

— 20th September 2024 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



Headteacher's Message

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of September! You will see that we have been very busy in school, with lots to tell you within this newsletter. We have news from Southwell (Year 6) and Norwich (Year 5), in the first of our 'year-group updates' - other classes will follow over the coming weeks.

We also have updates on the building work, as well as information on upcoming events such as the Key Stage 2 Harvest Service and the MacMillan Coffee Morning. Rhubarb Theatre have visited the school this week and we held our House Captain and School Council Elections, the results of which are included in this issue.

I would like to thank everyone associated with St Andrew's Church of England Primary School for their continuing support and wish you all an enjoyable weekend ahead.

Mr M Baker
Headteacher



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

House Captain and School Council Elections

This week, we have held both House Captain and School Council Elections in school. These are very important roles, which give the children the opportunity to live out our school vision, through serving and aspiring to be positive participants in the world community. It also presents as an opportunity to display the British Value of democracy. Staff were very impressed with the children's reasons for putting themselves forward to serve in either role, as delivered in their manifesto statements. The children had the opportunity to vote for who they felt would serve them most effectively, with the results of the elections displayed below:

House Captains

Cranwell

Oliver P and Scarlett

Digby

Isaac and Izzy-May

Scampton

Mark and McKenzie

Waddington

Lenny and Kaitlyn



School Council

Lincoln (Year 1)

Aidalynn and Teddy P

Winchester (Year 2)

Evie B and William

Canterbury (Year 3)

Edward and Ellie

Salisbury (Year 4)

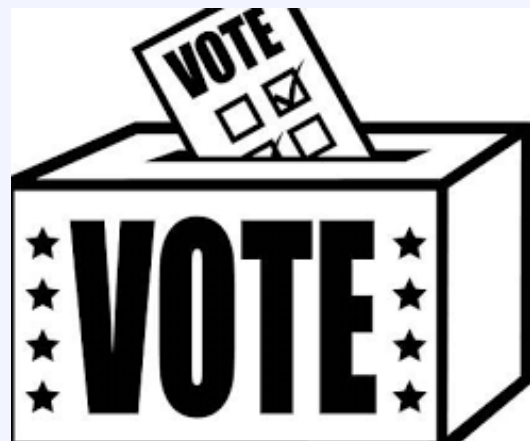
Amelia and George

Norwich (Year 5)

Jake and Penelope

Southwell (Year 6)

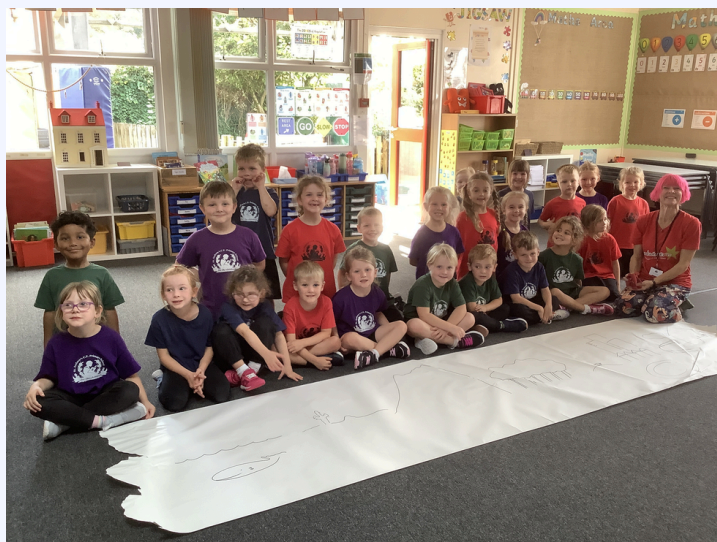
Kian and Tabby



I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of these children for putting themselves forward to serve our school and wish them all the best in their new roles!

