



12th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are now entering the last few days of this term, after what has been a very busy academic year. Lots of events have taken place over the last couple of weeks in the life of the school, with many still to come before the end of term, as detailed in the content of this newsletter.

Collective Worship

Reverend Al was in school this past Monday to talk to us about truthfulness and honesty. He used the story of Zaccheus the Tax Collector to show how people can change their ways by showing these important values. We look forward to seeing Reverend Al again next week at our end of year services at St. Andrew's Church (see details within this newsletter).

We are looking forward to our end of year services at St. Andrew's Church next week. On the day of your child's service, please ensure they are wearing full school uniform, even if it would ordinarily be their P.E. day. A reminder of the dates and times of the services are at the foot of this letter.

Staffing Update

As we approach the end of this academic year, we will be saying goodbye and farewell to some of our staff members. Miss Reynolds and Mrs Pollard will both be moving onto new schools to take up teaching assistant positions. Miss Watkins and Miss Savage will be commencing their teacher training programmes in September. Miss Savage will be returning to St Andrew's to undertake the majority of her training here, for which she will be working in Year 3 (Canterbury). Finally, Miss Fern and Mrs Newton will be leaving their roles as midday assistants, to take up positions at new schools. I would like to put on record my thanks to each of these members of staff for the dedication and commitment they have shown to St. Andrew's and wish them all the very best for the future.

School Events

Last week, our Year 2 children enjoyed a superb educational visit to Woolsthorpe Manor. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and, as with so many of our trips, it was lovely to hear such positive comments about the behaviour and attitude of our children. Similarly, our Year 3 children had a great day at the Sports Crew Community last Friday and were again complemented on the dedication and effort they showed in all events.

We were very pleased to welcome so many parents and carers to our Open Classrooms session on Monday and we hope you enjoyed this opportunity to view the classroom environment and the work on display. We will be looking to schedule another of these events when we return for the new academic year.

Building Work

The proposed extension to the school building to replace the current Year 4 mobile classroom has been approved by the Local Authority. Contractors are expected to be on site over the summer holiday to start the project and we will communicate with you ahead of the start of the new academic year as to any changes of access routes into and out of school. It goes without saying that we will need to make some adjustments as a school to accommodate this work, but we are very much looking forward to a brand new classroom for us to be able to use in 2025.



Year 6 School Production

Congratulations to our very talented Year 6 children in producing a wonderful end of year performance of 'Let Loose' on Tuesday. The children have worked so hard over the last few weeks and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of them. Special thanks to Mrs Pledger and all of the staff in Year 6 for their hard work in putting the performance together and co-ordinating all of the behind the scenes efforts. Year 6 can now look forward to their cinema trip next week as well as their Oscars Ceremony next Tuesday.

Summer Reading Challenge

We were delighted to welcome a representative from Sleaford Library into school last week, to tell us all about the Summer Reading Challenge. This was launched last weekend and will run through until mid-September. Children can sign up for the challenge now to receive their core pack in which they can collect stickers and prizes over the summer holidays for reading at least six library books. Children must be registered for a library card before they begin the challenge. Finishers of the challenge will receive a medal and a free swim voucher for Sleaford Leisure Centre. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.

Earrings

As we approach the summer holidays, we are aware that this is often a time when some parents/carers may decide for their children to have their ears pierced. We would strongly suggest that if this is a decision you are considering, that this takes place at the start of the summer holidays. This is due to the need to keep the first pair of earrings in for six weeks, the end of which will coincide with the commencement of the new school year. Under health and safety regulations for P.E. in schools, children are not allowed to take part in such activity if they are wearing earrings. Children must be able to remove these themselves before taking part in P.E. lessons – we are not permitted to tape earrings over. We thank you for your co-operation and understanding in this matter.

PTFA Summer Fayre

The PTFA Summer Fayre will take place after school this evening, from 3:30pm on the school field. Please enter the field via the large green gates at the end of the car park. Toilets are available during the fayre, which can be accessed via the main entrance to the school. We hope to see as many of you as possible at this event.

Before and After School Supervision

There have been a couple of instances recently whereby children have had minor bumps and accidents in the car park whilst playing before and after school. Please can I remind everyone to take extra care before and after school and to ensure that children are fully supervised whilst on the premises at these times. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Parking

I have this week received a letter from the Trustees to the Leasingham Village Hall. They have asked me to remind parents and carers that the Village Hall car park should only be used at school start and finish times, not at other times. This has caused a problem recently with Village Hall users being unable to access the car park. Whilst on the subject of parking, please can I again encourage all parents and carers to park safely when dropping off and collecting children from school. It is dangerous to park on the zig zag lines, which can make crossing the road particularly difficult with children and parents forced to step out between parked cars. Please see overleaf the content from the Lincolnshire Police Website regarding parking outside of schools:



When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.
- Please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or accessways.

Local councils can issue motorists with penalty charge notices (PCN) for waiting, stopping, or parking on yellow zigzags if restrictions are in place.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Public Health Agency Information

Please see below a link to the Public Health Agency 'Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings' for information on preventing the spread of infections.

[Guidance on infection control in schools poster.pdf \(hscni.net\)](#)

Last Week of Term – Key Dates

Monday 15th July – Year 6 Cinema Trip

Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 Oscars Ceremony (2pm – please see previous correspondence for Year 6 parents/carers)

Wednesday 17th July – EYFS/Key Stage 1 Church Service (St. Andrew's Church – 2:15pm)

Wednesday 17th July – School Discos (EYFS/Key Stage 1 – 4pm – 5pm; Key Stage 2 – 5:30pm – 6:30pm – please see previous correspondence.

Friday 19th July – Key Stage 2 Church Service (St Andrew's Church – 9:30am)

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 wish you an enjoyable weekend ahead and, hopefully, a positive result for England in the Euro 2024 Final on Sunday evening! Come on England!!

Yours sincerely

Mr M W Baker
Headteacher





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All craft activities can be booked one week before they commence. An adult must accompany the child at the event.
- For every 2, 4 and 6 library books read you will receive a set of stickers and a prize.
- By completing the challenge at Sleaford Library you also receive a voucher for a free swim at Sleaford Leisure Centre. Please note the voucher will have an expiry date
- Under 4's can complete the mini-challenge for stickers.

To find out more, talk to a member of staff or scan the QR code to visit our website.



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AT SLEAFORD LIBRARY

Saturday 6th July to
Saturday 7th September 2024

Sign up for a summer of creative fun



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LAUNCH EVENT

Join the fun as we launch the Summer Reading Challenge!

Date: Saturday 6th July

Time: 9.00am-1.00pm



FRUIT PRINT A TOTE BAG

Print a pattern on to a tote bag with fruit and veg

Date: 15th or 16th August

Time: 2.30pm-4.00pm



MAKE MAYA'S PHOTO FRAME

Make a photo frame to hold your summer memories.

Date: 25th or 26th July

Time: 2.30pm-4.00pm

CRAFT CHARLIE'S MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Make a musical instrument and join Charlie's band.

Date: 22nd or 23rd August

Time: 2.30pm-4.00pm



RILEY'S JUNK MODELLING

Make a junk model out of recyclable materials just like Riley.

Date: 1st or 2nd August

Time: 2.30pm-4.00pm



MAKE A MASK

Create and decorate your own festival mask.

Date: 29th or 30th August

Time: 2.30pm-4.00pm



SEW A MONSTER

Sew together a stuffed monster toy.

Date: 8th or 9th August

Time: 2.30pm-4.00pm

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Celebrate the end of another fantastic Summer of reading and fun!

Date: Saturday 21st September

Time: 10.00-12 noon



Make sure you check with staff whether you need to reserve your spot for each activity, contact: [email: sleaford.library@gll.org](mailto:sleaford.library@gll.org)



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