

— 4th October 2024 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



School Vision

At St. Andrew's, we seek to be a safe and happy environment, inspiring our school family to be positive participants in the world community. A place where we are all encouraged, through love and service, to be the very best.

'Love one another, as I have loved you'

John 13:34

Headteacher's Message

It is certainly beginning to feel very much like Autumn as we move into the month of October, with the mornings and evenings getting darker and the air feeling that bit crisper. Please can I take this opportunity to remind everyone to ensure children have coats with them every day, so that they are well-equipped for going outside at break and lunchtimes.

In this issue of the newsletter, we include articles about recent events in school including our MacMillan Coffee Morning for the children, Key Stage 2 Harvest Service and a very special visitor yesterday.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school next week for Parents' Evening. A reminder that meetings are a maximum of ten minutes. So as not to cause delays on the evening, we ask that if you do require more time, please arrange an additional meeting for a later date via the school office.

I hope you enjoy reading this latest addition of the newsletter.

Mr M Baker
Headteacher

MacMillan Event - Friday 27th September

We were delighted to hold our MacMillan Fundraising Event for the children in school last Friday morning. Each class spent some time in our hall, which was transformed into a café for the event. The children enjoyed some juice and their choice of a delicious selection of cakes donated by parents and staff.

We joined many others last Friday supporting this very worthwhile event. Donations from thousands of MacMillan Coffee Mornings, big and small, help raise vital funds to support the three million people in the UK living with cancer, from the moment they are diagnosed, throughout treatment and beyond.

Many people associated with the school have been affected by cancer, either themselves or friends and family. We were proud to support this cause last week and were delighted to raise a total of £168. I would like to thank all the parents that donated to this event, the staff for their hard work in organising this and for the children for the way in which they demonstrated our school values and vision in taking part.



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service for Key Stage 2 took place at St. Andrew's Church on the morning of Thursday 3rd October. Year 3 led the service beautifully, including a presentation about Harvest and how the letters of the word can be re-arranged to make other associated words, including:

- HAVE - a reminder to thank God for the food that we have
- STARVE - reflecting on those that are not as fortunate as ourselves
- SHARE - considering how we can share what we have with others

Thank you to the children and staff in Year 3 for presenting this message.

Our Collective Worship Leaders spoke about the work of the Sleaford Community Larder, in terms of re-distributing donated food to those in need. We have had a significant number of donations from families, which have been delivered to Community Larder. I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you to everyone at St. Andrew's Church for their support in putting together Thursday's service.



Olympic Athlete Visit



On Thursday 3rd October, we were delighted to welcome former Team GB Olympic Athlete Joe Roebuck into school.

Joe competed as a swimmer at both Olympic and Commonwealth Games events, and was the only British swimmer to qualify for three individual events in the London 2012 Olympics.

Children enjoyed taking part in sponsored fitness circuits led by Joe, which inspired much excitement. Joe shared his story with us in Collective Worship at the end of the day, which helped us to consider how resilience and determination can enable us to achieve our goals.

Sponsorship money raised from this event totalled an amazing £3408.20! Thank you to everyone for your support in fundraising for this event, and to Mrs Pledger for organising this inspirational visit.



Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Laura Cooke to our team of teaching assistants. Mrs Cooke joined us at the end of last month, and comes with a wealth of experience from working in other schools in the local area. Mrs Cooke will predominantly work in Year 6, but will also support in other classes across the school. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to St. Andrew's and wishing all the best as she takes up her new role.

Building Work Update



Our new extension continues to take shape at the back of the school, despite the recent inclement weather. This week, the focus has been on completing the sub-structure masonry up to floor level (including waterproofing) and preparing the floor slab for pouring. The children continue to adapt well to the challenges faced and changes to routines with the building work ongoing. Please see below for the latest photo updates.



Parking

Parking is continuing to cause issues outside of school at the beginning and end of the day. Yesterday, all parents received a letter from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, following a visit to school on Monday to observe the situation. Please can I remind adults travelling to and from school not to park on the yellow zig-zag lines. It is dangerous and makes it very difficult for pedestrians to cross the road outside of school, at what is a very busy time. The village hall car park is just a five minute walk from school and is much safer than parking/dropping off on the yellow zig zags. Please have consideration for all road users when making decisions as to where to park. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Useful Links for Parents

Healthy Minds Lincolnshire

Providing support and treatment for children, young people and their families, who are experiencing emotional wellbeing difficulties.

<https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/young-people/i-need-more-help/healthy-minds-lincolnshire>

Place2Be

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

Mind

Providing support for people experiencing, or supporting someone with, a mental health problem.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/> Tel: 0300 123 3393

Family Lives

Providing early intervention and crisis support to families.

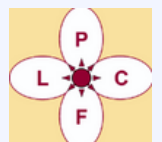
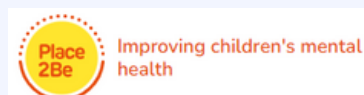
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> Tel: 0808 800 2222

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

LPCF is specifically tasked with working alongside the Local Authority and Health to help ensure that the services they plan, commission, deliver and monitor meet the needs of children with Disabilities and Special Educational Needs. You will need to register with them for free before being able to access the resources and support.

<https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/>

Please also see the Pastoral section on our website for more helpful links.



Important Dates

- **Monday 7th October** - Year 6 final swimming session
- **Tuesday 8th October** - Phonics Presentation for Reception/Year 1 Parents/Carers
- **Friday 11th October** - Year 5/6 Football Team Event
- **Tuesday 15th October** - Reception 2025 Parent Tours (AM)
- **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October** - Parents' Evening (4:00pm - 7:00pm)
- **Friday 18th October** - Last Day of Term 1



Nut Free School

A reminder to please ensure that your children do not come into school with any food containing nuts. This is due to some children having nut allergies. If you are unsure of whether food you are intending to provide contains nuts, please check with staff in the school office. Information regarding nut allergies from the NHS can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/food-allergy/>



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