

Headteacher's Update

12 March 2021

Key Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for your continued support this week. We have had a brilliant return to school with Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 all in school, looking smart and getting straight on with learning.

Our ethos of high academic standards, in a warm and friendly environment is visible in classrooms, in corridors and in the playground. It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to see our school motto *Ever to Excel* evident in all aspects of school life.

We are looking forward to welcoming back our remaining year groups on **Monday 15 March**. I can't wait to have the whole school community back together again!

We have successfully completed another week of LFD testing and this process will end next week. I will write to you with details of how home-testing will proceed in next week's newsletter. You can see images of our completely transformed Building 4 Hall.

It has been a delight to welcome our new Year 7 cohort for a 1:1 COVID-safe tour of our school accompanied by a student ambassador and a member of the senior leadership team. These tours will conclude next week and we will then move to phase 2 of our induction process. We will invite all of our new Year 7 students to complete weekly challenges accessible in our personalized VIP zone with additional planned visits to school to take part in masterclasses in a range of academic and practical subjects. This is all on top of the whole day we will spend in school in

July where our students will meet all of their new friends and teachers.





Year 11 and Year 13 students have all viewed the presentation from me about how grades will be awarded this summer. Please <u>click here</u> to view this helpful information. I will continue to update students, parents and carers as we receive further information from the Department of Education and Ofqual.

Finally, you will all be pleased to know that we are on track with our plans to move into our new building in the summer term of 2023. Please have a look at some of the exciting visuals on our new website:

https://www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk/new-school-building

St Andrew the Apostle

Here are just a few images of our new building. I'm sure you will agree that when we transfer our amazing staff and students into our new building, the sky's the limit!







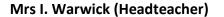
Reminder- Timetable and timing of the day

Break 1: 9.45-10.00am		Break 2: 10.35-10.50am		
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Tuesday	Year 7 Year 8	Tuesday	Years 9 &10	
Wednesday		Wednesday	Years 10 & 11	
Thursday	Year 7	Thursday	Years 9 & 11	
Friday	Year 7	Friday	Years 8 & 10	
B4		B4		
Monday	Year 10	Monday	Year 7	
Tuesday	Year 11	Tuesday	Year 8	
Wednesday	Year 9	Wednesday	Year 7	
Thursday	Year 10	Thursday	Year 8	
Friday	Year 9	Friday	Year 11	
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St Andrew The Apostle Greek Orthodox School						
	Monday	day Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Building 4	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	
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Building 5	Year 8	Year 9	Year 11	Year 7	Year 10	
	Year 9	Year 10	Year 8	Year 11	Year 7	
	Year 11	Year 7	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	



Best wishes





Leading up to Easter



Please <u>click here</u> to view details of 'Our journey to Pascha 2021.'

About Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha

There is a 19 Sunday (18 week) period of time each year in the Orthodox Christian Church that surrounds the Feast of Pascha (Easter). The first three weeks, including four Sundays, are called the Triodion, or pre-Lenten period. The next forty days, which includes nearly six weeks and five Sundays, is called Great Lent. In the Orthodox Church, Great Lent begins on a Monday called Clean Monday, rather than Ash Wednesday, as it does in other churches. Great Lent ends on a Friday. Holy Week follows, along with the Great and Holy Week.

The Feast of the Resurrection is called Pascha and it begins a forty-day period of celebration. After forty days, the church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension. Ten days later (fifty days after the Resurrection), the church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost. The Sunday after Pentecost is the Feast of All Saints. This ends this

cycle of "movable feasts" (called this because their date moves every year), which surround the feast of Pascha.

I have attached service information from our two Barnet Greek Orthodox churches with this newsletter:

St Katherine's in Friern Barnet and Holy Cross & St Michael in Golders Green.

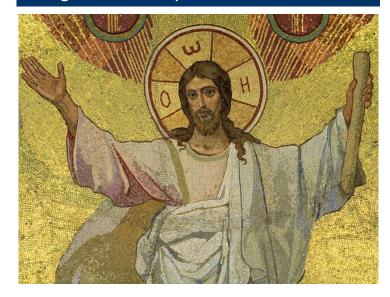
Please see below for an exciting opportunity to join with a community of Sunday School Teacher.



Please click here to access further details.

Mrs I Warwick (Headteacher)

Thought for the Day



For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matthew 6:14–15

Details of these events are attached



With the Blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain

Orthodox Theology and Christian Culture **Video Lecture Series**

Moderated by V. Rev. Nephon Tsimalis

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

he Prominent Role of the Virgin Mary during Great Lent

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Great Lent and the Prayer of St. Ephrem

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

t. Gregory Palamas and the Orthodox Tradition

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

There was a man sent from God: Archimandrite John Maitland Moir

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

The Mystery of Holy Confession

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Liturgical Reflections on Holy Week

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

The Consecration of Constantinople

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

The Gospel of the Resurrection

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

The Scandal of St. Porphyrios

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

The Mystery of Holy Chrism

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Family Life

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mystery and Participation

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

The Legacy of St. Sophrony

Join on Zoom Every Tuesday at 19:00

For more information, please email ntsimalis@gmail.com



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MARCH 2021

FRIDAY	5	5.00 p.m.	Vespers of Souls
SATURDAY	6	9.30-10.45 a.m.	+ SATURDAY OF SOULS
SUNDAY	7	10.00-11.30 a.m.	+ MEATFARE SUNDAY.
SATURDAY	13	10.30-11.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	+ Divine Liturgy, Philip ap. and memorials a private memorial can be pre-booked
SUNDAY	14	10.00-11.30 a.m.	+ CHEESEFARE,
MONDAY	15	12.00 midday	+ CLEAN MONDAY, S. Compline
WEDNESDAY	17	10.00-11.00 a.m.	+ D. Liturgy of the presanctified gifts
FRIDAY	19	7.00- 8.25 p.m.	+ 1st Salutations of the Mother of God
SATURDAY	20	10.30-11.30 a.m.	+ Miracle of Theodore the Tyro
SUNDAY	21	10.00-11.30 a.m.	+ 1st of Lent, of Orthodoxy
WEDNESDAY	24	5.00 p.m.	Vespers
THURSDAY	25	10.00-11.30 a.m.	+ Annunciation of the Mother of God (fish)
FRIDAY	26	10.00-11.00 a.m. 7.00- 8.25 p.m.	+ D. Liturgy of the presanctified gifts + 2 nd Salutations of the Mother of God
SATURDAY	27	10.30-11.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	+ Divine Liturgy, Philip ap. and memorials a private memorial can be pre-booked
SUNDAY	28	10.00-11.30 a.m.	+ 2nd of Lent. Gregory Palamas.

DUE TO HEALTH REGULATIONS WE CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE 40 PEOPLE There is some availability for private memorial services on Saturday by appointment



ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ

PROGRAMME OF DIVINE SERVICES IN MARCH

Σάββατο 6 Μαρτίου + ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ Παρασκευή, 5 Μαρτίου Εσπερινός Ψυχοσαββάτου - 5μμ.

KYPIAKH 7 MAPTIOY

† ΤΗΣ ΑΠΟΚΡΕΩ Θ. Λειτουργία προεξάρχοντος του Σεβ. Μητροπολίτου Κολωνείας Αθανασίου

KYPIAKH 14 MAPTIOY

† ΤΗΣ ΤΥΡΙΝΗΣ

Δευτέρα 15 Μαρτίου + ΚΑΘΑΡΑ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ Σημ.: Από σήμερα μέχρι και την Πέμπτη 18/3 Μέγα Απόδειπνο & Κανόνας Αγ. Ανδρέου Κρήτης - 5μμ.

Τετάρτη 17 Μαρτίου † Θ. Λειτουργία Προηγιασμένων-9.30mu.

Saturday 6 March **† SATURDAY OF THE SOULS** Friday, 5 March Vespers of the Saturday of the Souls-5pm.

SUNDAY 7 MARCH

† MEATFARE SUNDAY Liturgy presided by H.E. the Metropolitan of Colonia Athanasios

SUNDAY 14 MARCH

+ CHEESFARE SUNDAY

Monday 15 March † Clear Monday Note: Service of the Compline & the Canon of St Andrew of Crete from today until Thursday 18/03-5pm.

> Wednesday 17 March † Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified-9.30am.

Παρασκευή 19 Μαρτίου † A' XAIPETIΣΜΟΙ — 6.30μμ.

Σάββατο 20 Μαρτίου † Θαύμα Κολλύβων Αγ. Θεοδώρου

Friday 19 March † Ist Salutations - 6.30pm.

Saturday 20 March † Miracle of Theodore the Tyro

KYPIAKH 21 MAPTIOY + Α΄ ΝΗΣΤΕΙΩΝ, Ορθοδοξίας

SUNDAY 21 MARCH † I SUNDAY OF LENT, Of Orthodoxy Attention: No memorial Services today

Πέμπτη 25 Μαρτίου

† ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΌΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ

Thursday 25 March * ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Παρασκευή 26 Μαστίου † Β' ΧΑΙΡΕΤΙΣΜΟΙ — 6.30μμ.

Friday 26 March † IInd Salutations - 6.30pm.

SUNDAY 28 MARCH

KYPIAKH 28 MAPTIOY + B' NHITEION

Δοξολογία 25ης Μαρτίου

Τετάρτη 31 Μαρτίου

† IInd Sunday of Lent Doxology on occasion of the 25th of Morch

† Θ. Λειτουργία Προηγιασμένων 9.30πμ.

Wednesday 31 March † Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified-9.30am.

Saturday 13 March -09:00 Divine Liturgy in English

Reminder- The Big Pedal event 2021



Cycle to school, get fit and save the Earth! You will find some very useful resources here:

https://bigpedal.org.uk/



Many young people have been enjoying walking, running and cycling as part of their daily exercise during lockdown. The journey to school is a great opportunity to keep this going when schools return.

Have you thought about how your children will get to school when it is time to return?

They should consider active travel!

By walking and cycling, you can help make space for those who have no alternative but to use public transport. Other benefits include:

- · Young people enjoy being active
- They arrive at school fresh and ready to learn
- The streets around school become safer, with less congestion
- It's healthy for us, while also being good for the planet, and doesn't create air pollution around the school
- It's a good chance for young people to chat with their friends

At Sustrans, we are here to help you travel actively







The majority of secondary school children in the UK walk to school, with the average distance being less than 1.5 miles (20-30 minute walk).



15 minutes of exercise (including a walk, scoot or cycle to school) can improve a child's mood.

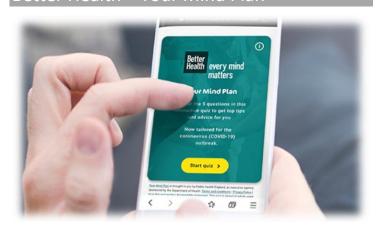


TfL's public transport services will only be able to carry 13-15% of normal passenger numbers to enable safe physical distancing.



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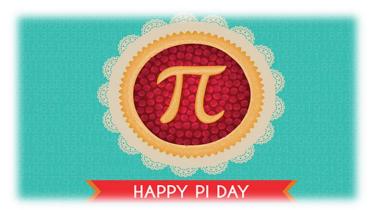
Better Health – Your Mind Plan



<u>Click here</u> to answer just 5 simple questions in this interactive quiz to get top tips and advice. The mind plan is now tailored for the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and will provide support and guidance for your physical and mental wellbeing.

Competitions

STA Maths Competition



Pi Day is on the 14th of March and any day that combines fun, education and pie is a day worth celebrating! Pi, also known by the Greek letter " π ," is a constant value used in maths that represents the ratio of a circumference of a circle to its diameter, which is just about 3.14....15...9265359... (and so on). Not only that, but the 14th of March is also Albert Einstein's birthday, so all together it's nothing short of a mathematician's delight!

Solve the puzzle below and come back to me in person or by emailing admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk to get some well-deserved recognition points.

Miss A Sorgente (Deputy Head of Maths)

The Big Bang Competition 2021



Do you question everything, enjoy practical subjects such as design or simply like taking things apart to see how they work? Why not find out by entering the Big Bang Competition? This year, the competition has moved online and promises to be better than ever. Yes, the sky really is the limit!

The project scope is huge to encourage any project in the field of STEM to enter- from health and the environment to design, technology and computing. From inventions and communication campaigns to research into solving a community problem. The opportunities are endless.

Not sure where to begin? <u>Click here</u> for some ideas and how to enter competetion!

Young Writers Awards competition 2021-don't miss the deadline



The BBC Young Writers' Award with Cambridge University is now open for submissions - with broadcaster Katie Thistleton chairing the judging panel. Now in its seventh year, the BBC Young Writers' Award with Cambridge University invites all young people in the UK aged between 14-18 years to submit stories of up to 1,000 words. Submissions will be open will 9am on Monday 22 March 2021. Click here to find out more details and how to apply.

Speakers for Schools

Please click here to view free inspirational broadcasts from a wide variety of speakers from the world of work. There has never been a more important time to think widely about possible careers in our everchanging world. Write to us at admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk to tell us about

<u>admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk</u> to tell us about your ambitions for your future career. Please mark your email for the attention of Mrs S Halil (PSHCE lead)

Additional information

Please click <u>here</u> to access last week's newsletters to see the exciting competitions we have on offer. There is still plenty of time to enter so be creative and send us your entry!

