



ST. AMBROSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 4th 2022

Dear parents and carers,

“Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.”

Psalm 34:14

This week, I have been inspired by this quote as I look to how we, at St Ambrose, guide our pupils to do what is right. I am deeply proud of the culture of politeness, kindness and consideration amongst pupils and staff alike. But this doesn't always come easily. We guide our school community to prioritise consistently choosing the right thing until it becomes habit. Next week, we will be exploring more intentionally how we can improve the quality of our lives through kindness, mindfulness and peacefulness. We have planned a full week of Mental Health activities, in line with the national Mental Health Week. Thanks to Mrs Cooke, our PSHE lead, the children across the whole school will enjoy mindful activities such as Yoga classes, running, colouring and a whole day of Forest School. On Monday, we invite the children to come in home clothes, along the theme of 'Express yourself'. The children are permitted to wear an outfit they feel reflects who they are. Please see further information about the opportunities available in the correspondence sent out via ParentMail on Wednesday.

I have made some requests and reminders in this newsletter regarding parking and haircuts. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

I cannot believe we are nearly at half term! Have a lovely weekend and see you in home clothes on Monday,

Miss S. Aldridge
Acting Headteacher

SINGING LESSONS AVAILABLE!

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering private singing lessons, starting after the half term.

If you would like to enquire about your child having singing lessons, please contact Mr Bond on davidbond84@gmail.com or Mrs Green.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A CARETAKER!

St Ambrose Prep is looking to employ a part-time caretaker on a temporary basis.

Please contact Miss Kashti on secretary@stambroseprep.co.uk to enquire about details.



Matilda is this week's recipient of our 'Edmund's Footsteps Award', nominated for by her brother! Matilda received this award for being dedicated to her learning and for always trying her best.

PARKING

Please be reminded that cars should **not** stop at the top of the driveway when dropping off. This makes it very hard to see children who are walking into school. Cars should be parked in the allocated spots under the trees, or in the Church car park. Thank you for your cooperation.

HAIR

In order to maintain a smart appearance, children at St Ambrose should follow the rules in our Behaviour and Discipline policy which is available on our website:

“Hairstyles – Fashions evolve over time and we remain aware of changes in trends however:

- *Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. The school is the arbiter of what is considered extreme. If in doubt please contact the school.*
 - *A haircut shorter than a “number 3” is not permitted.*
 - *Boys’ hair must not be longer than collar length.*
 - *Hair should be clean and neat.*
 - *Hair should not cover the face.*
 - *Hair should not be dyed.*
 - *Hair which has been streaked is not acceptable*
 - *Styles where lines and /or shapes are cut into the hair are not acceptable.*
 - *Excessive use of hair gel is not allowed.”*

Thank you for your cooperation.



STAR OF THE WEEK!



If any children in the following weeks have done something special out of school, they are invited to bring their item to school on Monday or Tuesday to be presented to them by their class teacher at the next Star of the Week assembly. The stars of each week will be treated to a hot chocolate or juice with the Headteacher on a Friday to congratulate them on their fantastic efforts.



NURSERY: Matilda: for excellent work with her CVC words and moving up a book band in reading!

RECEPTION: Mason: Mason has gained confidence and now answers questions during carpet time. He always tries his best.

INFANT 1: Eden: Eden has settled into St. Ambrose wonderfully. He is always well behaved. He has made excellent contributions in our history topic and uses lots of adjectives in his writing.

INFANT 2: Manus: We have been writing our own persuasive letters based on 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and Manus wrote a wonderful letter with lots of persuasive language and fabulous punctuation.

PREP 1: Vincent: Vincent has worked incredibly hard with some tricky bus stop method division problems, as well as a super imaginative story based on 'How to Train your Dragon'.

PREP 2: Jude has really impressed me since starting at St Ambrose in January. He has worked super hard to be organised and do his work to the best of his ability. Excellent work Jude!

PREP 3: Dhruv: Dhruv is incredibly hardworking. He always has a lot to offer in class discussions and is kind towards others.

PREP 4: Rayyan: over the last few weeks, I have seen Rayyan grow in confidence, developing his literacy, including grammatical elements that we have been working on. Well done, Rayyan.

WHATS ON THIS TERM?

What	When	Who	Notes
Mental Health Week	7-10th Feb	All years	Multiple activities throughout the week
P3 Exam meeting	8th Feb at 6pm	P3 Parents/Carers	via Zoom
AJIS Cup Football Match	9th Feb at 13.30	Select team	Cheadle Hulme - parents to park off site
Sacramental Programme meeting	9th Feb at 6pm	Parents of all those doing Holy Communion this year	via Zoom
Half Term	10th Feb-20th Feb	All	
INSET	11th February	Staff	No children in school
First Reconciliation	22nd Feb at 6pm	All those doing Holy Communion this year	Parents and families welcome
P4 Science Workshop	28th February	Prep 4	In school. Payment/Consent via ParentMail
Halle Concert	3rd March	Juniors	Bridgewater Hall. Payment/Consent via ParentMail soon
Crucial Crew	7th March	P4	
World Book Day	9th March	All years	Being celebrated a week after the official date due to Halle trip
Assessment Week	w/b 14th March	All years	
EYFS Mother's Day Asse	23rd March at 9am	EYFS Parents	PROVISIONAL TIME AND DATE
Parents' evening week	w/b 28th March	All years	Arrange with class teachers on Dojo
Easter Assembly	6th April	I1+I2 Parents	PROVISIONAL TIME AND DATE
Staircase House	29th April	Infant 2	
Robinwood	4-6th May	Prep 4	Residential

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK (7-10 FEB) TIMETABLE

Children's Mental Health Week
7th – 13th February 2022

Monday

- Whole school dress up day – 'Dress to Express'
- Yoga on arrival at school 8.50am-9.00am
- KS2 park play time - lunchtime

Tuesday

- Yoga on arrival at school 8.50am-9.00am
- Yoga club with Mrs Foulkes
- Mindful Mile running – each class to be taken out by the class teacher.

Wednesday

- Yoga on arrival at school 8.50am-9.00am
- Forest Schools fun - for all year groups
- Walking Wednesday – class local area walks

Thursday

- Yoga on arrival at school 8.50am-9.00am
- Mindful colouring – KS1 lunchtime
- EYFS Wheelie Good Fun Day - bring your own bikes and scooters

From **7-13 February** schools across the UK will take part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is **Growing Together**.

Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential.