



“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!

18.03.2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Superheroes/Red Nose Day

The theme for our assembly on Monday was Superheroes; we looked at superheroes from films and TV but also those closer to home like our NHS staff and other groups of people that help us and keep us safe. We also recognised that we are all superheroes in that we all are different and have a range of different talents and things that we are good at. We hope to celebrate this further tomorrow as part of Red Nose Day. Children (and grown ups!) will be given the choice to come dressed as a superhero or come to school in their favourite clothes as we think that all of our children are superheroes!

The afternoon will be spent in 'Classroom Cinemas' where children will watch a superhero film and be given a snack of popcorn and juice. We will be asking for £2 per child for Comic Relief.

Sharing Assemblies

We are reintroducing our Sharing Assemblies over Zoom starting with Y2 tomorrow and then Y6 26th March. Here is the information that you need:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6983754922?pwd=SWtGOW5DTUZDbWo2NnYvaXBacytCUT09>

Meeting ID: 698 375 4922 Passcode: StAndrews

Lateral Flow Testing

The majority of our staff are being tested twice weekly for Covid using Lateral Flow tests along with other staff that come into school like the Y3 music teacher and our ICT technician. These tests are now available for families of school age children. They are free, come in boxes of 7 and can be ordered directly from the DFE here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Please contact me at school if you would like further information.

Duolingo Superheroes!

Mrs Hancock

Y3 – Zack, Arifa, Najib, Rana



Y4 – Zakariya
Y5 – Toby, Mahyoob
Y6 – Hanna,



Census 2021

All families should have received a letter about completing the Census:

<https://census.gov.uk/>

Here is a useful website that children can look on too with lots of resources linked to the Census:

https://letscount.org.uk/en/resources-for-teachers/english-curriculum-resources/?dm_i=40SI,19A1R,7ASIK9,4J3N7,1

23rd March

The census is a **unique survey** that takes place every 10 years in **England and Wales**.

By taking part, you'll help inform decisions that shape your community.



census 2021

Here at school we are supporting and honouring the National Day of Reflection. A minute's silence and a national doorstep vigil will form part of a day of reflection to mark the anniversary of the UK's first Covid lockdown. Prime Minister Boris Johnson is backing charity Marie Curie's plan for Tuesday 23 March, when those who have died in the pandemic will be remembered. There will be a minute's silence at 12:00 GMT with people encouraged to light up their doorsteps that night. Prominent buildings and landmarks will also be illuminated across the UK. Mr Johnson announced the first national stay-at-home order on 23 March 2020, days after warning many families would "lose loved ones before their time". Here at school, we will hold the period of silence at 11am. Next week, children will also be completing activities that support the day including art work and poetry.

Prayer

God, be with us as we think about all that has changed this year,

And help us to trust that you are always with us.

Be close to us as we remember those who have died,

And help us to trust they are at peace with you.

Show us how to reach out to others with kindness and care,

So that hope shines out in every heart and home,

As we think about all that has changed this year,

help us to trust that you are always with us.

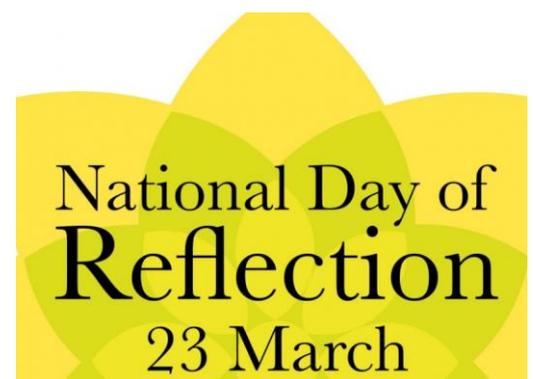
As we remember those who have died,

help us to trust they are at peace with you.

As we reach out to others with kindness and care,

may hope shine out in every heart and home.

Amen



Key Dates For Your Diaries

22nd March – assessments completed this week
26th March – return of slip regarding Fasting
31st March – start of Easter Break
19th April – return to school
10/17th May – Parents Meetings (by phone)
28th June - assessments completed this week
9th July – Reports will go home
14th July Full Governing Board Meeting

Ramadan

Ramadan begins during the Easter holiday and continues into the school term, when we expect that a number of older children (Y5, 6) we will want to fast. In ordinary circumstances school is able to provide a place where fasting children can go when their classes are eating their lunch. However, this will prove to be a significant challenge for schools working under strict Covid restrictions. All staff and all pupils are currently working in bubbles and are kept apart which means that at lunchtime, all staff are supervising the separate bubbles in different areas of the building. To help school organise this, please could I ask that families complete the slip below and send it to school by Friday 26th March so that I know exactly how many children are likely to be fasting and can make arrangements.

God bless,
Joanne Bladen-Kay
Head Teacher

Name of child/ren _____

Year/s _____

I would like my child/ren to fast at school during Ramadan. As school dinners are ordered at 9.30am, I will contact school before this time if my child has decided to break the fast.

Signed _____

'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