Please remember to include your full name, year group, form, school and contact details for your Parents or Carers.

Year 5 and Year 6 winners will be entered into a prizedraw competition and winning students will receive a certificate and a great prize!

Help for Parents and Carers

Please contact your child's Head of Year in confidence if you are at all worried about your child and would like to know more about how to access services from our inschool counsellor. There are many avenues of support available to young people and their families. We would be happy to discuss these options with you and we would like all of our school community to know that you are not alone- we are here to help you.

Parent focus group

The Meet with the Head Parent focus group meetings continue every Wednesday from 5pm until 6pm. 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.

Fundraising for North London Hospice

Many of our families have been affected by COVID during the period of the pandemic and some by other illnesses as well, which are just as devastating; one of our families has set up a Just Giving page to support the North London Hospice that took care of their loved one. If you would like to donate to the hospice, please click on this link.

Free Thank you cards for school staff

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 to meet with the Headteacher or a Senior Deputy Headteacher at our new weekly Parent and Carer surgery, please email

admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

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

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



Important dates for the calendar

Please click here to access dates for the calendar. Please note that these dates are subject to change, so please do keep checking in on a regular basis. If you have any queries about a specific date, please email us at admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk



Determined admissions arrangements September 2022 - St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School

Consultation on the school's admissions arrangements for September 2022 took

place between 16th December 2020 – 27th January 2021.

The determined Admissions Policy, Sixth Form Admissions Policy and Supplementary Information Form for the academic year 2022-23 together with a note of the decision reached following consultation are below. Please click on each link below to view.

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- Admissions Policy Year 7 -
- Admissions Policy Sixth Form
- Supplementary Information Form -
- Consultation Report

Uniform reminder to all parents/ carers

Our full school uniform with the details of our stockist Stevensons, who are delivering uniform and taking online orders at the moment, is on our website.

Boys should wear traditional flat, black sensible shoes – lace up shoes must have black laces. No trainers or boots, no white or coloured laces. Lace up shoes are preferable to Velcro. No sandals. Please <u>click here</u> to view appropriate school shoes. If shoes have a distinct heel, they will typically be acceptable. Girls should wear traditional flat, black sensible shoes – lace up shoes must have black laces, no trainers or boots. Lace up shoes are preferable to Velcro. No kitten heels, sandals, platform shoes, ballet pumps, white or coloured laces. Please <u>click here</u> to see appropriate school shoes.

We do understand that for some families obtaining new shoes or uniform may be difficult. We always aim to work with families to make sure we provide the very best support for our students. If there are any issues, or any reasonable adjustments we can make to help, then please contact your child's form tutor and we do our very best to support you.

Our make-up and jewellery rules are as follows: No nail varnish, lip stick, eye shadow or heavy black lines. One small silver or gold sleeper or stud may be worn in the lobe of each ear. No other jewellery or body piercing is acceptable including nose or face studs or rings.

Equipment

Please support your child by making sure they bring the following to school each day:

- Black pens to work with.
- A Green pen to self-mark their work.
- A Pencil.

- A Ruler.
- Colouring pencils.
- A maths set with a calculator.
- The planner we gave students in September.
- We would also encourage students to have their own water bottle.

Attendance

If your child is not able to attend school, then you should contact the Attendance Officer by using this link to Studybugs. This is the easiest and quickest way to let the school know your child cannot attend school. Please register now if you have not done so as yet. If your child is not in school for a medical reason, then medical evidence must always be produced. As always, we are here to support you with your child's attendance to school-if you need help then please contact your child's form tutor and we will support.

ClassCharts App

Since September 2020, we have been using our ClassCharts app with our families and this has proven to be hugely popular in



supporting good communication between school and home.

<u>Click here</u> to look at a quick start guide about this app. If you are unsure of your parent code then please contact your child's form tutor who will be able to give this to you.

By using this app you will be able to see:

Your child's timetable for the next day so you can support them with the correct equipment; your Child's Homework; attendance and punctuality to school and lessons; recognition points gained in school; any instances of poor behaviour; updates if your child is on report; any detentions which have been set.

Finally, please remind your child/ children that at St Andrew the Apostle School, we follow our code of conduct at all times. This enables us to continue to be a happy learning community.