



St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Monday 19th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attached to this newsletter you will find feedback to this year's parent survey. The survey's outcomes are very helpful and inform the school development plan. Thank you to everyone who completed a survey it was great to hear your ideas for the future of the school and what you are happy with.



On Monday 12th March, the children had a special visit from Julie Payne, an equestrian Paralympian. Julie talked about how she faced the barriers in her life and still continued to live her dream of competing in the World Championships and the Olympics with her horses. It was an excellent example of our school value this term – Perseverance.

'Truly inspirational' – Ms Broughton

A huge 'Thank you' to all of the families who ordered the Fairtrade 'Real Easter Egg', which will be arriving in school soon. As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, the Co-Op came to speak to year 5 about their Fairtrade products. The children were given a number of products to order, guessing which were the best –

selling ones. Bananas were top of the list, followed, unsurprisingly, by chocolate. Each child was treated to a Fairtrade banana and a sample of the chocolate. This Friday, 23rd March, there will be a Fairtrade Tuck Shop at the year 2 cake sale, run by the Year 5 MAD (Make a Difference) club. Food and gifts will be available, so please bring plenty of cash!

Another surprise for the children this week, was hearing news from our link school in The Gambia. We had sent letters out in January and were excited to receive lots of replies from the children, as well as a letter from the Headteacher of the school and the girl we sponsor, Haddy. Ms Atkins led an assembly and showed photos from the school, Brikama Lower Basic School. The MAD club read out the letters they had received. We also found out that Haddy has taken part in a national 'spelling bee' competition and reached the finals, which will be televised in The Gambia on 24th March. We all wish her the best of luck!



Annette Mashru - Headteacher

Our value this term is Perseverance
'If you don't try then you won't achieve.' – Julie Payne





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Additional comments

Good features	Suggested areas to develop further
Teaching and Learning	
Early Morning Interventions (EMIs) x6 Excellent teaching x11 Teachers are hardworking & committed x7 Excellent, inspiring leadership x8 Good transitions x4 High Standards x4 Excellent, approachable staff x11 Academic performance x2 Constant desire to improve x5	Homework should be more challenging x1 Too much homework in EYFS x4 Feedback on progress between parents' evenings x1 More opportunities e.g. a science club x1, ITx1, MFL x1
Your child's happiness	
Christian values x8 Healthy eating promoted x1 Caring staff who know the children x3 Happy children x9 Well prepared for EYFS transition, SATs & secondary school x3 Well behaved, respectful children x4 Happy staff! x4	Not giving sweets as rewards x2 More play opportunities/activities at break times x2
Communication	
Office staff – helpful, friendly, efficient x1 Very good communication via newsletter email & letters x5	More notice re events for working parents x8 Opportunities to talk to teachers before drop off and to be involved in my child's day at school x2 Teacher's email for communication x1
What the school offers	
Excellent extra-curricular activities x8 Developing Forest School x2 The school's ethos x5 Swimming pool and lessons x1 Great links with the church x1 Active SASA x3 WAC is great! x7 Community involvement & links x4 Recent updates outside buildings and playgrounds x4 Postcards home x3	Wellbeing for children at playtime - friendships x1 Website improved x1 More spaces in after school clubs x3 1:1 for all special needs children x1 Minibus x1 A weekly lesson plan for parents x1 Bigger classrooms x1 More trips x1 Seating in Benton playground x1 New classrooms to be ECO friendly x1
General comments from parents/carers about St. Andrew's	
St Andrew's is an excellent school. More of the same please... My child is very happy – thank you. My son's first term has been just what I had hoped for and he loves it! We are lucky to have St. Andrew's in our locality My children have always been happy and have developed well at St. Andrew's My child is safe and happy at school	
In the future, I should like to see:	
More notice re events for working parents More spaces in after school clubs	