



8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to you having spent the first half of this week in Norfolk, accompanying our Year 6 children on their Residential Visit to Hilltop. I am sure I speak for each of the children on the trip when I say that they have had a fantastic week away, full of attempting new and varied challenges. Hilltop's motto is 'challenge by choice' and they talk to all visitors about moving from the comfort zone and into the stretch zone. I was certainly in my stretch zone when attempting the 'Big Zipper' (zip-wire) on Wednesday morning! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the adults that have given up their time and accompanied the children on this residential. I know how much the children have appreciated this and we all look forward to them bringing their new-found confidence and range of skills they have developed back into school next week.

### **Collective Worship**

We have continued to explore the theme of justice through collective worship and were delighted to welcome Reverend Al into school this past Monday. Over the coming weeks, we will look towards Easter and consider the significance of Palm Sunday as well as the events of Holy Week, leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### **Car Park before and after school**

There have been a few instances recently whereby children have been running around within the carpark before school. Although the car park is a no-drive zone between 8:30am – 9:00am, it still does present several risks. Please can I ask all parents and carers to ensure that they are supervising their children appropriately before and after school, ensuring that they are in close proximity to yourselves. The children have been spoken to about these expectations today. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **School Trips and Visitors**

One of our Golden Threads in school is to offer 'cultural experiences and enrichment opportunities'. As previously mentioned, Year 6 have enjoyed a wonderful residential in Norfolk this week. Year 4 took part in a Noise Workshop on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, with the chance to be involved in a range of practical activities. Year 3 enjoyed a visit to Wild Wood Craft on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, enhancing learning around their Stone Age topic. "Very, very interesting" and "We loved it because we made Stone Age houses" were comments made by the children on these experiences. We look forward to continuing to offer a rich variety of experiences to enhance the learning of all children at St. Andrew's.

### **World Book Day**

We celebrated World Book Day at St. Andrew's yesterday with a range of activities in school to mark this occasion. One of these was a teacher swap, with a different member of staff reading one of their favourite stories to each class. Ask your child which adult read to their class and the book that they chose. Your child will be given a World Book Day voucher to use as part-payment towards a book of their choice. This can be saved until the Travelling Book Fayre visit school later this month – more details will be sent out to you nearer the time.



## Comic Relief – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

We will be celebrating Comic Relief with a non-uniform day in school for all children on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We will not be collecting money in school, but would ask that donations are made online via the following link:

[Donate | Comic Relief](#)

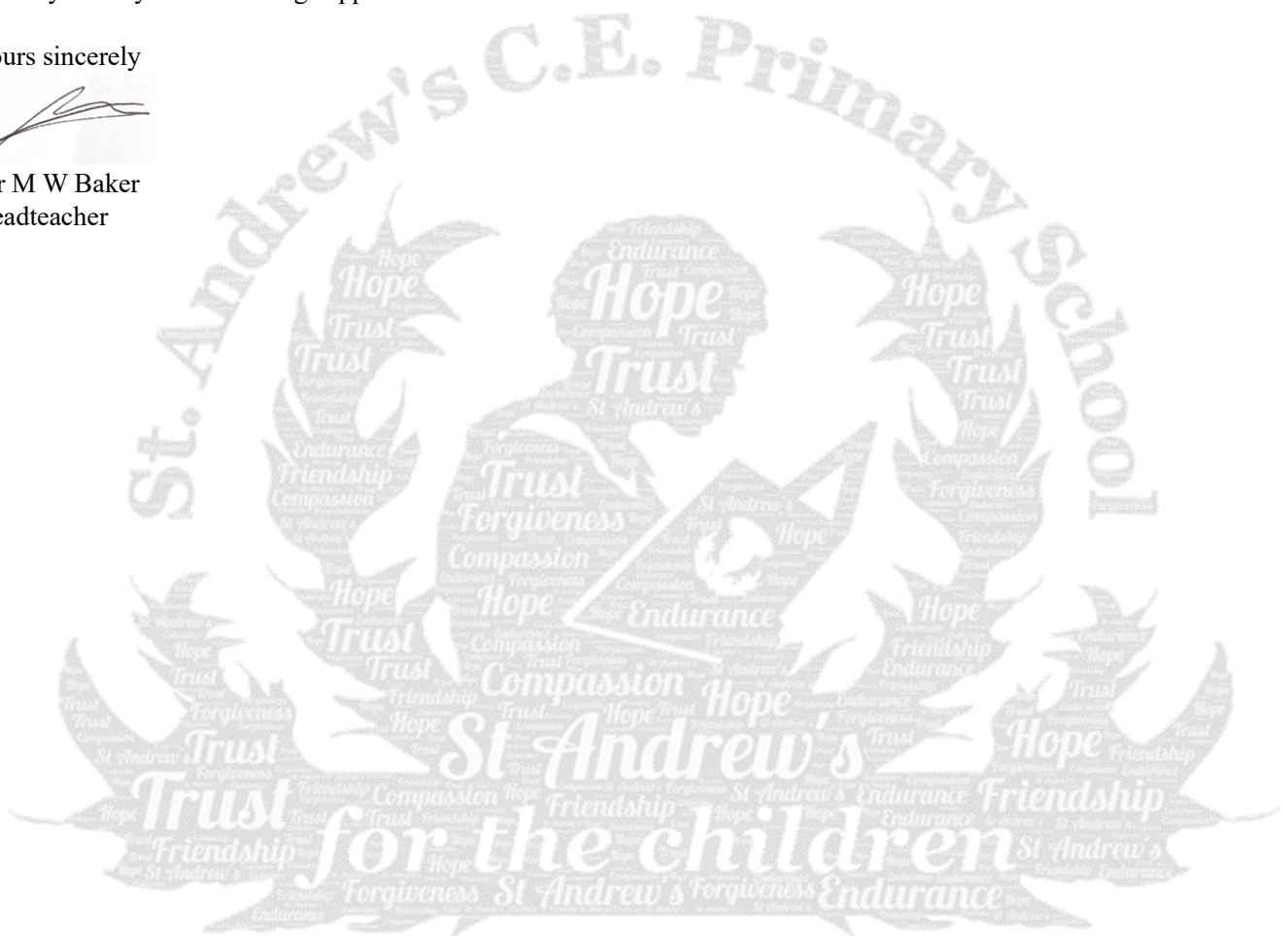
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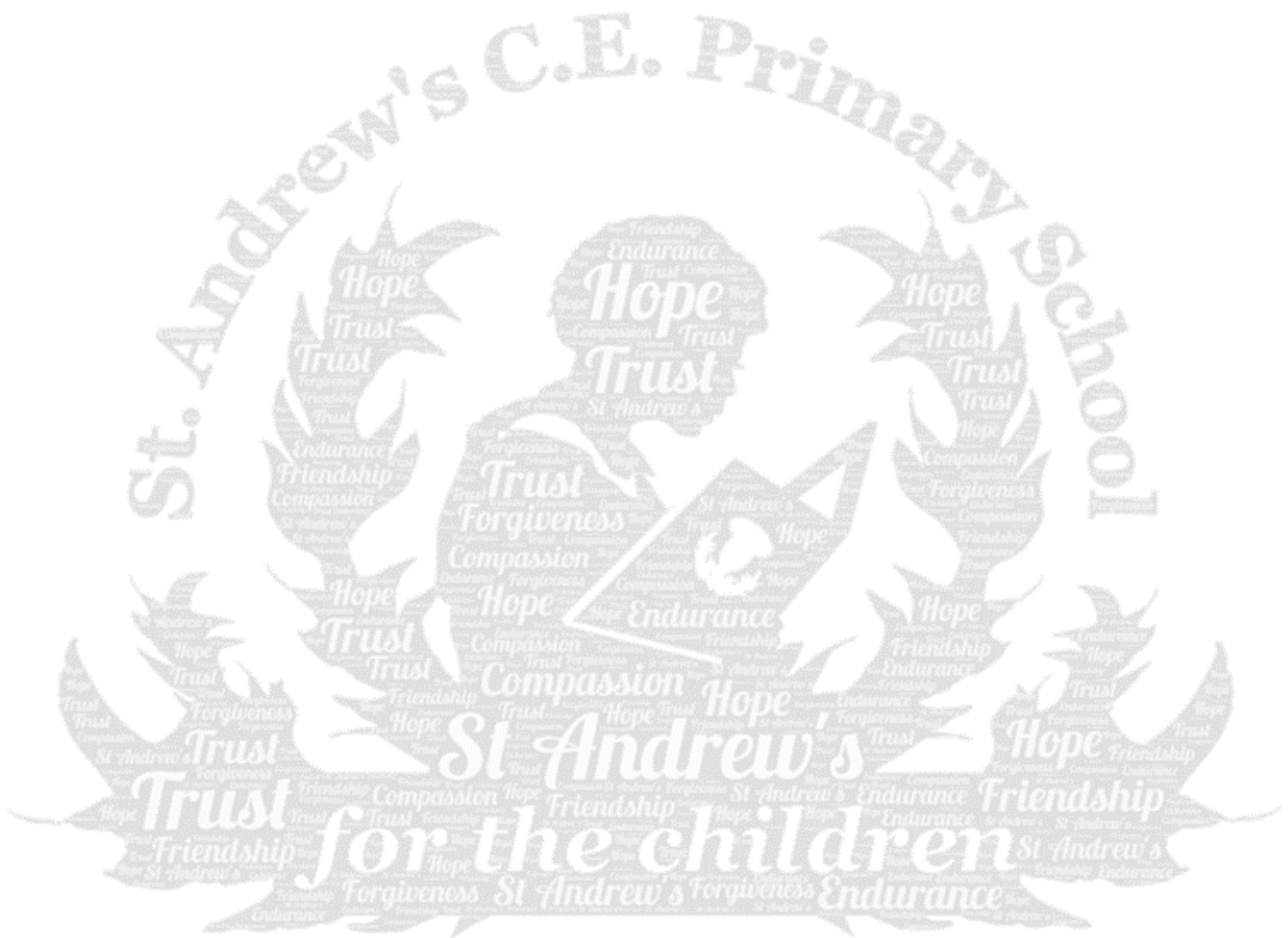
Please keep an eye on the school's 'X' feed, for updates and photos of events taking place at St. Andrew's.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

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