



St. Andrew's Primary School

Newsletter April 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter Holidays and managed some quality time with your children.

Many thanks for those parents who got in touch with us about our end of term **attendance party**. Many of you thought it was a great idea (thank you Governors!) but there were enough of you who raised concerns from a fairness point of view—particularly for children with medical needs and unavoidable hospital appointments. So we have made a few changes. This term we will run our 'attendance competition' with all children who achieve **97% this term** (1 day off school) or above qualifying—if children are below 97% and have genuine reasons (such as a hospital operation) this will be taken into account. The party will be for families to attend if they wish, where we will have a bouncy castle, entertainers and candy floss! Keep an eye on your post box towards the end of term to see if your child has earned their place! Just to remind you that we are being a lot tougher on fining parents who choose to take their children out of school to go on holiday. The cost is £60 per child per parent; the fine is issued by Northamptonshire County council. I have attached our 'attendance leaflet' for more information.

This term we are starting our class v class **reading competition**. Please make sure your child reads **every night**. Don't forget your child can earn a prize from school if they read 5 books or more on **BUG CLUB**.

The **school nurse** is coming into visit on Friday May 11th from 9 to 11am. If you want to make an appointment to see her in school please let the office know.

This month, for your child to earn our **value of the month badge—wisdom**, we are asking children to do a 'wisdom challenge' - where children learn something new at home (such as the names of all the planets, the 7 continents etc). When they've done it please write it in their passport ; we'll ask them to do a very informal test and if they can show us they've learnt it they earn the badge! Thankyou for your continued support with our values.

All parents should have received on Friday what your child is learning this term (**curriculum headlines**) —if you didn't receive one you can get a copy from your class teacher or from the class pages on our website.

Ben Arnell (headteacher)

CLASS READING SCORES: (how many children read over the weekend)

Evelyn Glennie: 18
David Attenborough: 15
Charles Wickstead: 9
Steve Redgrave: 24
Anne Frank: 21
Winston Churchill: 9
Martin Luther-King: 26
Malala Yousafzai: 25
William Knibb: 25
Stephen Hawking: 19



PHOTOS FROM OUR ATTENDANCE PARTY

