

Family Updates Newsletter

St Andrew's Academy

Learning Together, Achieving Together

11th November 2022

Head Teacher's welcome

I very much hope this newsletter finds you well. Once again, St Andrew's has been buzzing with purpose and engagement in a wide variety of learning and enjoyment.

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome over 80 of our KS4 parents into school on a rainy Monday night to experience all of the brilliant learning opportunities that the Duke of Edinburgh award can offer. Please see the KS4 write up in this newsletter to find out more about D of E and what the KS4 curriculum has on offer.

All of our young people constantly amaze us with their approach to learning, resilience and courage. I hope you enjoy finding out about our school community within this newsletter.

Have a safe and restful weekend

David Braybrooke

Head Teacher

We may be wearing our PJs next week but there's no snoozing here!!

Check out our plans in this newsletter!



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The Young people at St Andrew's have engaged in many learning activities to understand the significance of the Poppy and Remembrance Day. Everyone demonstrated maturity and respect throughout each session and engaged impeccably. As usual, our students observed the 2-minute silence at 11am today to the best of their ability-we are very proud of them all.







Important Dates

Remembrance Day – Friday 11th November

Anti-Bullying Week- Monday 14th to Friday 18th November

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

St Andrew's Day - Wednesday 30th November

Christmas Jumper Day— Thursday 8th December

Christmas Concert—Friday 9th December

INSET Day—Thursday 22nd December

Christmas Holidays - Friday 23rd December to Friday 6th January

February Half Term – Monday 20th to Friday 24th February



Survey



Parent Survey

St Andrew's Academy is part of a National Multi Academy Trust called Shaw Education Trust (SET). SET are constantly evaluating and improving outcomes for every person across the family of schools and one way they do this is through online questionnaires. Please could you click on the link below to share your views of St Andrew's to support our constant journey of improvement.

Parental Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ specialschoolparentalsurveyterm12022

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Outdoor Education Evening

On Monday each class in Key Stage 4 and the Highlands prepared an activity that showcased the learning done in Outdoor Education and Duke of Edinburgh sessions. We invited parents and carers to the evening and had a BBQ, hot chocolate station, bird feeder making, bug hunt in the sensory garden, sand art, smores and banana boats around the campfire, photos of where we have been, and showcased our work. It was amazing to see so many of you get involved and we hope you enjoyed seeing some of what we do. After a huge down pour of rain it was nice to finish the evening with sparklers around the fire.











Friday 18th November - Children In Need Day

Students (and staff!) are invited to wear their pyjamas to school.

Students will be enjoying lots of different activities and we will be having a Student Talent Show in the afternoon!

Here's to lots of fun!

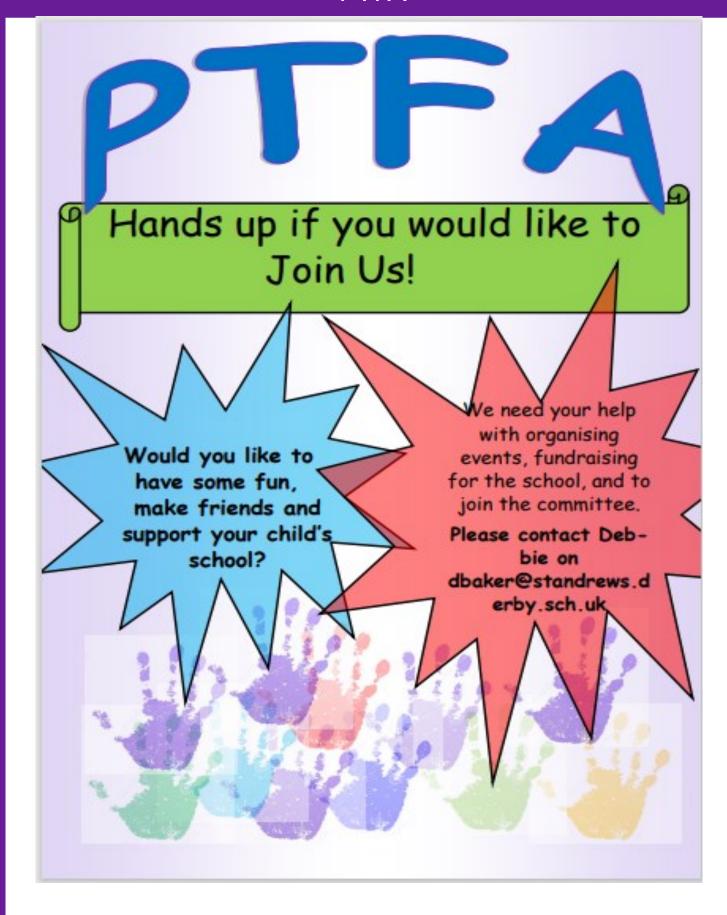


Parents are always welcome!

Speak to Tracy for further details.

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PTFA



Odd Socks Day Monday 14th November



Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, at work of at home, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week to help raise awareness of bullying.

Formal Parents Coffee Mornings at the café will re-commence in the New Year

Sam Summer Rell and Nabila Talit will be present and we will arrange for various guest speakers to attend and answer questions from parents and carers.

We would welcome any of your suggestions if you need advice from any organisation in particular.

Please contact Sam - SSummerrell@standrews.derby.sch.uk

Or the School Office - admin@standrews.derby.sch.uk

Dates to be confirmed



Derby Children's ICU Present drive

Many children within Derby City will spend Christmas Day in hospital. Sadly, this was the case with one of our young people last year. During her stay, she was given a present from the Hospital and it really helped them through a worrying time.

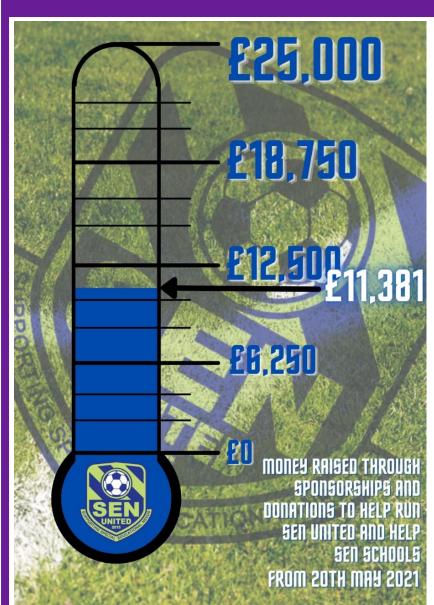
This year, in recognition of this, we are supporting the parent to repay the kindness and donate wrapped presents to the hospital.



If you'd like to support the present drive and provide a wrapped gift for a boy or girl up to the age of 16, please drop by or send them in with your young person for the attention of David by

Wednesday 21st December

We know that Christmas can be a difficult time financially. Please note this is purely optional and only support if you feel able to.





WOW! Huge thanks as always for the hard work and commitment shown by SEN UTD in raising funds to redevelop an Outdoor space on our main playground.

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