



Believe * Achieve * Shine

November 2019

An update from Mrs. White & Mrs Burton

This will be the last newsletter of the current term. I really hope this regular monthly update is proving to be informative for parents. Next week the school will be fully immersed in Christmas; Key Stage 1 will be practising their Christmas production of 'Hey Ewe'.

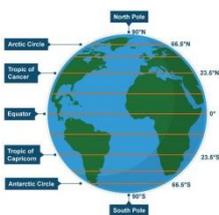


This month the children in Acorn have been looking at the seasons and how seasons affect animals and humans. In Geography they have been exploring the UK and visiting different places inviting William Whiskerson on our travels. In Literacy they have been exploring the story of "The Gruffalo" through role play in their Deep Dark Wood Café, even joining in with Gruffalo Yoga in



P.E.

In Willow and Maple the children have been learning about healthy eating and nutrition. They have been looking at how important it is to keep the body healthy. They have learnt about the different animals and what they need to stay healthy and how it is different to our needs. They have been learning about Kandinsky and created their own pictures in his style. They have explored the fact files about elephants, looking at the book, "Zoo" by Antony Brown.



In Oak, they have been learning about lines of latitude and longitude and how these have an impact on our world. We use these lines to locate a specific point in the world and it's used in GPS systems. The children learnt about the Equator, the Tropics (Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn) and the Prime Meridian. They explored time zones and GMT (Greenwich Mean Time). In Literacy and Science they have explored life cycles of different animals and plants.

Special Achievement awards for the month:

James S, Yasmine F, Giles T, Cecil W, Max Y, Lulu H, Muneni M, Cody T-S, Sam B, Lois B, Alba F, Michaela S, Cora H, Sam Sh, Ethan W, Isla M, George D, Amelia W, Noah M, Kingsley P, Theo B, Benjamin M.

Parent Helpers in School

If you have any time to spare and would like to come into school to help support our pupils or help support sporting events then please contact the office. You could help with things like, listening to pupils read, supporting art or another practical subject or sharing a particular skill like IT, cooking or woodwork!



Going Paperless

From the beginning of next term, we will be sending all letters, newsletters and other communications by email to achieve both economic and ecological benefits of saving paper. We will email a link to the newsletter every month to parents so please make sure we have your email addresses. All letters and newsletters will also be available on the school website.

Warm Clothing

As it is getting colder, please ensure your child has appropriate and named outdoor clothing and footwear as we endeavour to get outside every day - whatever the weather. Thank you.



Children in Need



This year we raised £117.20 to help Children in Need. Thank you to the School Council for their hard work and to you for your support.

Loros – fitness in schools

We also raised £120.00 for Loros and supported “Odd Sock Day” for Anti-bullying week 2019

Parentpay

As from January 2020, parents will need to book and pay for a hot school dinner via Parentpay. We no longer have the facility to take cash or cheques as we are managing all payments through Parentpay. Any problems and we will try and help you as much as possible! Thank you.

Free School Meals

If you are receiving a qualifying benefit your child may be eligible for Free School Meals - please call School Food Support on 0116 305 6588 to check. By registering you may also receive financial help for school trips and other activities. Please note this differs from the Universal Free School Meal system for children in Reception/Y1/Y2.

First Time Admission

First time admissions if your child will be four years old before the 1st September 2020, you will need to apply for a primary school place. The closing date for school place applications to the Local Education Authority for first time admissions is 15th January 2020. If you would like to visit the school to look round, then please contact the school office.

Flu Vaccinations

The Community Immunisation Service from Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust will be delivering Flu vaccinations here at school on Thursday 12th December 2019. Letters have already been sent home. To complete the consent form visit:

www.leicsandretlandutlandimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu **Our school code is LE143254.**



Looking ahead to the last week of term we have some exciting things planned. On Monday 16th December the children will be going to De Montfort hall to watch this year's production of Aladdin. On Wednesday 18th December we will be having our annual school Christmas dinner, we would like to encourage all children to join us, menu choices are below, this will also be a Christmas Jumper Day and pupils could wear a festive jumper. Finally on Friday 20th December, parents are invited in to school at 1.30pm to join us for a mince pie and listen to the children from Key Stage 2 singing Carols, this will also be our End of Term Christmas Service.

*Merry
Christmas*

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during the term. On behalf of all the staff at St Andrew's Primary, can I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Heather White

Dates for the Diary - December

Tuesday 10 th	KS1 Christmas Concert performance (Whole school and parents with younger children / grandparents 2.00pm)
Tuesday 10 th	KS1 Christmas Concert evening performance 6.00pm
Monday 16 th	Whole School Panto trip
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 th	End of Term Christmas Service in School at 1.30pm Break for Christmas
January 6th	Back to School



Wednesday 18th December 2019
Whole school Christmas Dinner!



Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet
Served with stuffing,
Pigs in Blankets & Gravy
with
Seasonal Vegetables
Roast and Mashed Potatoes

Christmas Pudding
or
Christmas Shortbread Biscuit



Special diets will be catered for in the usual way.

If you would like your child to join us at our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th December 2019, please complete the menu choices below and return to School no later than Monday 9th December 2019.

Whole School Christmas Lunch Wednesday 18th December

I would like my child ----- to have a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 18th December 2019.

Payment of £2.30 should be made via Parentpay no later than Tuesday 17th December 2019.

Menu choice

Turkey, pigs in blanket, stuffing	Yes/No
Quorn Fillet	Yes/No
Christmas Pudding	Yes/No
Shortbread Biscuit	Yes/No