

St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

STAR WRITERS

As part of our school development plan, we are aiming to build upon the great writing we have in our school and raise the bar even higher! Staff will be teaching the children by providing exciting and engaging texts to work from, as a basis for their writing. We would like to celebrate writing in the school and raise the profile, therefore, instead of two 'Headteacher Awards' each week, there will now be a 'Headteacher Award' and a 'Star Writer' award. The 'Star Writer' award will be given to the child who has shown great ideas or editing and correcting skills or followed the success criteria well to produce a really good piece. They will receive a certificate and have a 'Star Writer' trophy on their desk for the whole week.



ATTITUDES TO LEARNING

This year, we are also taking a different approach to the Headteacher Awards. The children will be awarded for their attitudes towards learning. This is in line with another area of our school development plan to develop and grow confident, motivated and resilient learners. Each week, a key word describing an attitude will be shared with the children for example: To challenge, to persevere, to improve etc and the teachers will look for examples throughout the week in order to award a worthy recipient. There has been a 'Growth Mindset' assembly and the focus this coming week is to grow!

CELEBRATING OUR WORK!

To celebrate and congratulate the children for their awards, the winners will meet with myself or Mrs Gallaher for a hot chocolate / juice on a Friday afternoon and chat about their work or the reason for their award. We will all get to see the wonderful work and talk about the different attitudes of learning and how they may have overcome any challenges. I look forward to my first celebration chat next Friday with the winners listed below!

OFFICE VACANCY

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Felicity Salam, our School Business Manager, will be leaving us at October half term. I wanted to personally thank her for all her hard work since joining in April 2021. Mrs Salam was pivotal in securing and monitoring all of the premises work that has taken place in the school over the last few years such as: new roofing, heating, lighting, perimeter fencing and so much more. She has been offered a role at a school close to home and has accepted the position. We will miss her very much but we wish her all the very best for the future.

There is currently an opportunity for a part time administrative assistant in the office (8.30am - 3.45pm Wednesday- Friday). If this is of interest to you or someone you know, please click on the link below for further details of the advert on Teach in Herts.

[Part time Administration Assistant Advert](#)

GREEN SHOOTS GARDENING CLUB

Do your children love to get out and about in the garden? Then this is the club for them. Have fun all over the school grounds, planting and caring for many different plants as well as the birds and insects that live around us. This year, we hope to do lots of activities as part of the RSPB's Wild Challenge. (Please note that Year 1 children can join in the Spring term). The price for the winter term is £72 and you can sign up on Arbor. I look forward to seeing you there. Mrs Hayes

PTA NEWS

SUMMER BBQ

A reminder that we have our school Summer BBQ tomorrow 1.30-4.30pm! We have unlimited inflatables with a wristband, footballs future, chocolate and prime tombola, glitter and hair stall, ring to win, unlock the money box, coffee and cakes, sweets and ice lollies, the police (and a patrol car!), a bbq and a bar! On the door wristbands £8 adults £2.

Please come along and support our wonderful school, all the money raised goes towards supporting your child's education. We can't wait to see lots of you for fun in the sun tomorrow!

Donna and Emma

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Now that our heatwave has passed, if children are wearing shirts, as of Monday, they will button up the shirts and wear their ties once more. Children may remain, if they wish, in summer uniform but everyone will revert to winter uniform after the half term. Children should also wear black shoes, not black trainers to school. Please can we also ensure that all nail varnish is removed and hair is always tied up with simple bands in the school colours or plain navy / black bands. Thank you.

MEET THE TEACHER

We have now completed all our teacher meetings and they were very well attended. Thank you for your ongoing support. Communication between home and school is key in order to best support your children. We hope for another successful year ahead. The teachers and adults are always here to support your children but if you have any issues or queries, the first port of call should always be the class teacher. If the issue cannot be resolved, you should then speak with Mrs Gallaher and finally myself. We have a very open door policy and if you need a longer chat, other than a quick conversation at drop off, please make an appointment through the office to speak to your class teacher in more detail.

Could I also reiterate that all communication should go through the school office. Emails should not be sent directly to teachers or members of SLT.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP

The children have been busy thinking about the various roles and responsibilities they would like to apply for this school year. The final deadline for applications is Monday 18th September. All positions will then be announced in due course.



AWARDS THIS WEEK - CONGRATULATIONS TO

Class	Headteacher's Award	Star Writer Award
Reception	Mollie Darch	Emily Livatino
Year 1	Georgie McEvoy	Luke Lakey
Year 2	Ellis Carroll	Bianca Roddam
Year 3	Kiara Kamra	Emilia Donnellan
Year 4	Alessia Donnellan	Mia-Grace Mc Sweeney
Year 5	Bobbie Naghten	Patrick Bird
Year 6	Archie Behangi-Phillips	Alex Kaskos

House points will be collected and announced once we have our house captains.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter