



24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this term, there is lots to celebrate at St. Andrew's. In recent weeks, we have seen children go out to represent the school in a range of sporting events, such as cricket and even a version of the popular Harry Potter inspired sport Quidditch! A special mention to our Year 6 Girls Cricket Team, who won the local cluster tournament and will now go on to take part in the county finals next term. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement! This week, Norwich Class (Year 5) visited Snipe Dales as part of their geography topic, a trip they thoroughly enjoyed despite the wet weather! York Class (Reception) have also been out and about in Leasingham, learning about different features of the village.

There are some important updates for all parents and carers in this latest edition of our newsletter.

### **Collective Worship**

Collective Worship took place in the classrooms for most of last week due to the Year 6 SATs assessments (see next paragraph for more information). We have been finding out more about Jesus appearing to the disciples after his resurrection and how he helped them to catch fish on the Sea of Galilee. After this, he shared breakfast with his followers. This led to discussions around the importance of breakfast as the first meal of the day, but also how important faith in Jesus is to Christians. The Open the Book Team led an excellent worship this week based on 'The Road to Emmaus'.

### **Year 6 SATs**

Well done to all children in Year 6 for the hard work they put into their SATs assessments. Last week was not an easy week for the children by any stretch of the imagination, but we are immensely proud as a school of the way in which they have handled the assessments and conducted themselves throughout. My thanks to all of the staff involved in administering the tests, as well as to Mr Middler for ensuring that all high-level signage was covered during the assessments! I am sure the children will be looking forward to a well-earned rest at half term!

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing Walk/Run**

Last Friday, the whole school took part in a fundraising event for the 'Mind' charity. This was to support Mrs Lear, who walked a marathon distance of The Jurassic Coast Ultra Challenge last weekend, to raise money for, and awareness of, this very worthwhile cause. The children thoroughly enjoyed last Friday's event, as the photos of 'Twitter/X' clearly show. We are pleased to announce that we raised a total of £239.89 for Mind.

### **Sports Day**

As you are aware, our annual Sports Day will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June (with a reserve date of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June in the event of inclement weather). The morning events will be run internally within school but we will be inviting parents and carers to bring a picnic to eat with their children on the field at lunchtime and to watch the traditional races in the afternoon. Details of arrangements for this will be communicated after the half term break.

### **Parking**

We have had reports from local residents around concerns over parents/carers parking in, or blocking access to, the residents only car park at the bottom of St. John's Close. Please can I ask that you are mindful of this situation when parking. A reminder that it is much safer to park at the Village Hall and walk down with your child(ren). Thank you for your support and understanding.



### **Nut Allergies**

Please be aware that we now have children in school who suffer from nut allergies. Should they come into contact with any type of nut, it could lead to a severe reaction. Please can I ask all parents/carers to ensure that your children do not come into school with any food containing nuts. If you are unsure of whether food you are intending to provide contains nuts, please check with staff in the school office. Information regarding nut allergies from the NHS can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/food-allergy/>

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

### **Stay Safe Partnership Online Safety Q + A**

Please see the message below from Kathryn Smith, Community Safety Strategy Coordinator:

*Our '2023 Keeping Safe Survey Lincolnshire' showed that effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity reduced the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. Being able to keep up to date with the latest apps and trends in order to keep your children safe can feel like an overwhelming task. The Stay Safe Partnership deliver Online Safety workshops in Primary and Secondary schools across Lincolnshire everyday. In this event we will give you the most up to date information and tools, so you feel confident that you can keep your children safe from online harm whilst still allowing them to explore the online world. Whether you want to know more around age appropriate apps, online trends, parental controls, social media or any other burning questions, this is the event for you! Sign up is required.*

*Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for Parents of Primary Aged Children 5th June 2024 6-7:30pm  
FREE TEAMS event sign up required: <https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/1238483>*

### **Bank Holiday and Half Term Healthcare**

Please see the flyers attached to this newsletter from NHS Lincolnshire, with details of how to access local healthcare whilst away from home. Information has been provided relating to the WaitLess app, which shows travel, wait and treatment times at any of the Urgent Treatment Centres across Lincolnshire, as well as details of the wide range of NHS services that are available across the county and how to access them.

### **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.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continuing support and wish you all an enjoyable and restful half term break.

Yours sincerely

Mr M W Baker  
Headteacher



## Your guide to health services in Lincolnshire



### Self Care

Treat aches, pains, coughs, and colds at home. Stock up your medicine cabinet with over the counter remedies.



### Pharmacy

Visit your local pharmacy for advice on minor injuries, allergies, constipation, headaches, cold and flu symptoms, and earache.



### Your GP Practice

Contact your GP practice about symptoms that aren't going away. They can offer you an appointment or signpost you to other services.



### NHS 111

If you have an urgent health need but are not sure what to do, think NHS 111. Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk. Available 24/7.



