



Headteacher's Update

26 February 2021

Key Messages

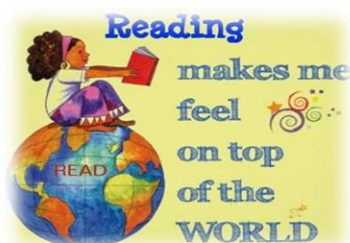
Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to let you know that we have been busily preparing for our students to return to school and I have written to all our families today to explain the timetable for our staggered return to school.

A reminder that all secondary schools are being asked to offer students three lateral flow tests on site (leaving approximately 3-5 days between each test) from 8 March. Testing remains optional but 'strongly encouraged'. Students can return to learning on site once they have had one negative test (or been offered one test and declined). After students have had three tests onsite (or the offer of three tests), they will be provided with home testing kits to continue with twice weekly testing at home. Please [click here](#) to access the letter and the consent form and privacy form. I would like to reassure you that no student will be tested without the relevant consents.

I will write to the parents/ carers of exam groups next week with further details of how grades will be awarded in summer 2020. In the meantime, you may read relevant information [here](#) and [here](#) from the media.

I would like to thank you so much for your kind donations of Icons for each of our classrooms and also for your generous contribution toward our STA book fund. We have received £225 from the recent Big Give campaign which added to previous donations from the Autumn term gives us a total sum of £678 from parental donations. We will be using these funds to buy individual reading books for our students. Mr Martin will be in touch with more details soon.

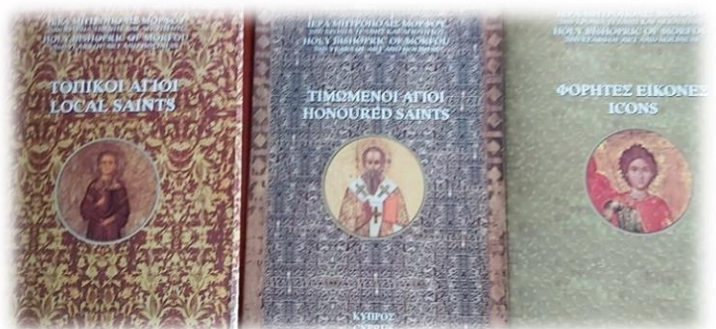
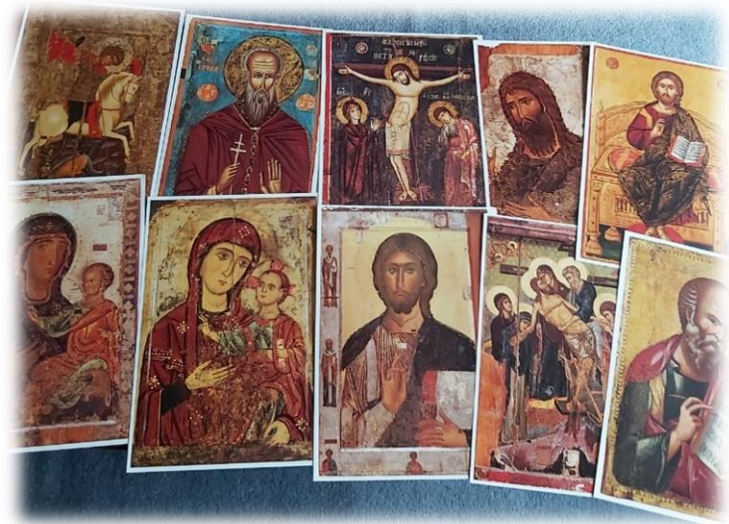


Please [click here](#) for a reminder of our school uniform rules.

I am so looking forward to seeing our students back in classrooms enjoying their learning and our teachers doing what they do best: teaching great lessons and taking good care of our wonderful students every single day.

Donation received for display in our school

We have received 3 amazing folders with each folder containing prints of historically important icons, on the back of which there is a description of the icon e.g. Jesus Christ, 16th cent., from the monastery of St Nicholas, Orounta; Virgin Arakiotissa, 1192, from the Church of Panagia tou Arakos, Lagondera. (also shown on page 371 of the Archdiocese calendar 2021).



