



St Andrew's Newsletter

11th December 2020

Growing and learning together with God

As I write this week's newsletter, I feel incredibly grateful that we have managed to get through this very challenging term. Compared with so many other schools, we have been remarkably unaffected by Covid, and as the information below shows, our attendance has been really positive.

However, we must not be complacent or relax the rules and guidelines. It is so important that everyone continues to wash their hands, keeps their distance from other families and follows all the guidance for living in Tier 2.

Next week we will be having a number of different festive events within school, including an online Pantomime, Christmas lunches, DVD afternoon and other bits and pieces. We are all very much praying that we make it through to next Friday safely so that everyone can have a well-deserved rest and some family time over Christmas. Thank you as always for all your support at this time.

Merit Awards

Nursery – Logan, Eyosi

Reception – Leo, Henry

Year 1 – The Whole Class

Year 2 – Teddy, Jesseline, Lacey-May

Year 3 – Toben, Oliver

Year 4 – Blake, Niamh

Year 5 – Eloise, Dylan,

Year 6 – Isabella J, Safirah

Well done to all!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for November was 97.8%. This is fantastic news. Figures do not include any x codes for children who have had to isolate due to Covid-19.

The class with the highest attendance was Year 3 with 97.9%. They have earned a non-uniform day to be taken at a time agreed with Mrs van Duin, probably after Christmas.

The percentages for each class for November are:

Nursery = 97.3%

Reception = 92.6%

Year 1 = 95.5%

Year 2 = 94.8%

Year 3 = 97.9%

Year 4 = 96.4%

Year 5 = 97.5%

Year 6 = 95.8%

Well done everyone! Please keep it up!

Lateness!

Whilst it is fantastic that our attendance is so high, I have recently noticed that there are a lot of late arrivals in the morning. This is really disappointing. The gates are open for 30 minutes in the morning so there is plenty of time for everyone to arrive before 9am. This morning during our celebration assembly approximately 10 children turned up half way through the assembly and some of them missed being awarded their Merit certificates.

Please make sure you bring your children to school on time. Thank you.

Amazon Wishlist

<https://amzn.eu/cWccOW4>

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

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

Christmas Decorations

Thank you to everyone who has purchased their child's decorations. Please see Class Dojo for details about how much the items are and for how to purchase.

Christmas Treat Sale

On Monday after school The Friends will be selling Festive Treat Bags and cans of drink. There will be tables set up around the site for Nursery and Reception, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4, Years 5 and 6. Parents will be able to queue up at the relevant table to purchase these items for £1 or 50p. A reminder will be sent out via Dojo. Please have exact change only and adhere to social distancing when queuing and purchasing.



PMG Schoolwear

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



Visit us at www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk

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

The Pantry Updates

On Tuesday EYFS and KS1 will be having their Christmas Lunch in the Hall in two sittings. On Wednesday KS2 will be having their Christmas Lunch in the Hall in two sittings. On this day, all EYFS and KS1 children will be having a cold lunch in their classrooms to allow the upper school to use the Hall. Hopefully you have all been able to see the appropriate menus on The Pantry website, but please do check if you need to re-order anything for next week.

On the final day of term, all children will have a cold lunch from The Pantry, to enable the kitchen staff to do a deep clean of the kitchen equipment. You may need to adjust your selections on their website for this too.

For the time being after Christmas we will still be working with The Pantry, so do please go ahead and place your orders for January. Thanks.



Celebration Assembly

The above screenshot shows our typical Friday morning Assembly where we celebrate the Merit Winners via Zoom.

Important Dates between now and Christmas

Friends events in red

Monday 14th December – Christmas Treat Sale

Tuesday 15th December – EYFS and KS1 Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 16th December – KS2 Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Panto

Friday 18th December – 1:30pm – End of Term

Monday 4th January 2021 – 8:30am – Children return to school



Important Reminders

- All Get Active Clubs finished this week
- All Christmas cards **MUST** be brought in to school by Tuesday 15th December at the latest so they can be quarantined
 - Please remember to wear a face covering at pick up and drop off
- Children will be allowed to keep their reading books over the holidays rather than being asked to bring everything back in to school
 - School finishes at 1:30pm next Friday

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