th April – Staff Training day
Summer Term – swimming for Yr
Four – details to follow
19th April – First day of term
1st May – Bank Holiday
10th – 12th May – Yr 4 Residential
Trip
19th May – West Site SEND
PTFA Cake Sale
23rd May – West Site Parent
Forum 7.30 p.m.
29th May – 2nd June – Half Term
Break
5th June – Staff Training Day
7th June – West Site Class Photos
8th June – West Site Reception
Trip (East Site date to follow)
8th June – East Site Parent Forum
7.30 p.m.

15th June – 9.15 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
West Site Mtgs for parents of
children starting school Sept 2017
16th June – West Site PTFA Secret
Fathers Day
20th June – Yr 2 Trip East & West
21st June – East Site Class Photos
22nd June – 9.15 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
East Site Mtgs for parents of
children starting school Sept 2017
21st July – Last day of term

Summer Sports Events – 10 a.m.

19th June – West Site Year Four
19th June – East Site Birch, Poplar
and Blackbird Classes
20th June – West Site Year Three
20th June – East Site Year One
21st June – West Site Year Two
22nd June – West Site Year One
23rd June – West Site Reception
Year
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