

# ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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

### RECENT LETTERS AND NOTICES

**Last week**, parents of Nursery children were sent an email about applying for Reception 2021. Also a letter about the annual maintenance fund.

**This week**, parents have been emailed a letter about wearing masks on the school premises, at drop off and pick up. Also, a letter about a positive case of COVID at the school and an initial letter about Parent and teacher meetings.

#### Maintenance Fund

For parents new to the school, or as a reminder to all our parents, the **Maintenance Fund of £35** per child can be paid on ParentPay. Please see last week's letter which reminds parents that Church of England schools have to pay towards repairs and replacements for boilers, heating systems, roof repairs. etc. Our insurance scheme, into which parents pay, helps to ensure these works can be carried out.

### Remote learning at St. Andrew's School



Since the school closure in March, the staff have been working extremely hard to ensure children who are at home isolating or waiting for test results, have access to quality learning at home. In order to do this, it is vital that parents and children are able to successfully access Microsoft Teams in Years 1 to 6. **In the event of a child, class or whole year group having to isolate, or if your child is waiting for a test result**, all remote learning will be delivered via Teams, after the second day of the child being off school. This work is to replace the lessons at school, where possible. We are pleased that the vast majority of families are now able to access remote learning online. If you are having issues with your device, please do let a member of staff know. We expect all children to keep up with work at home and their homework, too. Thank you.

### Wearing masks

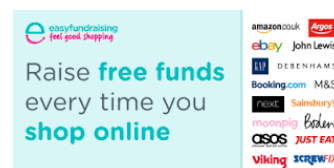
We are continually monitoring our health and safety procedures, in order to keep children and adults safe. As from last Wednesday, we expect all adults and older children collecting siblings to wear face coverings whilst on the school grounds. Thank you to all parents, grandparents and secondary school siblings, for helping us with this. Please continue to keep 2 metres away from each other when lining up and when leaving the playground.

### Online parent meetings

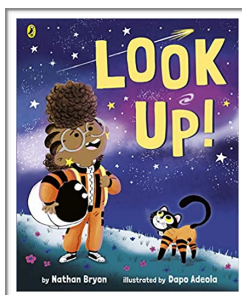
We intend to go ahead with our Autumn term meeting with parents. **This term, parent meetings will be booked online in November.** Parents will be able to book a slot to talk to the teacher via a video-conferencing system. More details and a letter will follow soon, to explain how to use it.

## Help with fundraising

In the last newsletter, we reminded our school community to sign up to easyfundraising. Since then, we now have **139** members, an increase of 4 in two weeks! Remember, any member of your family, wherever they live, can sign up to support St. Andrew's. Currently, **£3688.10** has been raised. Start today by clicking on the link below. Thank you. [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staschenfield/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=en-n2](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staschenfield/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-n2)



## Black History Month



Year 3 children have been learning about the life and achievements of the mathematician, **Katherine Johnson** and her incredible work for NASA. From this, they created space pictures, using crayons, and a paint wash. Year 2 children have been learning about **Mae Jemison**, through the inspiring picture book 'Look

Up' by Nathan Bryon. It tells the story of a young girl called Rocket, who is desperate to become an astronaut, just like Jemison, the first Afro-American woman in space.

## Enfield Virtual Football Competition

On 24th September and 1st October, 10 girls and 10 boys from Year 5 took part in a virtual football competition at school. Each child had to take part in 4 challenges, **football taps, slalom dribble, football dash and football target**, and all their scores were submitted online to the Enfield PE team.

The children all performed extremely well, with St. Andrew's girls coming first and the boys coming second in the Year 5 2 form entry schools. We are also proud of Leah's individual score, which placed her third in the Year 5 girls highest scores competition. Well done to all our competitors!



## Year 1 geography trip to Aldersbrook Park

Last week, the Year 1 classes used a map to navigate their way to Aldersbrook Park! This was part of their work geography work, looking at basic geographical vocabulary relating to the local area.

## Harvest Festival and gifts

During this uncertain time, we are grateful for the small ways in which we can all help others in the community. Your generous donations of food last week for the Enfield Foodbank have been incredible. The filled bags almost covered our entire stage.



We have also been celebrating this special time of year with our virtual Harvest Festival, presented by 4B. All the classes have watched the service at school. You can also view the service on the website by clicking on **News and Events**.

### Year 6 Shakespeare unit

For the past week, the Year 6 children have been learning to perform speeches and soliloquies from Henry V and Romeo and Juliet. They have watched well-known actors such as Tom Hiddleston, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Kenneth Branagh perform the famous speech '*Once more unto the breach*' from Henry V.

Every year, we invite the Young Shakespeare Company to run workshops for our eldest children, to help them understand the language of Shakespeare, as well as to see the enjoyment of drama and performance. It was so lovely to see how engaged these children were from start to finish! In fact, they were still talking about it the next day. Martha, the actor, commented on how enthused and willing the children were to participate. These enrichment opportunities are vital to enhance our children's learning and we continue to make every effort to make these possible, within the safe distancing requirements.



### Superstar Spellers from Year 1 and Year 2



This week, Miss Jones and our four children, Oliver and Ebenezar in Y1 and Milly and Suvir in Year 2, took part in the Enfield Schools Virtual Spelling Bee competition on Teams. The children had to spell a range of very tricky words and we are



thrilled to announce that they made it to the semi-final! They were all B-R-I-L-L-I-A-N-T! Thank you to Miss Jones for organising this event.

### Macmillan Cancer Care

A huge thank you to our school community, who raised **£620** for Macmillan two weeks ago. In times when our charities need us more than ever, we are so pleased to be able to help out in this way.

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 20th October - Y2 walk to Forty Hall

Friday 23rd October - individual and sibling photos

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - HALF TERM. The school is closed.