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27th September 2024

Our Value this half term is Generosity

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Harvest The school gathered together on Monday to celebrate Harvest. Donations were made to The Porch Pantry at St Andrews and St Georges church, which is used by many local families and individuals who need support with food.

We thank everyone who brought in goods as we know how tough it is to make ends meet. The children sang songs of praise, read poems and reading from the Bible and shared their thoughts and wishes for harvest.

We would also like to thank the member of St Andrew and St George's congregation, who has kindly made new alter cloths for school.



Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings These are taking place on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October. The booking information will be visible on Arbor next week but it will not be possible to book slots until 6pm on Sunday 6th October. Further details will be e-mailed to you next week.

Flu immunisation Please see the poster below and follow the QR code to consent or decline the immunisation for your child(ren). Flu immunisations will take place in school after half term. A letter with a link to the form to fill in will also be sent out nearer the time if you would prefer to use that. Thank you.

Sporting Achievements are on the following page along with some information about the Junior Park Run which your child may be interested in taking part in.

Achievements

Each week we will be focusing on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Curiosity**. Congratulations to:

Y1: Andrzej; **Y2:** Enzo; **Y3:** Joel & Holly; **Y4:** Ciara; **Y5:** Noah D; **Y6:** Caiden.

Next week we will be focusing on **Concentration**.

House points

This week our first ever Y6 **House Captains** have been announced. Congratulations to:

- St Francis: Lara & Hannah
- St Andrew: Beau & Willow
- St Clare: Antony & David
- St Catherine: Isla & Andy

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this term for each House is:

- St Francis: 257
- St Andrew: 244
- St Clare: 251
- St Catherine: 215



Safety Online Simplified 4

Sharing pictures: Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a great way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

We recommend reading '[Younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#)' for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

Have a great weekend! Mrs Collins

Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever." Psalm 52:8

Sporting Achievements

The **Y5 and Y6 Cross Country Championships** took place at Fairlands Valley Park yesterday and 25 of our children braved the rain and had a really good afternoon. Molly won the Y5 girls' bronze medal, Beau was the fourth Y6 girl, Willow was the fifth Y6 girl and together the Y6 girls' team won silver! We are very proud of all the children and how they behaved on a soggy afternoon!



Reminders

School Photos A reminder that the deadline to order photos for free delivery to school is **Wednesday 2nd October**.

Parking There is **no parking at the front of the school at drop off or pick up times** unless you are a blue badge holder (subject to space being available). We are fortunate to have an agreement with Fairlands Valley Park and we are allowed to use their car park just a short walk up the road. We would appreciate it if our parents did not park in the residential streets or block the entrance to Fairlands Valley but use the Fairlands Valley car park. Thank you.

Diary Dates

- **Monday 30th September–Friday 4th October** – Y5 Cycle Training (for those who have booked it)
- **Wednesday 16th October** – Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Thursday 17th October** - Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Week beginning 21st October** – APDR meetings
- **Friday 25th October** – Occasional Day – School Closed
- **Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November** – Half Term

- **Friday 8th November** – Flu immunisation in school
- **Friday 22nd November** – INSET Day

- **Tuesday 10th–Friday 13th December** – Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nativities (times t.b.c.)
- **Monday 16th December** – Key Stage 2 Carol Service
- **Wednesday 18th December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 18th December** – School Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 19th December** – Christingle service in school
- **Friday 20th December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club

- **Monday 6th January 2025** – Back to School

Junior Park Run

“At parkrun, we aim to highlight the joy, inclusivity, and sense of community that makes junior parkrun for ages 4 – 14 truly special. Stevenage Junior Parkrun info here <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/stevenage-juniors/>

Our latest video, now live on our social media, captures the fun of our 2k events and shows why junior parkrun is a welcoming space for everyone! [Watch Here](#)”

Protect your child this winter

Flu season is coming



Why should your child be vaccinated against flu?

- 1 Help protect vulnerable family & friends
- 2 Quick, easy and pain-free nasal spray
- 3 Avoid taking time off work/school
- 4 It's free
- 5 It's better than having flu!



We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**.

