



# St. Andrew's C of E Primary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin our new half term, it is wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning across the school. Our curriculum continues to provide rich, engaging experiences that inspire curiosity, creativity and high-quality work from all the children. World Book Day gave us a great opportunity to celebrate our shared love of books and reading. Please see our Instagram post and website for photos and more information. A huge thank you for all the wonderful costumes we saw across the school and a special thank you to all our reading volunteers and the 'Open the Book' Team, who came in and read stories to the children. Great fun was had by all.

In Reception, our children are exploring their new theme of Once Upon A Time. They have been sharing and enjoying a range of traditional tales, including The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and Hansel and Gretel. From retelling stories and developing vocabulary, to creative play and problem-solving, the children will be fully immersed in the world of storytelling. Alongside their classroom learning, Reception are developing their physical skills through gymnastics with Coach Dom and ball skills sessions with Mr Troman, building both coordination and confidence. They are also enjoying Forest School sessions this half term.

Squirrels Class have begun an exciting history topic, Toys From The Past. The children are developing their understanding of how toys and childhood have changed over time, making thoughtful comparisons with their own experiences. In English, they are drawing inspiration from the fables of Aesop, using these classic moral tales as a model for their own story writing. It has been a delight to see the imaginative stories they have created.

Owls Class have started the half term with some truly beautiful diary writing based, on the powerful picture book The Journey. In history, they are learning about the Shang Dynasty, exploring this fascinating ancient civilisation. Their next extended piece of writing will draw upon their historical knowledge, combining their growing understanding of the period with the strong writing skills they continue to develop.

Foxes Class are delving into the world of Ancient Greece in their history lessons. They have started the half term by writing a film narrative, using inspiring and thought-provoking film clips as a stimulus. The children have worked incredibly hard to craft engaging, descriptive narratives, skilfully applying the writing techniques they have been learning. It has been a pleasure to see their confidence and creativity flourish.

Across the school, there is a real sense of purpose and pride in the children's work. We look forward to sharing more of their achievements with you as the half term progresses.

Best wishes, Donna Butler (Head of School)

## Save the dates!

Squirrels class will be holding a worship for family and friends to come and watch on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm.**

Red Nose Day is on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.** Children can wear non-uniform or something red for a £1 donation. Red noses are available to purchase from Amazon.

Hedgehogs and Little Acorns cake sale. This is also on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.** It will be held in the school hall at 3.30pm.

Parents' Evening - **Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March.** Please see information sent out earlier this week advising of the dates and times available for your child's class. **Please book via the new Arbor Parent App.**

Communion Service in school - During our Celebration Worship on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March,** Father Geoffrey will be leading a Communion Service for all who wish to join. Many children have never seen a Communion, and we thought this would be a nice introduction for them.

Easter Bingo will be on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.** Doors open 6.30pm and 'eyes down' at 7pm. Prizes include chocolate and fantastic full roast dinner hampers. An event for all the family and not to be missed!

Easter Church Service - We will be holding our Easter service in St Andrew's church on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm.** This will be our last day of the spring term, as Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April is Good Friday.

Our Core Value  
this half term is:  
**Good Choices**

## Spring 2 Clubs -

**Monday - Gymnastics Club (Y2 - Y6) Mr Troman**

**Tuesday - Crafts From Around the World (All) Mrs Gilfillan **FULL****

**Wednesday - Multi-Sports Club (Rec-Y2) Coach Dom**

**Thursday - Forest School Club First Aid (All Years) Mrs Gordon-Watson**

**Thursday - Quiz and Puzzle Club (Y5-6) Mrs Butler**

**After school childcare is also available Monday - Thursday 3.30-5.30pm**

## Thought for the Week:



## Attendance - last week

Whole School - **97.64%**



## Classes:

Hedgehogs Class - R

Squirrels Class - Y1/2

Owls Class - Y3/4

Foxes Class - Y5/6