



GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER **Spring Term – February 2020**

Happy New Year and Welcome:

As this new year and term gets going, a very warm welcome to new parents, staff and children. With this newsletter we hope to give you a snapshot of our involvement in the school.

The school stayed strong throughout our sad loss last year due to the deep relationships in our community and we thank everyone dearly, especially Mrs Jayne. The St. Andrew's ethos continues as we enjoy 'Schools Without Walls' as well as new and exciting opportunities in the future.

Let's celebrate:

As a school we pride ourselves in developing the whole child and creating a positive learning atmosphere. Our new Behaviour For Learning Policy continues to provide the St. Andrew's calm and nurturing atmosphere. It sets clear limits, encourages problem solving and develops empathy. During their school visits, Governors have seen how staff are using shared language or 'scripts' to empower children to manage their feelings and behaviours. It is very powerful.



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Some good news data:

- We have more and more early years children meeting expected levels at the end of EYFS.
- Reading is showing a steady improvement over the last three years.
- This year the Y6 SATS results were our best yet. Thank you to Mr Harris and all the staff. It is a big team effort we know.
- A higher than national proportion of children reached greater depth in all areas.



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Get in touch

Do come and chat if you see us at any events or if you have any ideas or skills you would like to offer. Please contact us via:
office@standrewsbath.bwmat.org

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 11th February:
Safer internet day

Monday 9th March:
Steam day

11th – 12th March:
Parents evenings

Thursday 2nd April:
Easter service

Creative and Building Projects:

The new Early Years outdoor learning space is such a success. Our youngest children are able to learn and play in and outside all day long, in all weathers. We are very thankful to everyone who made this happen and who celebrated on opening day in memory of Mrs East.

The new Thrive Room is being used every day and enables our children to have a safe space to play and learn with specialist resources and trained staff.

School Development Plan – Moving Forward:

There are always things we want to do to improve our school. Here are the key areas we are looking at:

- The new Power Maths scheme which benefits children and staff with a greater consistency across the whole school in ‘how’ maths is being taught and providing clear progression. Governors have enjoyed visiting this term and seeing this in action.
- Continuing to improve reading and writing outcomes for children with a big focus on ‘reading for pleasure’. We want St. Andrew’s children to leave as life-long readers! Thank you for all the books and beanbags!



- Daily phonics lessons helping children to blend and segment words. The Governors will be coming in to work alongside the senior leadership team and to look at the children’s books and learning.
- Increasing progress for SEND, EAL and Pupil Premium children. Charlotte Buckley and the staff have implemented ‘Thrive’ across the whole school which helps emotional and social development.
- The whole curriculum, which is being developed by all staff to ensure our strong creative projects continue and tie in with a clear skills progression to enable children’s curiosity and individual interests to flourish.