### WaitLess

Download the WaitLess app to view live waiting times, queue numbers and travel-time information for our urgent care facilities.



### Urgent Treatment Centre

Seek help for sprains, fractures, minor burns, and skin infections. Simply walk in or book an appointment via NHS 111.



### Dental Treatment

For urgent dental care please contact your normal dental practice, or for advice out of hours call NHS 111.



### Mental Health Crisis

If you are worried about your mental health, call 0800 001 4331 (adults) or 0800 234 6342 (children and young people). Available 24/7.

In a medical emergency call 999. This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.

For more information visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)



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Avoid long wait times  
when you need  
urgent care



# WaitLess

The WaitLess app combines travel, waiting and treatment times at all urgent care facilities across Lincolnshire, empowering patients to make informed decisions on the most appropriate setting to receive care.

The app also displays a full list of services available at each site, as well as parking and opening time information.

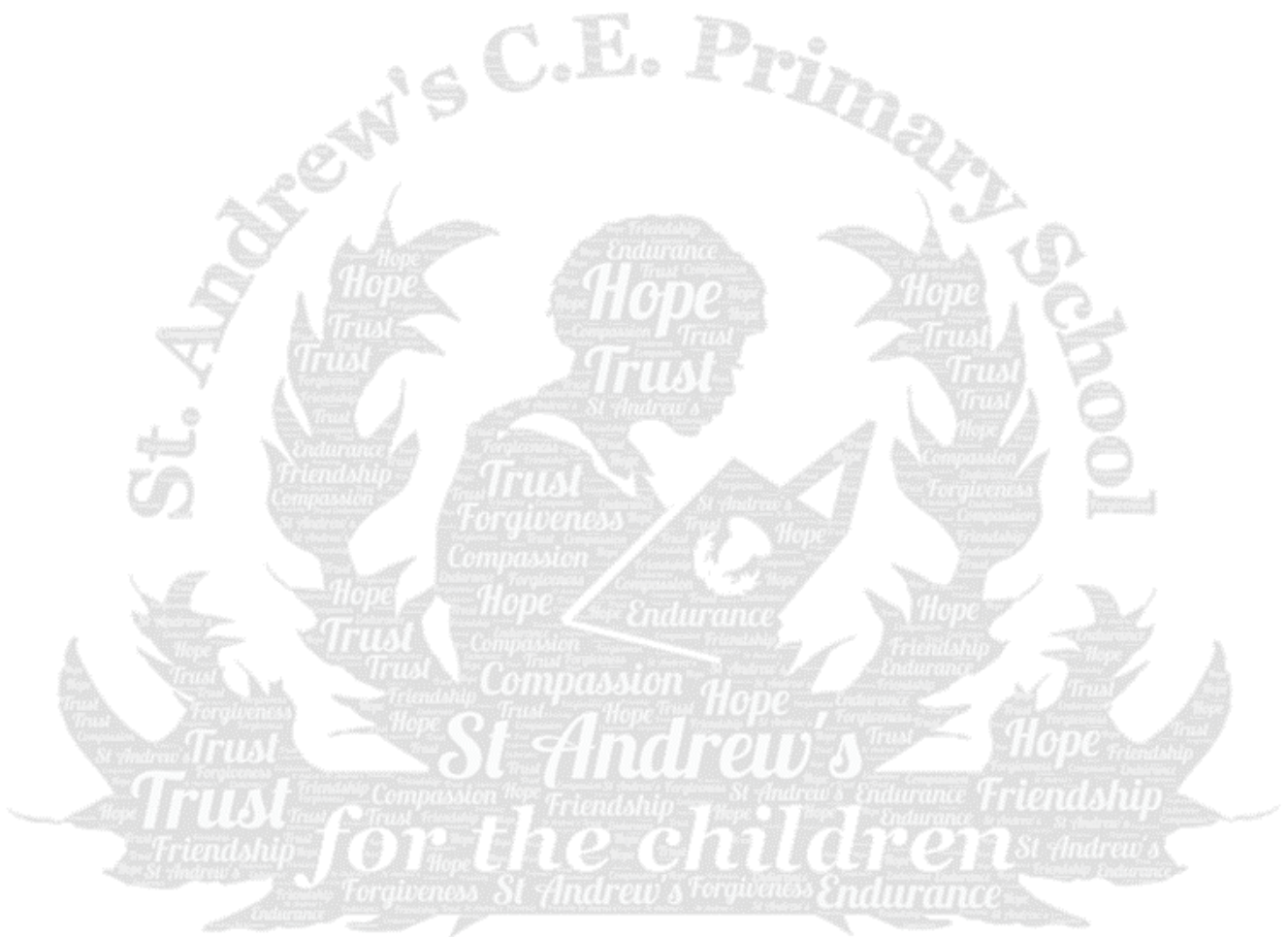
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