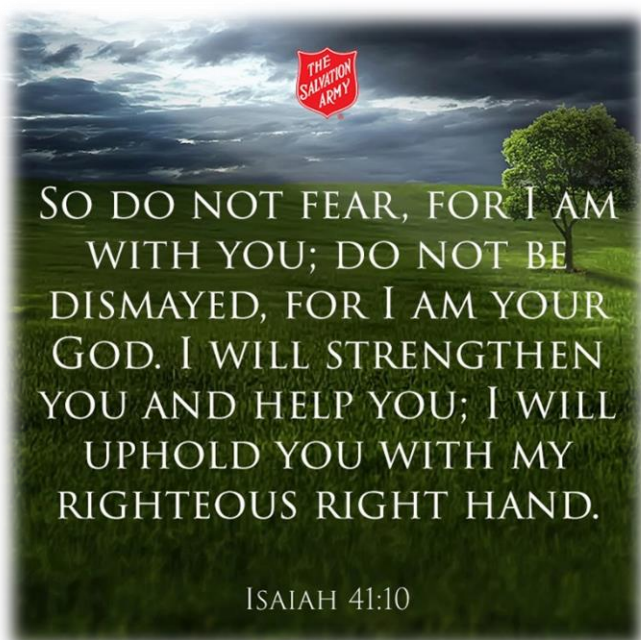
Thank you to all of you for your thoughtful and generous donations. Our school ethos continues to be delivered through our display in spaces that allow us to contemplate and worship throughout the school day.



With very best wishes

Mrs I Warwick (Headteacher)

Thought for the day



Friends of STA (FOSA)

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who have let me know that they are interested in working with a small and dedicated group of other interested parents and carers in our Friends of St Andrew group (FOSA). We still have space for a few more volunteers, so do get in touch by emailing admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk and mark your email for the attention of Mr M Vassiliou.

We will contact you shortly to let you know about some of the exciting events we are planning for the remainder of the Spring term and for the Summer term.

Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Messages from the Heads of Year

Well done!

All students mentioned in the weekly Newsletter will receive 10 recognition points awarded by their form tutor.

Year 7: Petar B (7E) - Outstanding work and effort in Maths. Well done, Petar! **Ella X (7O)** - For demonstrating high levels of engagement and making excellent contributions in remote lessons. Congratulations, Ella!

Year 8: Marko M (8M) and **Athena M (8L)** - both for outstanding contribution across the curriculum in another week of online learning.

Year 9: Vangelis L (9O) - For achieving 40 Recognition Points and producing fantastic work independently. **Alexia T (9T)** - Alexia is engaged and focused in all lessons. Alexia achieved 30 Recognition Points.

Year 10: Leah A (10) and **Naz Y (10)** - Outstanding contribution in lessons.

Year 11: Ali M (11P) and **Micheala G (11G)** - Both top achievers.

Year 12: Mashal S (12O) - For her consistent effort, high quality homework and contribution in lessons. **Thomas F (12O)** - For his excellent quiz in form time, which was very interactive and enjoyed by all!

Year 13: Jason D (13O) - For his thoroughly researched presentation on 'What will a Biden administration mean for USA's foreign policy'. **Makis K (13O)** - For his hard work in lessons, high quality homework and attendance.

Please do let us know of any accolades your child has achieved by emailing their Head of Year so we may celebrate them in future newsletters.

World Book Day – 4th March

We have spent more time than ever in our houses this year, and now more than ever, reading has become crucial for young people when it comes to tackling issues such as future plans, success, stress, anxiety and mental health. Reading can improve cultural awareness too and help students develop stronger social skills, vocabulary and writing skills. Books can also provide a much-needed way to travel different worlds without leaving our rooms! World Book Day will be a little different this year. Although we may not physically be in school, we will still be celebrating our love of reading with online activities planned by staff. You will be able to use your £1 book token to purchase a new book. It can be swapped for one of the exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books available at participating booksellers, or used to get £1 off any full price book or audio book. Happy reading!

Ms Mahmud-Smith

	<h1>£1 BOOK TOKEN</h1>	
<p>Take me to your local bookseller. Swap me to get your £1 book for FREE. Or use me to get £1 off any book or audiobook worth £2.99 or more.</p>		<h2>THIS IS YOUR</h2> <p>VALID FROM 18 FEBRUARY - 28 MARCH 2021</p>
<p>Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading. <small>World Book Day is a charity funded by publishers & booksellers in the UK & Ireland.</small></p>	<p>9 907760321004</p>	<p>SPONSORED BY NATIONAL BOOK tokens</p> <p>TO THE REVEALERS: Publishers participating in the World Book Day 2021 campaign undertake to redeem their £1 book token against the cost of a £1 World Book Day 2021 book or any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more, subject to the terms and conditions. World Book Day is co-ordinated by World Book Day Ltd, registered charity 1072527. PROMOTER: World Book Day Ltd, registered charity (No. 1072527), funded by publishers & booksellers in the UK & Ireland</p>

Competition Zone

Face it: we need to read!

