



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

Monday 7th March 2022

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*

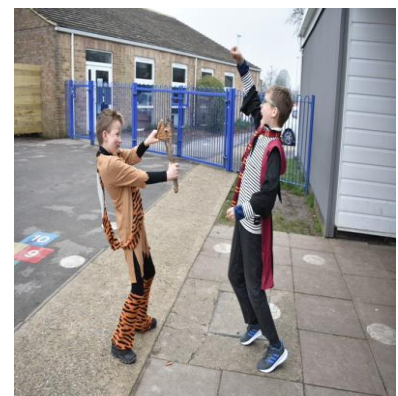
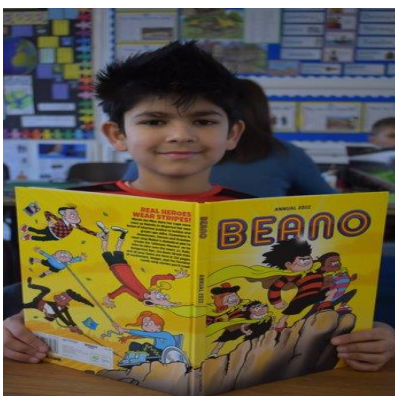
Dear Parents and Carers,



I am happy to report school was a hub of excitement last week for the start of term 4. On Monday the INSET training focused on supporting the wellbeing and behaviour management of the children. As a school we are mindful the past two years and current affairs are having an impact on everyone and it was good to spend some time discussing and planning approaches to support this. On Tuesday we were able to celebrate the

brilliant artwork with the theme 'Sustainable Me' in a whole school assembly. The winners and runners up were presented with certificates and prizes by our art governor Mrs Milligan and Mrs Collier our art leader, who organised the event. After judging the competition Mrs Collier and Mrs Milligan praised all the children for their creativity and hard work in producing such wonderful pieces of work. It was great to see so many parents in school visiting the art exhibition which will be open until Tuesday morning. There will also be a video of the exhibition on the school website.

The children's costumes for World Book Day on Thursday were amazing. In key stage one we had some wonderful costumes with two costumes being chosen for the design and creativity that had gone into making the outfits. A beautiful owl from year 1 and a Minnie Mouse from year 2. In Years 3 and 5 two children's costumes were picked out as being particularly impressive. Co-incidentally, both were characters from Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens, with fantastic Oliver and Artful Dodger costumes. Some of the children brought cushions to school and were able to sit on these to enjoy reading their books in our celebration assembly. The children also loved taking part in the book swap, they were able to have access to a book which was new to them. Thank you to Mrs Gerrish for organising this brilliant event.



Mrs Darlington and the Year 1 team turned into investigators and time travellers for their immersive Dinosaur Day and it was incredible! They started the day by learning all about how dinosaurs became extinct 65 million years ago, and practised being palaeontologists by uncovering fossils. In the afternoon, they travelled back millions of years and met not one, not two, but three dinosaurs. Mia, Bella and Sophie were a little scary at first but everyone got to stroke them – even Mrs Darlington who got chased by Sophie the T-Rex! Now the children are all very excited to learn even more about dinosaurs and the prehistoric era.



Please find dates of some of the key Term 4 events in school which you may want to be aware of. Dates for Term 5 and Term 6 are on the website calendar. Please note dates may change due to circumstance beyond our control.

Diary Dates:

- March 3rd World Book Day dressing up and Dinosaur Day in Year 1
- March 15th Music recitals Y3 and Year 5
- March 16th Music recitals Y4 and Year 6
- March 17th Music recitals Y1 and Year 2
- March 21st Year 5 to Chiltern Open Air Museum
- March 22nd EYFS poetry day with author James Carter
- March 23rd Y2 SATs information to parents
- March 29th Year 4/5 Production 1.30pm
- March 30th Year 4/5 Production 1.30pm
- March 31st Fair Trade Tuck shop sale
- April 4th Y6 to Junior Citizen – Atlantic Class
- April 5th Y6 to Junior Citizen – Pacific Class
- April 6th Youlbury presentation to Year 4 parents
- April 7th Kingswood presentation to Year 5 parents
- April 8th End of term 1.30pm



World Prayer Day

Children thought about their hopes for the world which were displayed in Chinnor Community Church for the World Day of Prayer last week. These inspired prayers for compassion and peace, especially for Ukraine.

Our value this term is Compassion