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## **Weekly Update**

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support as we settle into the term. Our daily routines are working well, and pupils and staff are enjoying being able to learn together again, after so many months spent learning remotely.

### **Class Newsletters:**

We know that you are always keen to hear what your children are up to in school, and are eager to know how you can support them in their learning. Each class teacher has prepared a newsletter to share classroom routines and activities for the term ahead. We hope that you will find this helpful. Letters will come home in school bags today. Don't forget to keep an eye on the school's Twitter page, too, for photographs showcasing our learning!

### **PE:**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Thom, as our new PE specialist. She will be with us every Wednesday, and will work with all classes throughout the year. She is currently teaching our P6 and P7 pupils, delivering a mixture of PE and Health and Well-being activities.

As you are aware, there is a strong emphasis on using our outdoor spaces for learning. This is particularly the case for PE. Pupils are encouraged to wear outdoor PE kit, eg: joggers, hoodies, trainers on their PE days, so that they can be outdoors as much as possible. Your child's PE days will be noted in the Class Newsletter. Pupils are welcome to come to school in their PE kit, on those days, however it would be helpful if they could also bring an extra pair of shoes, for indoors, in case of wet or muddy feet!

### **Headlice:**

Just a gentle reminder that the new term is always a time to be vigilant for those "little visitors" as pupils begin to mix with one another again. Please check your child's head regularly, for any signs of headlice, and treat as appropriate. Your pharmacist will be able to advise you on suitable products. It is advisable for long hair to be tied back securely, each day, as an extra precaution. Thank you.

**Chrome Books:**

We are delighted to have taken delivery of sixty brand new Chrome Books! A huge thank you to parents and carers who supported fundraising efforts, by the Parent Council, enabling them to pay for ten of these. Twenty were purchased from our school finances, and the remaining thirty were allocated to us as part of Scottish Government's, digital expansion initiative. The Chrome Books will make a huge difference to learning and teaching, at St Andrew's, and staff and pupils are excited to start using them in the coming weeks.

**Health and Safety:**

Once again, we would like to thank parents, carers and pupils for their continued support in implementing our enhanced hygiene and Social Distancing measures. It is great to see our school community working together to keep everyone safe.

Look out for the updated, outdoor signage indicating our one-way system and reminders for 2m Social Distancing between adults.

**Communication:**

As always, we are keen to keep in regular contact with you, regarding the progress and well-being of your child. Please feel free to contact the school office, either by phone or email, if there is something that you would like to discuss, and a member of staff will be in touch at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards

Joanne Hunter (Acting Leader of Learning)