



St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 4th May 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to Miss Stott with her successful appointment as Headteacher - St Mary and St John CE Primary School, Oxford. Bex was put through a rigorous two-day interview process and will join her new school in September. She has been Deputy at St Andrew's for nearly four years. During this time, Bex has been such a support to the school, as an inspirational year 6 teacher, passionate leader and part of the governing body. I am sure you will join me, the rest of the staff and governors in wishing Bex the best in her new role. We all know the school is very lucky to have appointed a Headteacher with such enthusiasm and drive for school improvement. We will all miss her very much. Thank you for everything, Bex!

Surveys

Thank you for your feedback from the parent and pupil surveys. It was great to read so many positive comments and some areas we could develop further. We will be using this to inform school development and we hope to share the outcomes from the survey at the end of the term.

Curriculum

As the children have not been able to attend any residential or day trips, Term 6 will be our outdoor learning term. Teachers will be planning a range of activities to enhance learning opportunities outdoors and develop team building skills. If there is something you would like to offer in the form of skills/equipment to support this please let us know by emailing the school office.



Chicks in school

I am sure you have all heard about our new additions. We received ten eggs with the incubator and an amazing nine chicks hatched. The children will have another opportunity to spend time with the chicks this week before they go to their new home.



Well done Ella

On world book day Ella watched a video on the BBC by David Walliams 'how to write a great story' and then entered a 500-word competition that went with the video. Ella's pirate story was so good she won! Her prize will be to receive a lesson from David Walliams and she will have her story made into a book cover. Well done Ella!

Polite Reminders

In the interests of health and safety please ensure your children keep to the paved path and do not walk on the road when entering the school premises.

We have had a request from a neighbour regarding considerate parking during drop off and pick up times. We understand parking can be difficult at all entrances to school but residents also need to have access to their driveways.

Annette Mashru – **Headteacher**

Governors

As governors, we work closely with Mrs Mashru and her team in developing and sustaining our school. The Governors are responsible for:

- Setting strategic direction for the school
- Ensuring accountability of the teachers and leadership team
- Monitoring and evaluating the performance of the school against agreed targets



Two of our parent governors are coming to the end of their first terms in office and both have said they would like to stand again to continue to serve the school. Anna Edwards and Mark Oliver joined the governing body four years ago, since then they have made valuable contributions to the life of our school - including playing central roles in securing our brand new classrooms and repairs and upgrades to the other school buildings, as well as supporting the staff and leadership team in maintaining and strengthening standards during our school's rapid growth and the pandemic.

In line with our constitution, however, parent governors need to be re-elected every four years. We therefore invite any other parent who would like to stand, to submit their nominations by Friday 14th May 3pm. If there are no other nominations, Anna and Mark will be re-elected. If other nominations are received, we will hold an election.

In terms of the time commitment required, there are 12 governor meetings per year, always in the evenings. Plus, we each have a school subject to provide governor support for - which generally means we meet 3 times per year with the lead teacher to offer advice and challenge on how best to develop the subject.

If you'd like to know more from one of the current governors or would like to nominate yourself please email us via the school office, explaining the experience and skills you would bring. Nominations close on **Friday 14th May 3pm**

SASA update

SASA would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to all of you who have supported us with our Easter events.

Our winning class have chosen to host a games day during the Summer term which is fantastic and something which they can all enjoy. SASA will fund a couple of additional games for the class which they can keep as they go through the school. Well done Peacock class! You may have noticed the fabulous new sheds in the Benton playground, one of these is the SASA shed and will provide excellent storage for years to come. We would like to extend our thanks to Mr Cummins, Mr Wootton and Mr Ludlow for erecting these and moving our bits and pieces over last week!

We are looking for some new talent to join the SASA team, in particular we are looking for a person or people for the position of chair as Nykki and Caroline are officially stepping down from this position at the end of the year. This is a very rewarding role leading a team of creative and enthusiastic people to raise funds for St Andrew's School.

If you would like to know more about this role or any other within the team, please let me know and I will gladly discuss this with you.

Best wishes to you all, Nykki Greaves and the SASA Team