

St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

REMEMBRANCE DAY

We held a very solemn and reflective service today at 11.00am to remember the fallen soldiers. The children were extremely respectful as we observed a minute silence and the Chaplaincy Team led us in our prayers. The children all sang beautifully and it was a special time to reflect and be thankful. Thank you to those governors and family members who attended.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK - MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER - COME TO SCHOOL IN ODD SOCKS!!

The Well-Being Ambassadors met on Wednesday with Mrs Parrett to discuss the anti bullying message for next week. She briefly explained to them what bullying behaviour was. They watched the clip from the anti bullying alliance with the message of Reach Out. The children have decided to have an odd socks day on Monday to celebrate that we are all unique. They have also decided to talk to their classes next week about anti bullying, to introduce themselves and say that they are there for anyone who is worried about anything. Year 2 produced a little play for the Year 1s.

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. In 2022 it will take place on Monday 14th November. We have everything you need to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness! Odd Socks Day 2022 is supported by cBeebies presenter and ABA patron Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'. Follow the link below to find out more.

The Wellbeing Team in school are going to run an anti-bullying poster competition so get creative! There will be a prize for the winning one from each class.

Anti-Bullying Week



CHILDREN IN NEED

Dear St Adrians,

The School Council would like to invite all the children in our school to raise money for Children in Need by coming to school wearing spots and stripes and giving a donation of £1 for the charity on Friday 18th November 2022. The most creative outfit in each class will win a small prize.

In addition, all of the children are invited to participate in an art competition where they can draw, paint or make a sculpture of Pudsey Bear. For every entry, please pay a donation of £2 which will go towards the Children in Need charity. You can bring your art entries to school during next week. The closing date for the competition is Friday 18th. Please give the art donations to members of the school council in your class or to your class teacher.

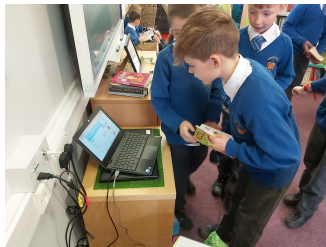
Together, we can help all Children in Need.

Good luck!

The School Council.



INTRODUCING OUR YOUNG LIBRARIANS



Year 4 librarians getting to grips with the scanning system. All the children have enjoyed visiting the library this week. One child even walked in, gasped and said 'IMPRESSIVE!' So thank you once again parents for all the donations to the PTA - it couldn't have happened without you.

BOOKS FOR THIRD NATIONS

Now that our library is up and running, I wanted to let you know that our old phonics schemes and other teaching books, textbooks and older books have not gone to waste. St Adrians has been giving our old books to Mr Anthony Asekonhe who has been travelling to Nigeria and giving schools our old books. I am delighted to know that other children are benefiting from our old reading schemes. Please visit their website if you would like to know more about the work they do.

<https://www.booksforthirdnations.org/>



EXCITING AUTHOR VISIT !! - TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

We are delighted to announce that on the afternoon of **TUESDAY 22nd November**, Isabel Thomas, an award winning science writer and children's author will visit and officially open our new library. She will deliver an assembly, meet with parents, have a book signing and hopefully inspire our young readers and writers! We are so excited to welcome her to St Adrian's. Please visit her website to see some of her wonderful work.

<https://isabelthomas.co.uk/>

LIBRARY HELP - Calling any parents / grandparent volunteers!!

Would you be interested in giving an hour or so each week or fortnight to help keep our library organised? Would you also like to work with our young librarians that we will appoint and perhaps even run a book club at lunch??? If this is something you could do perhaps on a rotation with other parents, then we would love to hear from you. We can show you how the library is set up and I am sure you would have keen and eager helpers each week. Please contact the office if you would like to be involved in this wonderfully rewarding project.

HEALTHY SCHOOL & BIRTHDAY BOOK FOR THE LIBRARY

As part of a drive for a more healthy school, we now ask that you no longer send in sweets for your child's birthday. Instead, they will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes (if they wish). If you would like, you could also donate a new book to our school library - perhaps their favourite book!! So that all

children could benefit! A lovely birthday sticker with their name on it will then be stuck inside the book as a thank you. Could we also ask you to consider the children's packed lunches as there are several chocolate, sweet and crisps items in them.



School Applications:

Nursery Applications:

If you are applying for a place in Nursery, you do not need to apply through Hertfordshire County Council. We do our own admissions for Nursery. The Supplementary Information Form can be obtained from the school website. Please follow the link.

<https://stadrians.herts.sch.uk/statutory-information/nursery-admissions/>

Parents of children due into Reception in September 2023, will need to apply for a place this term. The on-line application system opens on **1st November 2022 and closes on January 15th 2023**. Anyone applying to St Adrian's must also complete our own SIF form. Although a certificate of Catholic practice is preferable, it is **NOT** essential for securing a place. Please contact the office if you have any enquiries. Could I also ask for you to spread the word to other families that are not part of our St Adrian's community to come to the open mornings to have a tour of our great school.

<https://email.hertfordshire.gov.uk/5ESZ-NX1C-76D6223AAF0A52DF1M6VQU07BB5B5B5798FBFB/cr.aspx>

DON'T FORGET!!!! PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Open morning dates 2022/2023:

Wednesday 30th November @ 9.15am

Friday 2nd December @ 9.15am

Thursday 12th January @ 9.15am

Friday 13th January @ 9.15am

Congratulations to St John!!!!

HOUSE POINTS- The points this week are as follows:

St John = 186

St Luke = 174

St Matthew = 163

St Mark = 155

Headteacher's Awards

This week's awards go to:

Year 6: Billy Tom Doherty and Oscar Francis

Year 5: Harley Rose and Taslima Khanom

Year 4: Jack Brown and Alex Bliss

Year 3: Shawn Leung and Scarlett Smith

Year 2: Evie Thorley and Olivia Connolly Wade

Year 1: Molly Dunn and Xander De Casa

Reception: Thalia Seeneevassen and Keeyan Ali

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter