

Thursday 10th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we are at the half term point already! What a whirlwind of excitement it has been for me and a great start to my time here.

I just wanted to thank all of you for making me feel so welcomed into the school and following on from my coffee mornings and vision for the school would like to ask for your help.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the last few weeks getting to know all of you through our coffee mornings and getting to find out all about this great school community. I have almost successfully completed my challenge of learning all 222 children's names by the half term. The children have been very helpful and patient in assisting me to achieve this.

It has been a busy but exciting half term with lots of great learning taking place. Please do go onto the school website and see the class blogs for the learning that has been happening over the last few weeks.



St Adrian's needs you!

As you know, schools sadly do not have buckets of surplus money and so it is that we naturally need the support of parents. I would like to try and tap into the skills and connections of our school community, as best we can.

I know that I have asked parents to volunteer their time to help in the school, which is a great support to our children. But if you are unable to offer time, is there anything else that perhaps you or perhaps maybe a company you work for could offer the school?

We have been so fortunate this term already after my coffee mornings. I would like to thank some families specifically.

To the Burke family, thank you in advance for the offer of 2 interactive whiteboards for the classrooms - Nursery and Reception will be delighted.

To the O' Malley family, thank you for your help in gaining a skip so we can have a great clear out of old and broken resources and furniture- A nice fresh start!

To the Behan family, thank you for your extremely generous donation that will enable us to buy a new phonics scheme with all new wonderful books for the EYFS and KS1.

Have you anything that can help our school community?

We are always looking for help where we can get it, so if you know anyone in the building / painting / decorating / flooring / carpeting business, who could offer some services or resources for free, please let me know. The rooms in the school are in dire need of some TLC, new flooring and carpets as well as a lick of paint. I really want to make the school environment as fresh and modern as possible.

If anyone has any connections with a library / furniture company that could help with our new library venture or if anyone would have a connection with book publishers where we could get new books for our library, again, please let me know. Perhaps, you are a keen reader with an interest in volunteering to help set up our library. What a wonderful project to be a part of! It will make such a difference to the children and the school.

Perhaps you work in I.T. and could offer some form of equipment for the children to use. Tablets/ iPads/ Chromebooks etc?

You may have a passion for a certain subject area and you may wish to help run a club of some description?

As you will see from our wonderful enrichment clubs list that I have created, there will be a gardening club run by Mrs Hayes starting in the Summer term. This will require equipment and planters etc. Does anyone have a connection to a landscaper or gardener who could provide these resources? I would also like to perhaps develop the grass areas at the end sides of the pitch and have some lovely willow arches and a nature area. Is this something you could help with?

During the summer periods, it can get very hot in the playgrounds as there is no real shade. Is there someone in our community who could help with shaded canopies etc? Or even wooden gazebos / play dens?

I know it may seem that I am asking for a lot, and I am! But my mantra, as my School Business Manager will tell you is: " If you don't ask, you don't get!"

As I said in my coffee mornings, this is a great school and I am loving working here but I want to make it an AMAZING school and I hope that we can all achieve this together in the coming months and years!

I am really looking forward to seeing you at parent consultations and to another successful half term filled with learning, fun and activities. We wish all of you all a really wonderful half term break whatever you do.

God Bless.

From Mrs Porter and all the staff of St Adrian's.