



3rd May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already into the month of May – where has this year gone! Please take the time to read through this latest edition of our newsletter, with important updates in the life of St. Andrew's Church of England Primary School.

Collective Worship

We were delighted to welcome Reverend Al into school at the beginning of last week, who spoke to us about the importance of The Ten Commandments and the relevance that they have to our lives today. I asked the children at the end of worship to come and tell me about occasions where they have followed these commandments, and it has been lovely to hear about how they have done this over the last fortnight. This week, we learnt about the disciple Thomas, and how he struggled to believe the miracle of The Resurrection until he had seen Jesus with his own eyes. This led to some interesting discussions about how sometimes people don't believe until they have seen something, and how faith is so important to Christians.

Year 6 SATs

The end of Key Stage 2 assessments will be taking place for all children in Year 6 during the week commencing Monday 13th May. Please can I remind you that it is essential for children to be in school during this week, so that they can partake in these assessments. The children have worked very hard throughout their time at St Andrew's and we have every confidence in each of them doing their very best when these assessments take place.

EYFS Visitors

Our children in York Class have been delighted to welcome into school a range of different people that help us. This has included paramedics, police officers and the fire brigade. It was lovely to witness first hand the joy on the faces of the children, particularly when viewing the associated vehicles (and hearing the noises that they make!). I have been equally impressed with some of the follow-up work that the children have produced. Well done York Class! Please see our 'Twitter/X' feed for photos from these visits.

Contacting School Staff

Please can I take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers about correct protocol for contacting school staff. There have been some instances whereby staff have received emails via their personal school accounts – these are not to be used by parents or carers to contact staff and any emails received via this route will not be responded to. All email communication should be sent via the enquiries email address, which is:

enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk

Please also note that, as previously communicated, the email address head@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk is no longer active. Finally, a reminder that the Microsoft Teams platform is for submitting homework assignments and should not be used as a means to contact teachers. Please see our Parent and Carers Code of Conduct, under policies on our school website, for more information. We are always happy to speak to parents and carers to answer questions or discuss any concerns that you have, via the appropriate channels. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Dogs on site

A reminder that dogs should not be brought onto the school site at any time, as stated in the Parent and Carers Code of Conduct.

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>

Healthy Snacks

At our school, we strive to promote healthy lifestyles as much as possible, through exercise, mental health and healthy eating habits. With this in mind, I wanted to take the opportunity to remind everyone that we do encourage the consumption of healthy snacks at morning break time. If you would like to send your child into school with a healthy snack e.g. piece of fruit or vegetable, you are very welcome to do so. Please avoid providing less-healthy snacks for break time e.g. crisps, chocolate etc.

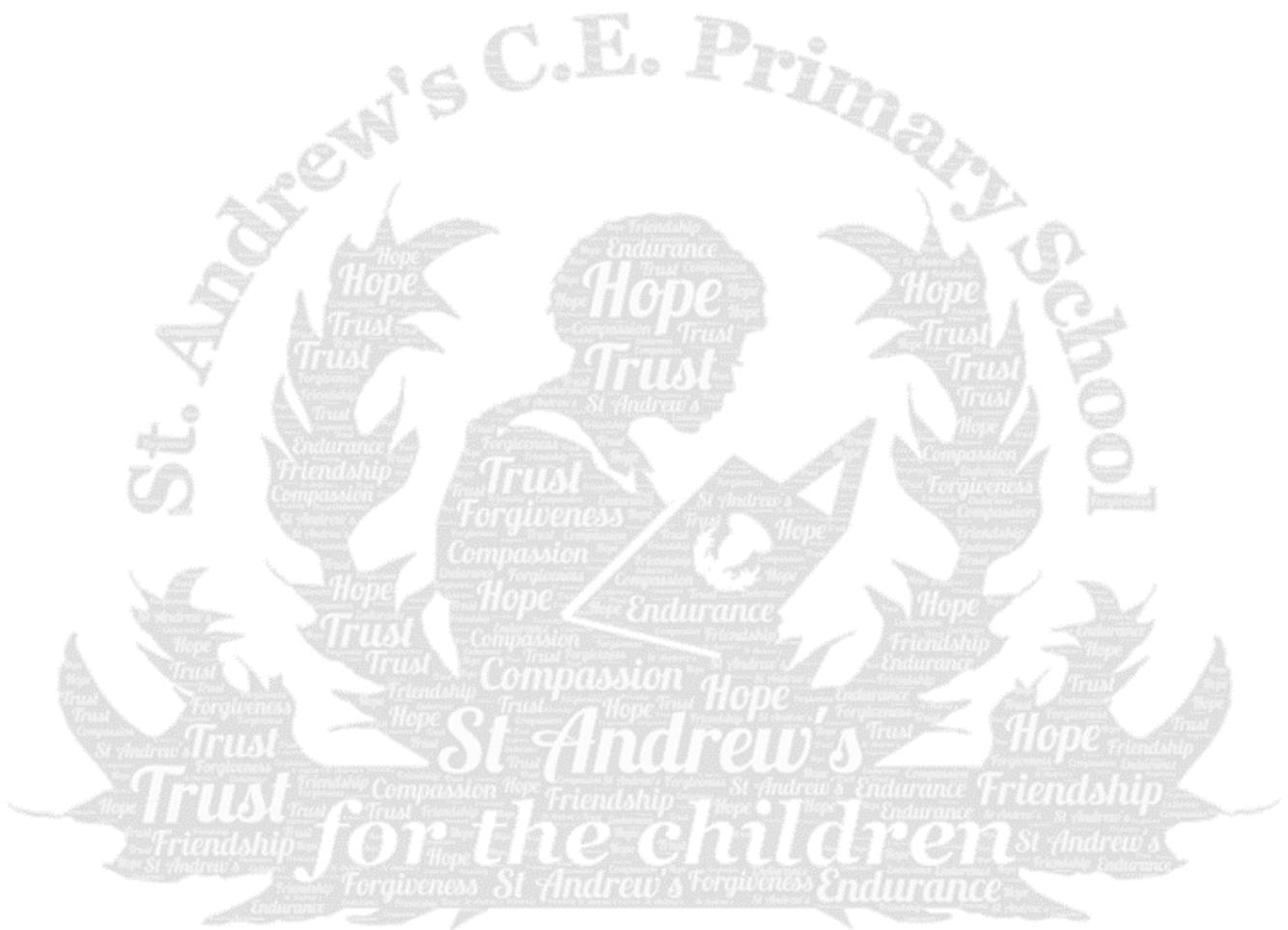
X Feed (@LeasStAndrews)

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

Thank you for your continuing support. I wish you an enjoyable (and hopefully sunny) bank holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely

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