



# St Andrew's Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Growing and learning together with God

This week marked the beginning of Advent. We heard in our Collective Worship all about what Advent means and about how in Christian families it is about preparing and waiting for Christmas. We learned about different traditions and activities that families engage in as they prepare for Christmas, whether from a Christian faith or from other faiths, and talked about how things are a little different this year due to Coronavirus.

Across the school we have begun to prepare for Christmas in different ways. Many of the classes have been rehearsing and recording their contributions for our Nativity videos. Thank you for returning your consent forms online or on paper. We hope to be able to edit the videos in the final week of term and then send out the links to you. Further details will follow once we have finalised everything.

### Merit Awards

Nursery – Isaac C, Sophie, Emily

Reception – Nikola, Nathan, George

Year 1 – Billy, Sophia M, Eden

Year 2 – Ranveer, Fabian

Year 3 – Isabella, Michael

Year 4 – Dolcie, Reggie

Year 5 – Darcie, Naama

Year 6 – The Whole Class

Well done to all!

### Tier 2 Poster

Lockdown 2.0 has ended this week and Uxbridge is now officially in the High Tier. This means certain restrictions such as no mixing of households indoors, reducing the number of journeys you make and no overnight stays except with your household or support bubble. A helpful poster will be sent out with this newsletter with all the details on.

### Curriculum Survey

If you have not already completed the online questionnaire, then please do so at the following link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HNwPHiEr5kqDs3aG\\_zfrJHbMcyjMJ4JxNu24wvQgDw\\_QVUNUtEV1JaRU9VNjBJU0IZQlJZVEEYszBYVC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HNwPHiEr5kqDs3aG_zfrJHbMcyjMJ4JxNu24wvQgDw_QVUNUtEV1JaRU9VNjBJU0IZQlJZVEEYszBYVC4u)

Many thanks  
Miss Lawrence

### Christingles

All of the children have made their Christingles this week in school. Thank you to The Friends for providing the decorations, and to all parents who sent in oranges.

Here is the link for the Parish family Christingle service which is taking place via Zoom at 5pm on Sunday afternoon.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82760969386?pwd=d1YydDk3M1JuTjJERHZtbFp4dnp0QT09>

Meeting ID: 827 6096 9386

Passcode: 070521

### Christmas Bits and Pieces

Please be advised that we cannot share class lists for writing Christmas Cards. As advised by our Data Protection Officer, we do not have a lawful basis for sharing this information.

Thank you to Smiths Garden Centre for donating the beautiful tree that was decorated today by Ms Butler, our School Caretaker and School Meals Assistant.

### Get Active Active Care

After School club will be starting up after Christmas. It will be run by Get Active. Please follow the link to sign up and book your places.

<https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/vent/89371>

### The Friends' Events

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Guess the Teachers Quiz. Prizes will be handed out today to the winners, and to all those who took part.

The winners from each class are:

Nursery – Charlotte

Reception – Freddie, Daniel, Violet

Year 1 – Charlie

Year 2 – Samuel, Liana

Year 3 – Matty B

Year 4 – William

Year 5 – Dylan

Year 6 – Lily-May

Well done all!

### Christmas Decorations

The children have been busy making beautiful tree decorations and other festive ornaments to sell on behalf of The Friends. These would normally have been available at the Christmas Fayre.

Please look on Class Dojo next week to see when your child's items will be ready and to see how you can purchase yours.

### Amazon Wishlist

<https://amzn.eu/cWcCOW4>

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the school at this time.



### St. Andrew's Governor Fund (Previously known as the Care Fund)

We are still looking for a treasurer for the Care and Maintenance Fund. New information about what the fund is used for will be sent out in the New Year.

In the meantime, if you think this is something you can help with, or would like any further information about the fund and how to contribute, please contact the Governing Body via [chair@standrewsuxbridge.org.uk](mailto:chair@standrewsuxbridge.org.uk)

### PMG Schoolwear

The shop is now open, in line with Government guidelines. Please see the Christmas opening times below.



Visit us at [www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk](http://www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk)

Monday 7th  
Wednesday 9th  
Saturday 12th\*  
Monday 14th  
Wednesday 16th  
Saturday 19th\*

\*Faringdon and Uxbridge open 9am-1pm

ALL SHOPS CLOSED  
20TH DECEMBER - 1ST JANUARY

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### Governing Body Vacancies

We currently have vacancies on our Governing Body for parents and non-parents. If you or someone you know has time to commit to regular meetings and visits to school (when current restrictions are lifted) please contact the Governing Body via [chair@standrewsuxbridge.org.uk](mailto:chair@standrewsuxbridge.org.uk)

### Spring Term Clubs

We are currently investigating whether we can start up a few after school clubs in the Spring Term within the phase bubbles. A message has been sent out to Year 5 and 6 about Choir. We will send more information soon.

## Important Dates between now and Christmas

### Friends events in red

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School non-uniform day for Athletics reward

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Zoom QandA for potential new Reception parents

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Decorations Sale Starts**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Treat Sale**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS and KS1 Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Panto

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 1:30pm – End of Term**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – 8:30am – Children return to school**

## A Message from the Parents' Council

The Parents' Council met up this week for the first time this academic year on Zoom. It was good to be able to reconvene, however several people raised the same issue in drawing attention to the Parent/Carer Code of Conduct and the fact that people perhaps may be forgetting its content. As a Committee, we have heard reports of Parents/Carers using inappropriate language around the school children and other families both at the gates and on the school premises. May we remind you of, and refer you to the Parent/Carer Code of Conduct and in particular the following points within it:

- ALL members of the school community should be treated with respect and set a good example in their own speech and behaviour
- The school will not tolerate parents, carers or visitors speaking in an aggressive/threatening tone or swearing and/or use of inappropriate language
- The school will not tolerate defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff at the school including social media sites

This is also applicable to any non-private posts on Dojo, which again within the Code of Conduct it states that having Dojo available "is a privilege".

The Parents' Council Reps are volunteers to help when needed, to communicate between the year groups and the school collectively. Each year group has its own WhatsApp chat group which can be used for anything from missing clothing to double checking if it's a non-uniform day to constructive criticism, solutions and ideas in improving things. If you aren't part of your class group and would like to join, here is a list of this year's Parents' Council Reps:

**Nursery** – Dawn Bellis; **Reception** – Hayley Sanders, Kylie Lowe, Clay Gibbons

**Year 1** – Kylie Lowe; **Year 2** – Clay Gibbons, Sian Reading, Tracy Roach

**Year 3** – Dharshni Dharma; **Year 4** – Laura Draper, Dawn Bellis

**Year 5** – Dee Aldons, Liz Loring; **Year 6** – Hayley Sanders, Liz Loring

Minutes of our meetings can be found on the school website for anyone unfamiliar with The Parents' Council. I would like to thank the Council members for their continued hard work, time and support that they all show.

Dawn Bellis (Chair)