Join the English Department to celebrate World Book Day this year by becoming part of a book cover.

Send your Book Faces by Thursday 4 March to help us celebrate reading to

admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk



World Book Day competition



You could win HUNDREDS of pounds worth of books by entering National Book Tokens DESIGN A BOOK TOKEN competition. One lucky winner's design will be made into a real life National Book Tokens gift card and distributed across bookshops nationwide in time for Christmas!

To take part, you simply have to put your mark on the template and design a brand new National Book Tokens gift card. A panel of judges will select a winner and runner-up.

PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE in each age range wins:

£250 National Book Tokens for the school

£100 National Book Tokens for the pupil

SECOND PRIZE in each age range wins:

£150 National Book Tokens for the school

£50 National Book Tokens for the pupil

HOW TO ENTER

All entries should be produced on A4 paper using the [template](#) you can find here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NBT-comp-2021.pdf>

Parents/ Carers: Please ensure you provide your child's name and age, and your contact details, on the second page of the form. You can send your entries online at:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/our-values/supporting-reading/world-book-day-13-16-years-entry-form>

The closing date for entries **Friday 2 April 2021**. Winners will be announced in May 2021.

TIPS FOR CREATING YOUR DESIGN

- Imagine your design is in a bookshop with lots of others – what will make it stand out?
- How many different ways can you interpret the words 'books', 'reading' or 'story'?
- What sort of design would you like if you received a National Book Token to choose new books with?
- Remember not to confuse it with your £1/€1.50 World Book Day book token!

On your bookmarks, get set, draw! Good luck!

Junior Bake off competition



We are delighted to say that we have been directly approached by the casting director for Junior Bake Off. Applications have opened for the 7th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

Junior Bake Off are looking for young budding bakers between 9 -15 years old. Filming would take place from July 2021, but applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021. Interested bakers can apply online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Big Pedal competition



Snap a photo or take a video of your family getting active during the Big Pedal and be in for a chance of winning some amazing prizes. You and your family can be walking, cycling, wheeling or scooting to school or around your local area. Or you could all be raising your heart rates at home. Please [click here](#) to find out more details.

When we return to school, we will be considering how we can reduce our carbon emissions by using public transport; walking; cycling or car sharing and then using a 'ride and stride' approach to reduce levels of pollution in and around our school. Sustrans Big Pedal, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge is back for 2021. This year it takes place **from 19 to 30 April**.

North London Festival of Music, Speech and Drama. Enter now!

<https://northlondonfestival.org.uk/>



Student recognition: STA has talent



Please click below to listen to an original song composed and performed by Theo in Year 11:

Click [here](#)

Student Achievement



Pavlos K 11P has completed **925 skills, 12717 questions**, each at **100%** on the Hegarty Maths website, which took him an incredible **169.9 hours**. As a result he is now known as a Hegarty Maths completer. Out of **1.5 million** students who use the website nationally, only a handful of students have ever achieved this status. I believe this is an incredible achievement and one that should be celebrated! Hegarty Maths have written to Mrs Warwick as our Headteacher and a certificate has been posted to Pavlos.

Mr U Dogan (Head of Maths)

Geography

During Geography, students were asked to use items in their house to creatively construct a representation of the earth's compositional layers. Amazing work students!

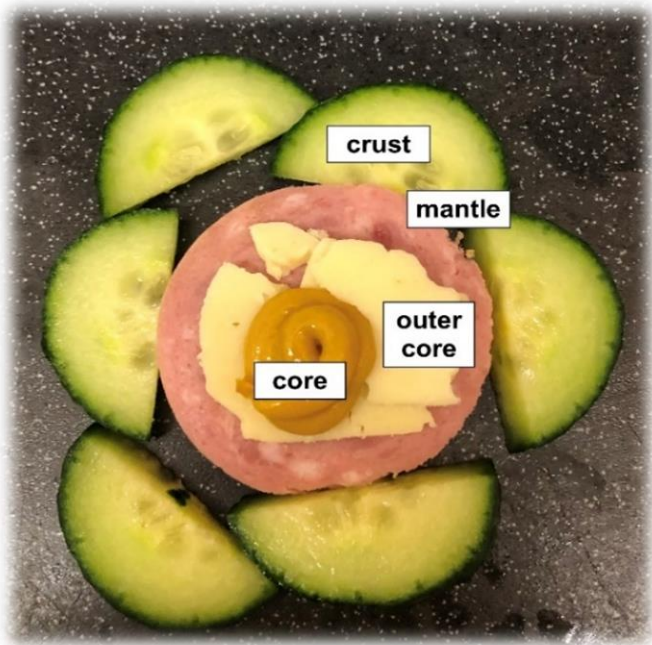


Zac W 7E



can do for our well-being. Well done to our students that are working very hard at home.

