



St Andrew's Newsletter

6th December 2019

Growing and learning together with God

Well done Year 4 for your brilliant assembly this morning all inspired by your Reign Over Me topic. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended, and thank you to Mrs Baptiste, Mrs Rowley and Mrs Sanguy for all their hard work too.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for November was 95.1%. Of this 4.2% was authorised absence and 0.7% unauthorised. This is disappointing. So far this year 15% of children have missed more than 10% of their possible sessions – this is known as persistent absence.

The class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 96.8%. They have earned a non-uniform day to be taken at a time agreed with Mrs Baptiste.

The percentages for each class for November are:

Reception = 94.5%

Year 1 = 95.4%

Year 2 = 96.0%

Year 3 = 95.4%

Year 4 = 96.8%

Year 5 = 91.4%

Year 6 = 95.8%

Please continue to promote good attendance with your children, and only keep them off school if they are really very unwell. Thank you.

Lateness

We have a soft start here at St. Andrew's. This means that children can start their school day between 8:40 and 8:55am. We also have a Breakfast Club which starts at 7:45am each day. The school gate closes at 8:55am and children who arrive after this will be classified as late.

It is very disruptive for everyone when there is constant lateness. Miss Smith and Mrs Box often have to take lots of children down to their classrooms because they have arrived late, and this prevents them from being able to answer the phone and deal with general enquiries in the school office.

We are seeing a lot of repetition in the reasons given in the Late Book. If there is traffic, leave earlier, if your children struggle to get ready quickly, then wake them up earlier.

Thank you.

The Christmas Fayre

Thank you everyone for making last Friday a huge success. The Friends raised an amazing total of £1,767.06 at the Fayre. This is a brilliant amount. The committee will be meeting in the New Year to vote on what this money will be spent on. They have recently received some very persuasive letters from our Year 6 children...

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Book online at

<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/our-clubs-1/st-andrews-c-of-e-primary-school/>

Register online now and sign up for sessions before and/or after school.

Important Dates

Sunday 8th December – Christingle Service at St. Andrew’s Church at 4pm

Wednesday 11th December - KS1 Production at 2pm

Thursday 12th December – KS1 Production at 9am & 2pm

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

EYFS Nativity at 9.15am

R to Year 6 Pantomime at 2pm

Tuesday 17th December – Orchestra Assembly to parents at 9am

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Party Afternoon

Wednesday 18th December – Carol Service at St Andrew’s Church at 2pm

Thursday 19th December – Last day of term 1.30pm

Monday 6th January – All children return to school from 8.40am



Merit Awards

Reception – Kiana, The Whole Class

Year 1 – Frank, Liana

Year 2 – Mattie D, Oliver

Year 3 – Dania, Amylee, William

Year 4 – The Whole Class

Year 5 – Xavier, Grace

Year 6 – Lajna

Well done to all!

Elf Visit

This afternoon we had a very special visitor in a very special assembly.

The Christmas Elf came to visit and entertain the children. She made some magic snow and made all the children laugh with her antics.

At the end of the assembly, every child was presented with a Christmas gift.

Thank you so much to The Friends who arranged for the Elf to come in and who paid for everyone’s presents.

Judo Presentations

Judo John presented some Judo awards in assembly this morning. Kevin and Pedro received special stripes for their fantastic attitude and commitment to Judo. Well done all!



All the children made Christingles with their buddy classes today. These will be taken up to church for the service on Sunday afternoon, to which you are all warmly invited to attend.

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