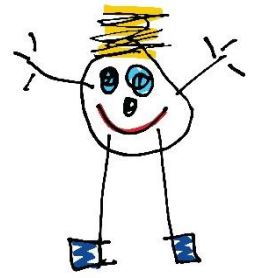


# St. Andrew's Montessori School Newsletter



## Welcome to our Spring Term - February 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term, I do hope you all had a good break. Everyone seems refreshed and ready for the remainder of the term ahead. We have lots of exciting plans for the coming weeks so please do note dates of the upcoming events on your family calendar. We have also laid out our 2023/2024 Term dates for your information.

### The Childs Voice

I am delighted to share with you just a few of the absolutely hilarious things the children say when playing or responding to queries. These little gems are displayed in our Reception area and are updated frequently, so really worth popping in to have a look and no doubt a laugh!

"I am precious" - Ella age 3

"I have a sandwich under my hat like Paddington Bear" - William R age 2.6

"I'm always coming up with such big ideas for such a little girl" - Claudia age 4.3

"We were learning about the planets, we have a book about the world and monkeys. We live in Europe on the crust" - Leonardo age 3.4 years

"I am so full from lunch my tummy is dancing all over the place" - Margot age 4.4

"I am a volcano expert, I even know how to make them" - William W age 4.3

"I cuddled him, he is quite cuddly, when I squish him he giggles" - Max age 3.11 "Hahaha, I am cuddly" - Alex age 2.5

### Fundraising Fun

I am sure you will all agree that fundraising is not only extremely worthy but a great way to teach children empathy and awareness of the wider community in a positive way. To this end we are very excited to announce that we are inviting you to enjoy our very own Spring Fete on the last day of term, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The children and teachers are currently preparing a wonderful array of arts and crafts and activities for the day. All donations will be going to a local charity in need of support, the Islington Foodbank, a registered charity number 1155480. Islington Foodbank helps local people in crisis, and they will use every penny raised to help the local families.

Islington has the third highest rate of child poverty in the country and the highest levels of depression in London. Islington food bank helps to feed and support our local families. They helped over 3000 people last year alone and work closely with local people to understand Islington. For further information please visit <https://islington.foodbank.org.uk/>

The details of the day are laid out below.

**SPRING FETE THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 9.30am - 12.00noon**

**All are welcome!**

(parents to be responsible for their children on the day and there will be no afternoon school on this day)

**Face Painting**

A perfect opportunity to turn your little monkey into a roaring lion or fairy princess!

**Fete Games**

Great games to keep your little ones entertained and laughing throughout the morning.

**Easter Bonnet Making**

A lovely Easter keepsake that your children can design and make themselves.

**Tea, Coffee and Cake!**

Some delicious treats, cake donations from parents are most welcome (however please note we are nut and seed free!)

**Match the teacher to the baby photo**

A fun activity to do with your child while enjoying a slice of cake in our Café. Guess it right and win a prize!

**St. Andrew's Montessori Raffle, prizes drawn at 11:00am**

We have already acquired a wonderful range of prizes (please see below for details) and I know we would very much appreciate any offers of support or donations that you may be able to provide.

If you feel you would like to contribute please contact me at [info@saintandrewsmontessori.com](mailto:info@saintandrewsmontessori.com)

We will shortly be sending home a book of raffle tickets with your child. These tickets will be sold for £1.00 per ticket and the winning tickets will be drawn on the day.

**Raffle Prizes (so far.....)**

**Bungee Jump Voucher**

**4 x Little Angel Theatre Tickets**

**Oliver Bonas Gift Card**

**Community Playthings Toy Truck**

**Rituals Gift Set**

**Mellissa and Doug Stamp Set**

**Neal's Yard Gift Set**

**Alessi Candle Holders**

**Arsenal Gift Bag**

Thank you all so much in advance for all your support, we look forward to seeing you all on the day!

### **Illness guidelines**

This is definitely the season for coughs and sniffles so we thought it may be helpful to share the NHS guidelines on illness with you. As always we really appreciate parents communicating with us and monitoring for symptoms. I hope the following helps us all to stay healthy and safe. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### **General Daily Routine and requests**

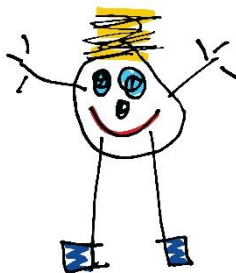
Please inform us via email of changes that may impact the school in any way. Examples of these are as follows:

- Changes to your mobile/work telephone numbers/address,
- Updated photographs if you make changes to your child's collection agreement,
- Any new medical issues OR trips away

We also really appreciate all efforts to keep to our hours at drop off and collection time. This enables us to start our morning/afternoon together as a whole school/class without anyone missing out on important tidbits or plans for the day ahead.

With our very best wishes,

Samantha, Nici and the Team



# **Term Dates 2023**

## **Spring Term 2023**

Wednesday 4th January – Thursday 30th March

Half-Term: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

*14th March Yoga joining day*

*22nd March Ballet watching day*

*23rd March Yoga joining day*

*30th March Spring Fair*

## **Summer Term 2023**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 13th July

Half-Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2nd June

## **Autumn Term 2023**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Half-Term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

## **Spring Term 2024**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Half-Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

## **Summer Term 2024**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Half-Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> June