



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

To strive for respect, enjoyment and excellence for all!

29.04.2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy week here at school and our theme at the moment is all about resilience. Staff have been working extremely hard to ensure that we are addressing the gaps from the Lockdowns and making the most of every learning opportunity. This means that children are working very hard indeed! We absolutely appreciate how hard it has been for some of our children to get back into the habit of working hard in lessons all day so being able to be resilient is essential. On Monday we thought about Derek Redmond, the Olympic runner who tore his hamstring in the final in Barcelona but hobbled over the line to finish with the help of his Dad. We also watched a short video which gives strategies to help us all become more resilient. Here are the links should you be interested:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZlXWp6vFdE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeu9X88g8DE>

Year 2

One of our children in the Y2 class has tested positive for Covid. As a result, Y2 children are isolating at home and can return on the 6th May. Remote learning is in operation and families of Y2 children should see our website and join the live Zooms at 9.15 each morning. Please can we ask that Y2 children isolate at home. Staff have seen Y2 children outside school before and after school when they should be isolating at home.

Key Dates:

- 10/17th - May Parents Meeting Phone Calls
- 18th May – Paul Cookson visit
- 28th June – Assessment Week
- 30th June – new family visits start for Nursery and Reception
- 7/8th July Y6 visits to secondary schools
- 9th July – Reports
- 13th July EYFS graduation ceremonies
- 14th July – Full Governing Board Meeting
- 22nd July – End of Term

	Sharing Assembly
23.04	Y1
30.04	Y5
07.05	Y3
14.05	Y4
21.05	EYFS
28.05	Y6
11.06	Y2
18.06	Y1
26.06	Y3
02.07	Y4
09.07	Y5
16.07	EYFS

Zoom Sharing Assemblies

Thank you to everyone who has been attending the sharing assemblies. I am sorry that I missed the last one and will miss tomorrow as we are interviewing for chef's assistant for



Cheryl. Mr Worsley will be leading the assembly once again. It is the turn of Y5 tomorrow. Here is the information that you need:

Meeting ID: 698 375 4922 Passcode: StAndrews

Duolingo

Well done to everyone who has been working so hard on their French in Key Stage 2. The following children are top of their XP leagues for earning lots of points:

Year 6 – Arifa

Year 5 – Hafizah, Liam

Year 4 – Amelia, Farhan, Maram

Year 3 – Lina, Harrison, Levente, Mohammad Q, Naeem, Wesam, Zack

Ramadan

Thank you to all of the parents who are keeping in touch with us regarding fasting. Please can we ask that if a child decides to break their fast and needs a school dinner that they inform us before 9.30am so we can give the correct dinner numbers to our kitchen staff.

The Big Ask

We are taking part in The Big Ask on behalf of the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel De Souza;

"It is time to give something back to children after the huge sacrifices they have made during the Covid pandemic. 'The Big Ask' will ask millions of children in England to tell us what life is like for them, what their hopes and ambitions are, and what is holding them back.

"I hope that every parent and carer, every teacher and anyone who works with children will encourage children to take part in this big, exciting opportunity. I want 'The Big Ask' to be the biggest survey of children ever carried out in this country so that we can better understand what children want from the people in power and those who make decisions about their lives.

"What children tell us will be at the heart of my Childhood Commission and 'Beveridge-style' blueprint for Government and others to tackle some of the generational problems that have held back too many children for decades."

Please consider taking part using this link:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/resources/debate-resources-for-classrooms-and-youth-groups/>

Parents Meetings

Please could all parents meetings letters be returned back to school by tomorrow so staff can arrange appointments. Any families that do not return letters by tomorrow will be given one of the remaining times. For families of Y2 children who can't get into school, please telephone school or email me at joanne.bladen-kay@salford.gov.uk and we will arrange times for you.

Parking

The yellow zig zags and signs are there outside our school to keep our children and families safe. Over the last few weeks the amount of dangerous and careless parking incidents outside



our school appear to have increased a great deal. We have seen cars hit the yellow no parking signs, drivers get out of their cars and move the yellow parking signs, cars block the road to let children out directly onto the road, cars parking diagonally across the pavement and onto the road, like this:



Illegal parking like this not only causes traffic chaos outside school but also puts the safety of pedestrians at risk as the pavement is narrowed or blocked. This forces pedestrians into the road and also means that social distancing is difficult. We take the safety of our families very seriously so will be giving any photos and registration numbers to the Police. Please help us to keep our families safe.

Captain Tom 100

This week we have been taking on the #CaptainTom100 challenge. Each class will be taking on a challenge including the number 100 - we have linked challenge with our assembly theme of resilience.

By Friday 30th April we will have completed the following :

EYFS - completing 100 exercises at different stations

Year 1 - reading for 100 minutes across the week

Year 2 - 100 compliments at home and school

Year 3 - passing and catching a ball 100 times

Year 4 - scoring 100 goals

Year 5 - 100 random acts of kindness

Year 6 - keeping silent for 100 minutes throughout the week! This is indeed a challenge!!

Mrs Bladen-Kay – 100 squats (per day)

We ask that you sponsor our children in this challenge and the money we make will be going to The Captain Tom Foundation (search #captaintom100challenge to find out more) which champions mental health and education for young people. We are aiming for £100 (to begin with!) https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-andrews-captain-tom-100-challenge?fbclid=IwAR3a00XunLI1pWYIImbaKSSvsS_dCY6w5glCRpR7a_EhyYZNfGd_hJqyg_o

Captain Tom 100: Take part in this special event



God bless,
Joanne Bladen-Kay
Head Teacher

'St. Andrews continues to be a good school... and is a happy place. The pupils that I spoke with are proud to belong to a school where the differences between people's culture and beliefs are celebrated. Pupils told me, 'We welcome everybody; we are all friends'. Staff are very proud to work at the school. Leaders and staff are determined that all pupils will achieve their very best.' OFSTED 28.01.2020