Kacper C 7E



Victoria S 7E

Miss Felipe (Geography Teacher)

Drama Design Projects

Drama classes are still working on Set design projects, there are some amazing projects completed. Fantastic work from our students that are working off screen and getting hands on with their creative sides. Drama isn't always about the performance side and performing on stage, we can be creative and expressive in different ways. The Arts are such an important part of our everyday lives and we need to appreciate what the Arts





Ms N Kurland (Lead teacher of Drama)

Royal Shakespeare Company



Have a look at the exciting events promoted by the Royal Shakespeare Company including details of how to

view a live online performance of a Midsummer Night's dream set in a virtual forest!

<https://www.rsc.org.uk/>

Science experiments you can do at home

Kitchen chemistry-Making bath bombs Did you know you can make bath bombs using ingredients you can find in your kitchen? [Click here](#) to see how to do a Chemistry experiment from the Royal Society of Chemistry. Try this simple yet fun activity at home, always with a responsible adult! Take a picture of your bath bombs and send it to us at admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

If you would like to try something more sedate, [click here](#) to see how to make your own lip balm with ingredients you can find at home. There are lots of experiments from the Royal Institution for you to try with a responsible adult at home.

Thank a Teacher

Please click [here](#) to send a free 'Thank you' to a member of staff postcard. Anyone can send a card all year round. The *Thank a Teacher* campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as office staff, technicians, lunchtime supervisors and caretakers.

Headteacher Parent Surgery

If you would like a 1:1 meeting with the Headteacher or a Senior Deputy Headteacher at our weekly Parent and Carer surgery, please email admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk with details of your child's full name, form class and a brief explanation on your reason for your meeting (unless confidential).

This will take place every **Friday from 5pm until 6pm**. The time allocated for appointments will be 15 minutes in the first instance. Please send your request for an appointment in by **10am** every Wednesday so that we may allocate an appointment and send you

confirmation in good time. All appointments will take place via **Microsoft Teams** during current restrictions.

Headteacher Parent Focus Group

Parent focus group meeting will take place every Wednesday **from 5pm until 6pm**, every week. If you would like to attend, please email us at admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk and we will send you an invitation to join this group on MS Teams.

Items for discussion this term are: *Help with remote learning; Student and Parent wellbeing; Overuse of mobile phones; Healthy living during lockdown; Exercising at home with our children, Fundraising through Parent events e.g. Quiz night.*

Wellbeing

Please have a look at this message to students and parents/ carers from the British Red Cross.

Our [free digital classrooms](#) are a perfect way to get learners to interact and discuss new topics. They're aimed at 10 to 18 year-olds and topics explored include first aid, empathy and migration, and loneliness.

For more information email RedCrossEducation@redcross.org.uk

Vaccine Information

Children and young people might have a lot of questions about the vaccine and could have their own family stories to share. When will I get it? Should my family have it? Will it help get things back to normal?

We've created a new resource '[how to have difficult conversations about vaccines](#)'. It offers practical tips to help you have conversations with friends, family and young people about the vaccine.

1. Reflect on your and their feelings.
2. Make sure you have all the right information. You can check everything you need to know about the Covid-19 vaccine [here](#).

3. Visit our [vaccine voices](#) for examples of people who have had the vaccine or had worries but overcame them. It includes stories from BBC star Dr Emeka.

Wellbeing tips

Please have a look at this website to view some really helpful wellbeing tips for young people. <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Updated guidance from Gov.uk for parents

Please click on the link: [parents to support their children's remote education](#) which provides more information for parents and carers as they support their children at home. Included are top tips for supporting children during remote education, including links to information about the Reading Well booklist that supports mental health. Also provided is information on how to access online resources and services through your local library and online [support for parents and carers to keep children and young people safe from online harm](#).

Important Dates for the Calendar

To access important dates and events please [click here](#) for the St Andrew the Apostle School calendar.

Covid-19 Updates

[BPSI support pages for schools and parents for home learning](#)

[Barnet Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)

Pastoral News

Many families will want to start planning ahead and ensuring students have the correct uniform. You can purchase all these items at Stevensons who are delivering uniform at the moment. If you look on our webpage you will see which shoes are appropriate and acceptable for school.

<https://www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk/uniform>