



St. Andrew's Primary School

Newsletter May 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and sunshine with your children. This month is our annual **PAY IT FORWARD** month. This is a challenge where children are asked to do 'acts of random kindness' to tie in with our value of the month—**SERVICE**. Children have been asked to record their 'random acts of kindness' in their special 'Pay It Forward Challenge' passport (this should have come home today with this letter). The idea is that children do things that are kind (wash the dishes, tidy the lounge, wash the car, take the dog for a walk etc) for other people but get **NO** reward for them. We're asking children to do acts of kindness for different people and not repeat any to the same person. The child with the most acts of kindness will get £20 to give to a charity of their choice. Good luck and many thanks for your help with encouraging your child on this important project for the school.

We're continuing our focus of ensuring children are reading regularly at home—see last week's scores in the box above. Once again, we're a little disappointed that children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 seem to be reading less than children in Year 3-6—especially as this is such a key age to develop their reading skills. Just in case any parents needs convincing here are some of the benefits reading at home can bring:

- Improves children's concentration
- Improves how many words children know and use in speaking and writing
- Improves children's imagination
- Improves children's empathy
- Quality time with their parent / carer

The **school nurse** is coming in to 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.

Next week is SATS week for our Year 6s—we wish them the best of luck and a big thank you to all parents for ensuring they get to bed at good times and are well prepared.

The school **SUMMER FAIR** is on Saturday July 7th (12–2pm). As usual, we will be holding a **MUFTI DAY** on Friday 8th June. Children are allowed to wear their own clothes and bring in jars and bottles that are needed for the fair.

Ben Arnell (headteacher)

CLASS READING SCORES:

(how many children read last week and over the weekend)

Evelyn Glennie: 88
David Attenborough: 93
Charles Wicksteed: 72
Steve Redgrave: 96
Anne Frank: 129
Winston Churchill: 120
Martin Luther-King: 133
Malala Yousafzai: 134
William Knibb: 125
Stephen Hawking: 125

SUMMER WEATHER

Don't forget if the weather is hot please ensure your child has sun cream on before they come to school and have a hat they can put on to be outside.



Photo above is our first ever Yoga club at St. Andrew's and below is Year 5 and 6 at Sherwood Forest to start their topic on Robin Hood.

