



## **St. Andrew's C of E (Aided) Primary School**

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*'Learning together what is good and right.'*

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Dear parents,

I do hope you and your child have enjoyed a good half-term. It was lovely to welcome children back to school on such a beautiful sunny morning today.

### **Fantastic Fun Club**

Over the half-term, new flooring has been laid in our Fantastic Fun Club, and so this has allowed us to completely set up this area with our new storage and soft furnishings making it a much improved environment for those children who use the FFC before and after-school. Thank you to all the staff who worked hard to clear and then set up the FFC furniture during the half-term break.

### **Contract Works**

Unfortunately, there has been a delay with planned contracted works with our Modyford walk security entrance and new fire-doors having not taken place over the half-term as planned, which is disappointing. The school is working closely with the Diocese to resolve this and I will update parents when I know further news.

### **ERASMUS+ Maths for the Million**

Many of you will be aware that the school is involved in various ERASMUS projects. Our current project is the Maths4theMillion project, developing maths teaching strategies in schools. This week, there is a significant training programme taking place through the week with experienced maths consultants delivering new maths training that will support and develop the teaching of maths at St Andrew's. This will mean that in some classes, your child's teacher may be out of school attending this training programme. We have planned staffing cover for this as carefully as possible, ensuring the curriculum is delivered effectively across the school through the week. We are planning to share the good professional practise together as a teaching team, but also communicate any new practise and strategies with parents, once these are embedded in our teaching. You can find out more about the project from their Twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/Maths4TM>

## **School Community Grounds Day - rescheduled for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

We were due to have a community grounds day on the 10<sup>th</sup> November. However, as I, and some other members of the school community now have commitments in preparation for Remembrance day services that weekend, we are re-scheduling this day to **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. I do hope a good number of the school community can join us on the 24<sup>th</sup> to help keep our school grounds looking great. A poster showing planned maintenance work and muddy day area works for that day will be sent out soon.

### **Digital Communication**

Our new policy of sending trip letters by email appears to be working well and so far is working much more efficiently for both the school and for parents, based on the feedback I have received. May I kindly remind parents to acknowledge emailed letters detailing activities that involve your child going off the school site, just so we know you have received the letter and are aware of any trip requirements, thank you.

### **PTA Neon Disco**

A reminder that the PTA are organising a Neon Disco for this Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, with the timings as follows: Key Stage 1 4:45p.m. - 6:00p.m. and Key Stage 2 6:15p.m. - 7:30p.m. We hope to see lots of St Andrew's children attending this fun event!

This second half-term will be a busy period for the children. Please do keep checking school newsletters and emails to keep informed of the various events taking place.

Kind regards,



Phil Harvey

Head teacher