Rhubarb Theatre

We were delighted to welcome Rhubarb Theatre into school this week, as part of 'The Collection Day' Eco Project. This has been put together through a collaboration between Rhubarb Theatre and Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, supported via funding from Aviva and Tesco Stronger Starts. Lincoln (Year 1) enjoyed an eco-activity in their classroom, after which Key Stages One and Two were treated to a performance of 'Collection Day' in the hall. The performance enabled everyone to reflect upon our environment, the importance of recycling and the negative effects of excess litter, particularly for small animals. Our thanks to all of the above organisations for collaborating to allow our school to take part in a very enjoyable afternoon.

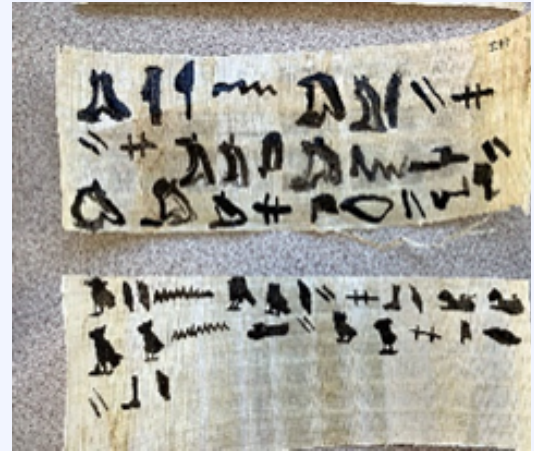


Southwell Update (Year 6)



Year 6 students recently embarked on a journey back in time to Ancient Egypt, bringing the rich history and culture of this ancient civilisation to life.

The atmosphere in the class was buzzing with enthusiasm. The day was brimming with a variety of engaging activities that allowed the students to experience, first-hand, the wonders of this fascinating civilisation.



One of the highlights of the day was the exploration of hieroglyphics, the ancient Egyptian writing system composed of intricate symbols and characters. The children had the opportunity to decode and write their own messages using these symbols.

Mummification, an iconic practice of the ancient Egyptians, was also on the agenda. In a playful twist, the students learnt how to mummify and gaining an insight into the intricate process of preserving the deceased for the afterlife.



The day was a great success, leaving students like Mark exclaiming, "It was a fantastic day!" Beyond the fun and excitement, Year 6's Egyptian Day provided a unique opportunity for these young minds to delve into history and culture, igniting their curiosity about the world's fascinating past. Wilfred summed it up perfectly, saying, "I enjoyed every hour of it especially the Egyptian board game Mancala."



Norwich Update (Year 5)



Year 5 have already thoroughly embraced all things Victorian this term in both History and Art. We started our History lessons by understanding when the Victorian era occurred. It was here we learnt about Queen Victoria herself. We discovered that she became queen at the young age of 18 and that throughout her life she had 9 children, 42 grandchildren and 87 great grandchildren. Wow – we were astounded! Having learnt so much about this wonderful queen we began to ask questions about the impact this era has had on our lives today – watch this space as we cannot wait to find out more.



In our Art, we investigated some works of the famous artist William Morris, born in 1834, who was an English textile designer, poet, artist, and writer. Carefully using our observational skills, we continued on drawing his beautiful patterns, considering shade, tone and details. These were beautiful and the attention to detail was amazing.



Open Classrooms

A big thank you to all parents, carers and children that attended our Open Classrooms event on Wednesday 11th September. It was wonderful to see the children so pleased to be able to show family members around their new classrooms. The feedback we have had shows that parents and carers enjoyed this informal opportunity to meet their child's class teacher and experience the environment that they are learning in. We will look to hold another event later in the year, to give an additional opportunity to come into school and see what we have been doing.

The information PowerPoint presentations were running on a loop in the classrooms throughout last week's event. These have now been uploaded to the class sections within the school website, to refer to throughout the year. Many thanks again for your support at this event.



Routines

I would like to thank all adults that have been dropping off and collecting children from school for their patience as we embed new routines at the beginning and end of the day, in light of the current building work. We were aware that a bottle-neck was being created at the main entrance to the school, with parents and children trying to both enter and exit the site at the same time. The vehicle car park gate will now be open from 8:35am - 8:55am, to allow greater pedestrian access. The drive way to the school will be coned off, to prevent any cars from accessing, making it a pedestrianised area for this period.

At the end of the school day, it is really helpful if the adults collecting the children can make themselves as visible as possible to the classteacher. This is so that we can match the children safely to their nominated adult. Once you have your child(ren) with you, we would be very grateful if you could move away from the collection area, so that teachers can have a clearer view of the adults waiting to collect children. This is purely in the interests of keeping everyone safe at the end of the day.

Please can I also remind everyone that dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not allowed on the school site. This includes carrying dogs onto the site. Some children in school have pet allergies and some have a fear of dogs.

Your support in the above matters is greatly appreciated.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will be taking place for children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) on Thursday 3rd October. This will begin at 9:30am in St. Andrew's Church. Ahead of this service, we would like to ask for donations of items currently required by Sleaford New Life Community Larder. A poster outlining what is needed can be found further along in this newsletter. We would be very grateful of any donations that you can make, which will be delivered to the Community Larder. Please could any donations be brought into school between Monday 30th September and Wednesday 2nd October. Thank you in advance for your support of this cause.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning for the children on Friday 27th September, to support this very worthwhile cause. Each class will have the opportunity to come into the hall and enjoy a sweet treat and some juice. If you are able to, we would be grateful of a small donation on our Just Giving page (please see link below) We would also be very grateful of any donations of packs of individual cakes for this event for the children. If you are able to donate any items, please could you bring them to school on the mornings of either Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th or Friday 27th September, and leave on the trolleys by the main entrance. We look forward to supporting this event next Friday.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/leas-ingham-st-andrews>

Building Work Update

Our new extension has continued to take shape over the last couple of weeks. The new foundations have now been completed, as well as installation of drainage to the floor slabs. This week, the focus has been building of the masonry substructure up to the proposed floor level and installation of the wind posts. Please see below for the latest photos from the site.





**SLEAFORD NEW LIFE COMMUNITY
LARDER CURRENTLY NEEDS THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS:**



Lots of UHT Milk

Tinned Potatoes

Tinned Carrots

Tinned Sweetcorn

Tinned Irish Stews

Beef or Lamb Casseroles

Mince Beef & Onion

Stewed Steak

Chicken in Sauce

Sausage & Beans

Spaghetti Bolognese

Hot dog sausages

Meatballs

Ravioli

Jars of Sweet & Sour Sauce

Jars of Korma Sauces

Jars of Pasta Sauces

Jars of Bolognese Sauces

Tinned fruit -not prunes!

**Tinned milk puddings such as
custard & rice pudding**

Lunch Box Snacks

Cereal Bar Snacks

Pasta

Box Cuppa Soups

Snack Noodles Packets

Snack Rice Packets

Weetabix

Cornflakes

Jars of Coffee

Sugar

Jars of Jam

Tinned Meats

Toilet Rolls

Shower Gels

Shampoo

Anti Perspiration Sprays

Baby Wipes

Toothpaste

**Thank you for your
support!**

Short-dated and surplus/bulk items are also gifted to the Sleaford Community Grocers, to ensure nothing is wastage and to support their pay it forward option.

Say no to food waste!

We're open Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm for donations

New Life Centre, Mareham Lane, Sleaford, NG34 7JP

'By the community... for the community'

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.

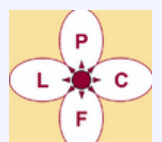
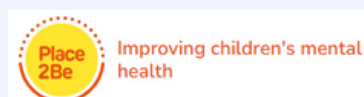
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> Tel: 0808 800 2222

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 23rd September** - Clubs begin this week
- **Friday 27th September** - MacMillan Coffee Morning (for the children)
- **Thursday 3rd October** - Key Stage 2 Harvest Service (9:30am St.Andrew's Church) and Joe Roebuck (Team GB athlete) visit
- **Tuesday 8th October** - Reception/Year 1 Phonics Presentation - 3:40pm - 4:10pm
- **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October** - Parents' Evening (4:00pm - 7:00pm)



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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