



# St. Andrew's Primary School

## Newsletter September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at St. Andrew's! As I've said on many occasions (and I'll keep saying it!) - the partnership we have with you will have a massive impact on your children's learning and progress. Just by being interested in what's happening in school is a great start. To help with this we have informal '**meet the teacher**' meetings for all parents to attend next week. The meetings will only be around 20 minutes in length, you'll get a chance for your child to show you their new classroom and hear the main headlines on what they'll be learning this term. The meetings will be at 2.45pm and you'll have the chance to take children home straight after they've finished. All meetings will be in the school hall—please come through the school office. **Year 1** parents meeting is on **Monday 9th** at 2.45pm, **Year 3 and 4** on **Tuesday (10th)** at 2.45pm, **Year 5+6** on **Wednesday 11th** at 2.45pm, and **Year 2** on **Thursday (12th)** at 2.45pm.

Another big way that you can help your child is to read with them regularly. Reading has been proven to help children with learning, their emotions and life chances, and it is vital that you encourage your child to read and to read with them as much as possible. It doesn't always have to be a book—it can be other material like comics, magazines, websites etc. **Please read with your child every night.**

As always we have **this term's dates** on the back of this letter, there are still more to be added that we will supply later on in the term.

I'm sorry to say that **Kate Gardiner in the office will be leaving us** in a few weeks (26th September). She is in a fortunate position to be able to retire early! We've known about Kate leaving for some time and have been able to find a replacement—**Lizzie Collins** who will start on the 17th of September. Kate has been an amazing member of staff, who not only has contributed massively to a friendly, well run office but also cares so much about our children and has gone above and beyond duty to ensure they get the most out of St. Andrew's. We will all miss her greatly.

If you would like to be a **FOSTA committee member** the elections are coming up on the 25th of September. The position of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are all available for election. Please e-mail the office with your name, the position you're interested in by Tuesday 24th of September and I'll get back to you with more details: [office@standrewsprimary.com](mailto:office@standrewsprimary.com)

Our new **Values Passports** should have come home with your child on Wednesday—you are so good at supporting this important whole school initiative—please keep this up this year! This term's **clubs letter** also came out on Wednesday—clubs are **so** good for children—please try and ensure your child is in at least one club this term. You may have to twist their arm!

Lastly, don't forget, if your child chose to do our 'Summer Holiday Learning Challenge' they need to be in on **Friday 13th**. All children who entered will be in our raffle to find out which families have won a meal for 4 at a local restaurant!

I look forward to seeing you all at your 'meet the teacher' meetings next week.

Ben Arnell (headteacher)

### BEING SMART FOR SCHOOL

As most parents know, being smart for school and having the **correct uniform** has a direct influence on your child's behaviour and learning. Please make sure your child has the correct uniform.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember to book your child's meal via parentpay before 9am each day. If you need any help with this, please speak to the school office.

**LOVE is our value of the month. Here are some of the ways we are suggesting to children that they can show LOVE at home to write in their values passport:**

- Show **love** by giving a family member a kiss or a cuddle - especially if you don't usually
- Give your parents a kiss or a hug when they pick or drop you off at the school gate.
- Show **love** by helping someone with something you don't like doing
- Make a card for someone who you know is having a tough time.
- Live **Our Values Everyday**

The '**philosophical question**' we would like you to discuss at home this month is:

*'Can you show love to someone you don't know well?'*



Morey Gompertz is our Values hero for love and **Diana** from Morey Gompertz class designed our Love badge!

