

## St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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### Weekly News

4 children from Year 4 and Year 6 represented the school on Friday at a Showcase of work which schools are doing to develop aspects in preparation for the New Curriculum. The children shared the work they have been doing on Cooperative Learning which we are developing throughout the school. Thank you Maddison, Morgan, Huw and Tom for doing such a fantastic job and also Mrs Lewis for leading the school on this exciting new approach.

On Wednesday all KS2 children were involved in a handwashing workshop which explained the dangers of harmful bacteria and how easily they are spread on our hands. They learned about the 6 steps of effective hand washing to prevent the spread of germs and illnesses.

### National Tests for Y2 to Y6

These will be taking place next week in the morning sessions as follows and we ask that you make sure the children are in school on time in the morning:

Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Numeracy Procedural
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Reading
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Numeracy Reasoning.

### Message from Breakfast/After School club

The Cardiff and Vale University Health Board are asking for people to make pom-poms to brighten up patient areas and we thought that this would be a lovely thing for the children to participate in. We are looking for any donations of wool in all colours of the rainbow.

### Sun safety

Whilst it has been disappointing not to see the sunny weather continuing, we assume it will be back some time soon. With this in mind, we have decided to become a 'Sun Safe' school in order to help keep the children safe from the dangers of over exposure to harmful rays. One of the areas will obviously be around the use of sun cream and we ask that rather than a grown up applying the sun cream, you start to train the children in applying their own sun cream (yes it could be messy at first!) Our intention is once we have signed up for the Sun Safe Schools Accreditation Scheme and gone through the risk assessments etc., children may be able to reapply their cream during the day. We also intend to encourage the use of legionnaire style hats or other styles which cover the ears and back of the neck.

### 'Showcase Day' Tues July 17<sup>th</sup>

A date for your diaries – on this day, we will be inviting parents into school during the school day to spend time with their child/ren to share their books/work and talk about all that they have been doing in school. Please note this will be for a maximum of 2 adults per family but

grandparents are welcome to attend if parents are unable to. We will send out invitations closer to the date but just in case you wanted to put the date in your diary.

### **Outdoor Area development**

The School and PTA are currently working together to improve the outdoor area. One of our main plans is to improve the area around the faith garden to incorporate an amphitheatre. This area will then be used throughout the school and the wider community. We have already received support from Dinas Powys Rotary Club but now we need your help. We would like to establish a group of volunteers who, under the guidance of Miss Halse, will undertake gardening and general maintenance duties such as fence painting, weeding, planting etc. Please could you notify the school office if you or other members of your family would be willing to be part of this group. As part of the project we are applying for grant funding with various organisations. In order to back up the application, we have received support from the local brownie/guide group but need letters of support from other community groups. If you would like any information regarding the project please contact Mrs Green.

### **Dates**

I hope you received the list of dates sent out last week – there are some paper copies in the foyer if you need one.

### **Next Week:**

**Mon 30th** RNLI safety talk  
**Weds 2nd** National test Y2-Y6 (Numeracy Procedural)  
PC Emma Year 1 'Playing Safe'  
**Thurs 3rd** National test Y2-Y6 (Reading)  
**Fri 4th** National test Y2-Y6 (Numeracy Reasoning)  
**Mon 7th** **BANK HOLIDAY**

### **Value – Friendship**

This half term, our focus value will be 'Friendship'. Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus. *'Encourage each other and build each other up.'* (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

You may like to discuss the importance of friendships with your children at home. What makes a good friend? How do we help and support each other? I have asked the children if they would like to write an acrostic poem or a prayer about friendship (or anything they would like to share) which can be displayed on our Value board in the hall.

Have a lovely weekend – let's hope we continue to see some sunshine!

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett  
Headteacher