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Weekly Update

Friday 13th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Well we have reached the end of yet another busy week at St Andrew's Primary. I am aware that there have already been a number of letters sent home, this week, and would like to thank you for your patience and support in taking the time to read yet more information. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Joanne Hunter 😊
Acting Leader of Learning

Health and Safety:

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

Thanks also for your continued support in parking out-with our school grounds. Our updated Risk Assessment continues to permit only contract taxis and those parents/carers with agreed parking permits to park within the school grounds. Staff will continue to supervise the gates and car park, where possible, but your continued cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

Hallowe'en:

Despite the current restrictions, it was lovely to see our pupils celebrating Hallowe'en in spectacularly, spooky style! Thanks to all who were able to dress up, and to staff for providing a morning of fun activities. A special Thank You to our Parent Council who organised the great Goodie Bags that pupils took home on the day. They were very much appreciated and a source of entertainment for all. Thanks also to those pupils who entered the pumpkin carving competition. Your designs were amazing and the Parent Council were delighted to award a number of prizes throughout the school.

Parent/Carer Consultations:

Parent/Carer Consultations took place, by telephone, on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November. As you know, this was a new arrangement for all of us. Feedback, so far, has been very positive, and I would like to thank families for being so accommodating regarding appointment dates and times.

Remember - regular updates on the school's Twitter feed, website and Google Classroom, are also useful ways of remaining engaged in your child's learning and finding out about the wider life of the school too. Also look out for this term's Parent Council Newsletter – coming soon!

Cold Weather:

As temperatures drop, it is good to see so many pupils wearing a warm jacket - with hats and gloves increasingly making an appearance too. **Could parents/carers please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with their child's name.** This is particularly important at the moment, where we are trying to limit the touching/sharing of personal items.

Staffing Update:

It has been lovely to welcome back Mrs Joanne Flynn, as she completes a number of Keeping in Touch days, as part of her maternity leave. We look forward to her undertaking a further few days, in a number of classes, over the coming months.

We are sorry to be saying Good Bye to Miss Nicole Carlin, who teaches in our Complex Needs Provision on a Monday, Tuesday and in our Primary 2 class on a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Miss Carlin has secured a full time post in the SEBN Provision at Burnbrae Primary School, and will take up her new role on Monday 16th November.

We are obviously sad to see Miss Carlin go, but wish her well as she embarks on her new challenge. We are very grateful for all the hard work and commitment that she has shown, during her time at St Andrew's, and I am confident that she will be a real asset to the Burnbrae team.

We are pleased to be welcoming Ms Judit Boddy and Ms Emma Prior, who will be joining us as Miss Carlin's replacements. Ms Boddy will teach in our Complex Needs Provision, on a Monday, Tuesday and Ms Prior in Primary 2 on a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Mrs Lisa Green will continue to teach the Primary 2 class on a Monday and Tuesday. We look forward to working with both new staff members.

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. Thank you.