



# ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*With God's love, we live, learn and grow together*

## Dates

**Tues 15th and Thurs 17th June** - Y2 visit around local area.

**Wed 16th June** - well-being dance sessions for 3B

**Thurs 17th June** - 5W begin swimming lessons

**Fri 18th June** - Year 6 trip to Town Park



## What a start to Euro 2020!

It was so lovely to see the children and staff in their sports colours today, to kick off the Euro 2020 competition and to raise funds for the school. A huge thank you to our parents for giving a donation towards this. We saw shirts from our home nations, as well as other countries in Europe, Africa and Asia. A great way to end the week.

In **Year 5**, their geography unit includes a focus on clothes and where in the world they come from. Linked to this is their Design Technology unit - designing a T shirt. The children have started practising a variety of skills linked to sewing and stitching. Some have found it more challenging than others! We look forward to seeing their finished T shirts

towards the end of term.

Meanwhile, our **Year 3** children have been learning about their local area, in particular the changes being made to Enfield Town. They have planned and written letters to Councillor Michael Rye, who is also one of our school governors, about their views. Some of the children from 3B walked to the Civic Centre today, to personally deliver the letters. We look forward to hearing if they receive a reply.



## Lateness and Poor attendance

We have noticed the same children repeatedly arriving and being collected late several times a week, as well as children taking regular days off school. From next week, we will be sending a text to individual parents reminding them of the school's expectations regarding attendance and punctuality.

Children who are regularly late, often miss the start of lessons and this can lead to lost learning. Children with less than 90% attendance have missed 19 days of schooling in a year and are classed as **Persistent Absentees**. Some interesting facts are listed below, for us all to think about.

**The world is run by those who turn up.**

**Attending school every day = 100% attendance**

**Attending 4 1/2 days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year**

**Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.**

**Attending 3 1/2 days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.**

**An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.**

**Being late for school reduces learning time.**

**If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.**

**If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.**

**Make every minute count**

## Elmer Day



On the last day of term, the children in **Nursery, Reception and Year 1** took part in Elmer Day. From the David McKee books, Elmer the Elephant has, for many years, been used as a way to help children celebrate differences in others. Elmer's positivity and brightness sends a message about how words of kindness can have such a wonderful effect on us all.



### What else has been happening at school?

In **Year 3**, the children have been learning about Magnets and Forces. As well as learning new scientific knowledge and vocabulary, they also used forces on the trim trail and other areas of the playground. The children made their own magnetic games to play outside.



For our **Year 6** pupils, there was great excitement in the hall, when Mrs Pingram's husband set up a variety of science activities linked to their science unit on Electricity.



These activities included making an electro magnet and a human circuit.

The children also used a Wimshurst Machine and a Van de Graaff generator, which generate static electricity. The children had a great time trying out these fantastic machines. A huge thank you to Mr Pingram for sharing such wonderful machines and for his incredible knowledge of all things electrical!

### Smarties for coins



We have already received many Smarties tubes full of coins, this week. A huge thank you to the PTA and Sainsbury's for providing a tube for every child. We hope to raise lots of money towards the next phase of our playground. We will keep you informed of how much has been raised in the next newsletter.