



St. Andrew's C of E Primary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had a fabulous Science Week in school, with exciting activities taking place across all year groups.

Our Reception class had a special visit from a parent who completely enthralled the children with a series of fascinating experiments. The children watched colour changes and explored capillary action, observing what seemed like "magical" transformations before their very eyes!

In Year 1 and Year 2, the children have been learning about marine biology and specifically fascinating facts about sharks. Sharks can be aged due to their size, as they continue to grow throughout their whole lives. This led to an investigation about the children's height and ages. The children are also planting runner beans and observing and measuring growth over the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, in Years 3 and 4, the children have conducted experiments around evaporation and explored the best design for a paper aeroplane. The testing of this was a definite high-light and it showed how competitive the children can be!

In Years 5 and 6, pupils explored how blood works by creating a model version of blood. Using water, food colouring, Cheerios and mini marshmallows, they represented the different components of blood such as plasma and platelets. The children also watched in wonder as their special 'magic powers' meant they could use a magic wand and make pepper disperse across a bowl of water.

You will probably have noticed our new clothes bank in the school car park. This is available for all members of our local community to use. Please feel free to drive into the school car park (outside of school drop off hours) to place any unwanted clothing into the bank. The clothes will be collected fortnightly and the school will receive funds for any items donated.

Friends of School have two fun events coming up. They are now selling bingo cards for Lambing Bingo, which will commence on Thursday 2nd April and there will also be Easter Bingo here at school on Friday 27th March. Please support these events, if you can. Please see the wonderful posters for more details.

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 17th March at 3pm.

Red Nose Day is on Friday 20th 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 20th March. It will be held in the school hall at 3.30pm.

Parents' Evening - Week beginning 23rd March. Please see information sent out last 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 27th 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. There will be an earlier start at 2.30pm on this date.

Easter Bingo will be on Friday 27th 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 2nd April at 2pm. This will be our last day of the spring term, as Friday 3rd April is Good Friday.

Our Core Value
this half term is:

Peace

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 - **98.25%**



Classes:

Hedgehogs Class - R

Squirrels Class - Y1/2

Owls Class - Y3/4

Foxes Class - Y5/6