



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

Tuesday 9th November 2021

Our Vision:

At St Andrew's CE Primary School, we aim to bring children to a place where they can realise their full potential. Our Christian values are the foundation of all we do and each one is a facet of the central value, love, which 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:7) *Protect, Trust, Hope and Persevere*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 returned after an excellent activity filled week in North Wales having had great weather, lots of fun, wonderful opportunities and new experiences. It has been amazing to be able to have these sorts of invaluable trips after two missed years. The children have been making memories again! Thank you to Mr Gibson, Mrs Gerrish, Mr Nicholls, Miss Revill, Miss Lang, Miss Clark, Mrs Mandeville and their families for spending a week away from each other to make this happen. I know parents and children really appreciate the great feedback some have given.



On the last day of term, we sadly said goodbye to Patsy, our Lollypop Lady of **35** years. Patsy will be missed for her kindness and dedication to so many families over the years. The children shared how they felt through cards and gifts from parents and staff in assembly.

Patsy sent this message afterwards:

Thank you all very much for the cards and lovely gifts. It has been an emotional day but a lovely one. A massive thank you to St Andrew's School and Annette who put on a lovely reception for me and Malcolm. Thank you to all the staff and parents for your gifts and the lovely children who made some beautiful cards which I will cherish. Many, many thanks. Please stay safe. Love Patsy xxx

Patsy will remain a friend of St Andrew's and will visit when she can. **Thank you, Patsy.**



Your generosity for the Harvest Festival was overwhelming. Thank you. What kind and thoughtful parents we have. The Sharing Life Trust was very grateful. Thank you to Mrs Wootton, Mrs Pijnen, Mrs Axford and the Village Centre for supporting the distribution of so many wonderful donations.

You were equally generous with your plants and donations for the flowerbed at the front of the school. Mrs Schmidt and Mrs Radbourne have devoted many hours to achieve a wonderful transformation and we are truly grateful.





Our PCSO from the Local Neighbourhood Police Team visited foundation stage children to talk about the Police and their role within the community. They were shown a short 5 minute film of a reading of the book by the author who is also a serving PCSO.

Here is the link if you should like to know more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SOmKg9vjEs>

Children across the school have had authors visit their class over the past two weeks as part of our pop-up literacy event. They have produced some excellent work as a result and many have been inspired to write more. Thank you, Mrs Gerrish and Mr Robards, for facilitating this event. The authors were very complimentary regarding the school. I would just like to share the feedback I received from author, James Carter.

As a writer-in-schools, I am fortunate enough to visit a great many excellent schools, but rarely of the calibre of St Andrew's.

What made my visit on Wednesday 4th November so very special was the school's commitment to the day and the experience as a whole. The children were highly keen, creative and responsive throughout, in both the assembly and the workshops. The children here are clearly passionate readers as they are great listeners, articulate speakers, and have wide vocabularies. Moreover, their ideas and offerings in the workshops were exceptional, and their resulting poems were testament to this. But what makes a day like this is not the children – they always rise to the occasion, given the opportunity, - it's the teachers. ALL of the teachers present were 110% committed (no marking at the side like I often see/or chatting during an assembly...) – modelling how to respond to a visitor. The staff were actively participating in everything, and even joining in with the space assembly and the workshops. This exceptional level of commitment from teachers, TAs and indeed trainee teachers is rare. Often, I visit a class to do a workshop to discover that the teacher has taken it as PPA time out, as clearly, they don't feel it's a valuable experience to work/write alongside with a children's writer. The very opposite was true of St Andrew's. The dedication from the staff and the resulting atmosphere in the workshops - as one teacher rightly commented - was nearly spiritual – empowering children to take risks with their creativities and their ideas. I am due to return to this outstanding school in January, which I am very much looking forward to already.



Well done to everyone for making our visitor feel welcome. As I sign off this newsletter I think back to our vision at the start. We really do live the vision '**Protect, Trust, Hope and Persevere**' at St Andrew's. Thank you to all our stakeholders for making it possible.

Annette Mashru – **Headteacher**

Polite reminders/Health and Safety



Please ensure your children have a set of named indoor shoes. The carpets across the school have been professionally cleaned so it is pleasant for the children in class. If the children forget their indoor shoes and have muddy shoes after play they will need to clean them before entering the classroom. Could you also ensure your children are wearing school shoes to school? It is unfair to those parents and children who wear the correct uniform if others do not.

We ask you to help ensure playground equipment is not being used by children or siblings before or after school as it is not supervised by school staff, at these times. Thank you for your continued support with the above reminders.