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**PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER**

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26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**WEEKLY UPDATE – 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020**

We hope that this finds you and your loved ones well as we all adjust to the changes and challenges of the last few days. Thank you for all your patience, cooperation and messages of support.

The school website will continue to be our main communication point for you. Please use the website as the main source of information for ideas for helping your children to learn and purposeful ways to keep them busy over the coming weeks. Staff have been working tirelessly to update this as often as they can. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and imagination of our St Andrew's learners. We are so proud of you all! All school letters in relation to Covid-19 will continue to be posted here also.

All information about **Home Learning** will be made available on the school website:

- All teachers have posted a Home Learning Grid, as well as other exciting activities, in their classroom space on the school website <http://standrews.mgfl.net>
- Home Learning Packs should now have been received by all pupils. Website passwords can be found at the back of your child's Home Learning jotter.
- **GLOW passwords** will be sent out to **all children** next week, by post. Instructions will be posted on the website explaining how best to make use of these.
- It is hoped that each class will have access to **Google Classroom**, after the Easter break. Staff are currently undertaking training and will be preparing resources, next week, so that we will hopefully be ready to "go live" after the holiday. Detailed information about how to access and use Google Classroom will be posted on the school website after the Easter break.

We would also like to make parents and carers aware of a staffing change. Our Home School Practitioner, Kirsty Page, has been successful in securing a new role, nearer home, working for Borders Council. Her last day at St Andrew's was due to be this week, but obviously current circumstances have meant that we were unable to give pupils and their families the usual amount of notice of her departure. Kirsty was an invaluable support, not only to the individual pupils and families that she worked with, but to everyone across the St Andrew's school community. We will miss her greatly but also wish her well in her new role.

Mrs Elaine Baur has taken over Kirsty's role, on a temporary basis, to offer support to individual families and the wider school community. Many of you will know Elaine from her role as one of our Child Care and Development Workers in our nursery. She also has a wealth of experience from her time working in our Children and Families' service. We look forward to working with her in her new role.

Elaine will be making contact with families in the coming weeks. Given the current advice around Social Distancing, contact will be made by telephone, although she has already been out and about delivering school lunches this week, so you may well see her on her travels! We do not have a direct

number for families to contact Elaine, at the moment, but will post this on the school website, as soon as it becomes available.

In the meantime on behalf of all of the staff at St Andrew's we wish you well – keep safe.

Thank you for your continued support.

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