



14th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are already half way through the month of June, with Euro 2024 starting this evening and in the midst political parties canvassing for General Election votes, yet summer shows no sign of beginning! Hopefully there will be glimpses of warmer weather over the coming weeks, particularly with Sports Day getting ever closer. The weather has been catching everyone out recently, with some sunny starts giving way to wetter conditions later in the day. With this in mind, it is a good idea to ensure children still have coats and jumpers in school, so that they are prepared for any colder weather later in the day. We have had a busy few weeks in school, as you can see through the content of this latest edition of our newsletter.

Collective Worship

Our first Collective Worship of this term focused on Pentecost and the symbols of fire, wind and the dove. Reverend Al led worship on Monday of this week focusing on The Trinity. Over the next few weeks, we will be finding out more about the value of Truthfulness, through exploring Bible stories and considering how the messages from these might impact upon our own lives.

School Events

Year 6 attended the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education's annual Church School Festival at Lincoln Cathedral on Wednesday 5th June. The children displayed excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning throughout the visit, as they embarked upon workshops in the Education Centre, a singing session with iSing Pop and a tour of the cathedral. They were even able to spot the hidden Lincoln Imp in the upper reaches of the building! The day ended with a collaborative service with some of the other schools that attended across the Diocese. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and our thanks go to the staff at the Diocese and Cathedral for organising this event.

Year 4 enjoyed a visit to the 'Energy from Waste' centre in Lincoln on Thursday 6th June. The children learnt how general waste can be used to produce energy, along with the importance of recycling and reusing. A fabulous day was had by all and the children were excellent ambassadors for our school. Once again, our thanks to the staff at the Energy from Waste centre for organising the activities.

Finally, our school choir performed at the St George's Festival last night. They were superb ambassadors St. Andrew's and sang beautifully, along with choirs from eight other schools. My thanks to Mrs Walker, Mrs Lear and Mrs Richardson for accompanying them to this event.

School Council Cake Sale

Last Friday, our School Council ran a cake sale both during the day in school and again after school. The children made a selection of cakes themselves, and also sold some of those that had been donated (thank you for your generous donations). The grand total from the sale was £124.36. Well done the School Council and Miss Coucom!

Sports Day

As you are aware, our annual Sports Day will take place on Thursday 20th June (with a reserve date of Thursday 27th June in the event of inclement weather). Please see the letter sent out last week with details of the picnic lunch and afternoon events. For safeguarding reasons, it is essential that parents/carers email the office to inform us of your attendance at the picnic lunch – the deadline for this is today, Friday 14th June. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Thursday.



Consultation on Length of School Day

As you are aware from previous communications, we have been running a consultation on the length of the school day, to comply with Department for Education (DfE) documentation advising all schools to increase the length of the school week to 32.5 hours from September 2024. Following a review of the responses to the consultation, the governors have agreed the start and finish times for the school day as set out below:

From September 2024 onwards:

- 8:45am** – school gates open for children to arrive.
- 8:55am** – registration of children in the classrooms.
- 3:15pm** – end of school day for children in Reception (York) class.
- 3:25pm** – end of school day for children in Years 1-6.

Further details on entry and exit points will be detailed before the end of term. Please note that these may be revised if routes into and out of school are affected by the proposed building work.

Open Classrooms

We are delighted to be able to invite all parents and carers into school on the afternoon of Monday 8th July to visit their child's classroom. This will be an informal event, running from 3:40pm – 4:10pm, for your child to show you their classroom, where they sit and some of the work on display. We would ask that parents and carers enter the school via the main entrance (this will be opened at 3:40pm) with their children, who will show you to their classroom. The school bell will ring at 4:10pm, which will denote the end of the Open Classroom session, at which point we would ask you to vacate the building. We are sure that your children will be really proud to show you their learning environment and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us on the 8th July.

Church Services

We were delighted to hear the news that St. Andrew's Church re-opened on Sunday 2nd June. I have been in discussion with Reverend Al and have agreed two dates at the end of term for school services. Please note that due to Church Fire Regulations and Health and Safety requirements, we will need to hold separate services for our younger and older children.

Wednesday 17th July – Service for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – PM (exact time to be confirmed)

Friday 19th July – Service for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 – AM (exact time to be confirmed)

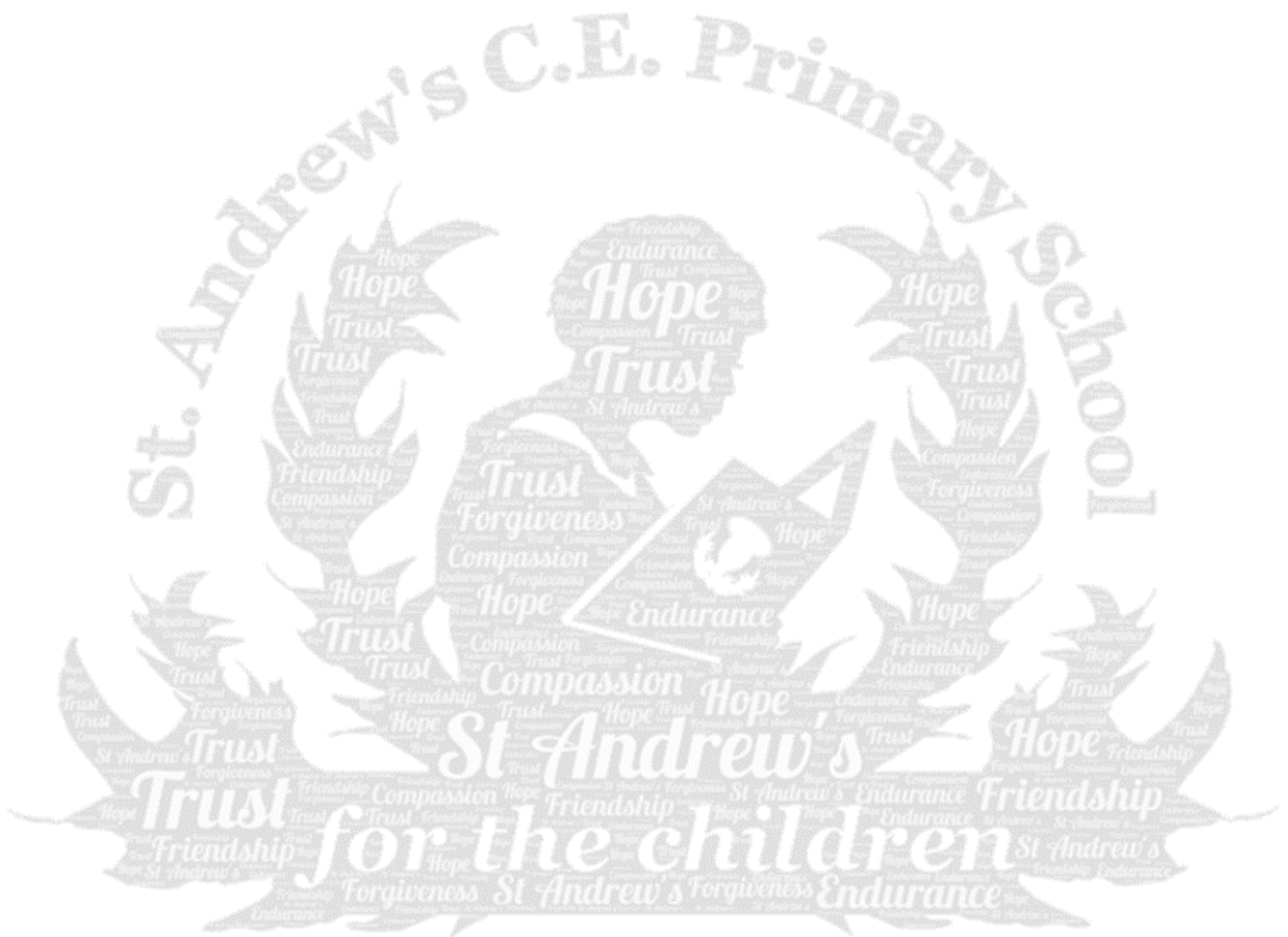
The theme for these occasions will be 'journeys' and parents and carers are welcome to join us for the service relevant to their child(ren).

X Feed (@LeasStAndrews)

Please keep an eye on the school's 'X' feed, for updates and photos of events taking place at St. Andrew's.

Yours sincerely

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