

St Andrew's Newsletter



Autumn Term 13
7th December 2018

This week we have had visitors in school from the local authority. They spent the day in school on Wednesday, speaking with children and staff and finding out all about the wonderful things on offer at St. Andrew's. The feedback was extremely positive about the lessons, the ethos, how polite and friendly the children are and about how we are all working hard to address previous poor attainment and to put robust systems and procedures in place. Well done to everyone for their continued hard work and support.

It is beginning to look a little Christmassy now in school. Our tree has gone up in the school hall. A group of children decorated it today, and the post box is now out for children to make use of. Please make sure your children write the first name and the class on the front of the envelope, so that all cards can be delivered successfully.

Class Assemblies

Friday 14th December – Year 5

Farewell

This week we said goodbye to Lacey and Lexie and their family. We will all miss the girls a great deal as they and their family have contributed a huge amount to St. Andrew's over the years. They are moving to live on the other side of the world in New Zealand. We wish them all the very best and hope they will keep in touch.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

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

Please do register your child with Schoolfriend Clubs so that if you are held up at the end of the day, your child can go to the after school club. There have been a number of very late collections of children recently and this is unfair on school staff who have to wait with them when we now have an onsite after school club.



Christingle

Today we all made Christingles in school. The children worked together across the school to make the traditional Christian symbol. We have taken most of them up to St. Andrew's Church for the service which is at 4pm on Sunday. I hope that some of you will attend this special service with your children. Thank you for providing us with the oranges.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for November was 96.0%. Of this 2.8% was authorised absence and 1.2% unauthorised. This is slightly down on October which is a shame. I know there is a lot of sickness around at the moment, so please take care and look after each other so we can ensure our attendance improves and that children are in school every day when they are well.

The class with the highest attendance was Year 5 with 97.0%. This is fantastic as it is the 3rd month in a row where they have had the highest attendance. They will be able to have another non-uniform day this term, and perhaps even an extra treat!

The percentages for each class for November are:

Reception = 95.5%
Year 1 = 96.4%
Year 2 = 96.1%
Year 3 = 96.0%
Year 4 = 96.2%
Year 5 = 97.0%
Year 6 = 94.7%

Merit Awards

Reception – Hargun, Royce

Year 1 – Joy, Joe

Year 2 – Freddie, Lexie, Lily

Year 3 – Domas, Monique

Year 4 – Lacey, Joshua

Year 5 – Dylan, Maxim, Nuha

Year 6 – Alina, Flynn

Well done to all!

First Aid Training

This week Year 6 took part in basic first aid training. Mr Peacock from Peacock Services came and taught them all the key elements of first aid such as CPR, the recovery position and what to do in an emergency. The children all listened really carefully and took part in the practical activities sensibly. Well done.

Reminders

- * Years 1 to 5 please send completed forms for the Flu immunisation in on Monday morning – otherwise your child will not be able to have their vaccination
- * Please order tickets for the KS1 Production via ParentPay before Tuesday 11th December at the latest. Tickets will not be available on the door.
- * Please pay any remaining contributions for the Pantomime via ParentPay so that we do not have to cancel this event for Years 1 to 4.
- * We still have Flumpets in school. These are on sale in the main school office on behalf of the Michael Sobell Hospice. They are £2 each.

Choir

This week the Choir have performed at The Pavilions and at Uxbridge Library. They sang beautifully, with Josh and Fisayo also playing a piece on their flutes. Thank you to Mrs Hymns, Mrs Hostein and Mrs Gaines, plus all the parents who accompanied them.

Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday we will be joining with other schools and workplaces across the country to raise money for Save the Children. All children and staff are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper and bring in a donation of £1. Your jumper could help bring essential food, healthcare, education and protection to millions of children around the world who are missing out. Just £200 could pay for a child to attend primary school in Uganda for one year, including school uniform and materials.

Nicola Edwards



Save the Children

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JUMPER DAY**

Important Dates

- Saturday 8th December – The Friends Breakfast with Santa
- Sunday 9th December – Christingle Service at 4pm
- Wednesday 12th December – Infant Production – 2pm
- Thursday 13th December – Infant Production – 2pm and 7pm
- Thursday 13th December – Reception trip to the Panto
- Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 14th December – Years 1-4 Pantomime in School
- Tuesday 18th December – Orchestra Assembly to Parents 9am
Early Years Production 9:15am and 2pm
- Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Party
The Pantry Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 20th December – Carol Service at St. Andrew's at 2pm
- Friday 21st December - End of term – School finishes at 1.30pm