



St Andrew's Newsletter

18th December 2020

Growing and learning together with God

I do hope you have managed to watch our wonderful Nativity videos online. The links were sent out yesterday via Class Dojo.

All of the staff and children worked incredibly hard to put together a very different Nativity experience. Thank you to all parents who helped out by completing the video consent forms at short notice.

One of the advantages of the online Nativity videos is that you can watch them over and over again, share them with your close family members, and the viewing experience is entirely free! As I said in my Dojo message yesterday, special thanks to Mrs Allen for organising the story for each of the classes, Mrs Hymns for the musical arrangements, and to Miss Colman for editing and producing the Year 1 to 6 video. Special thanks also to Mrs Calder for organising and producing the EYFS Nativity.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all parents, carers and family members for your unfailing support and encouragement, and for your generosity with Christmas cards and gifts at this time.

Spring Term Clubs

We will be running some after school clubs in the Spring Term. A letter will go out on the first day of the new term, and bookings will be via ParentPay. All clubs will start week commencing 11th January.

Mondays – Year 3 and 4 Art Club

Tuesdays – Year 1 and 2 Multi Skills (Get Active)

Wednesdays – Year 5 and 6 Multi Skills (Get Active)

Year 5 and 6 Choir

Nursery and Reception Arts Club

Thursdays – Year 1 and 2 Phonics

Fridays – Year 3 and 4 Multi Skills (Get Active)

A separate flyer is being sent out with this newsletter about booking now for the Get Active Clubs online.

<https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/list>

Special Merit Awards

Nursery – Resilience: Charlotte
Empathy: Jimmy
Responsibility: Carissa

Reception – Resilience: Joshua Y
Empathy: Joshua S
Responsibility: Ryan

Year 1 – Resilience: Gabriella
Empathy: Stanley
Responsibility: Sophia M

Year 2 – Resilience: Hargun
Empathy: Lena
Responsibility: Liana

Year 3 – Resilience: Daisy
Empathy: Tallulah
Responsibility: Gabriela

Year 4 – Resilience: Reggie
Empathy: Zoe
Responsibility: Niamh

Year 5 – Resilience: Bella
Empathy: Amelia
Responsibility: Oscar

Year 6 – Resilience: Miley
Empathy: Safirah
Responsibility: Habib

Well done to everyone!

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/event/89371>

At present, the demand is very low for places, so Get Active are asking that all parents who may need the wraparound care go online before Tuesday 22nd December to book the spaces. Payment does not need to be made just yet, but the spaces need to be booked, otherwise the club may not go ahead.

The Friends' Events

A huge thank you to everyone for their support for The Friends, and to the Chair, Abbie Mayo, and the whole committee for their hard work and support in fundraising for the school at this time.

Please see their separate newsletter for details of all the wonderful things they have done for the children this year, and to see the amazing amount of money they have raised this term.

The Pantry Updates

The children enjoyed their Christmas lunches this week, provided by The Pantry. On Tuesday EYFS and KS1 made party hats and enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner. On Wednesday KS2 children visited the hall for the first time this year, to enjoy their Christmas dinner in two sittings.

It was lovely to be able to take part in one of the Christmas traditions at this time, when so many of our usual activities were unable to take place.

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.



Online ordering still available throughout this period!

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

*Farnington and Uxbridge open 9am-1pm

CHRISTMAS STORE OPENING

ALL SHOPS CLOSED
20TH DECEMBER - 1ST JANUARY

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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



Important Dates

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

Special Visitor

We had a very special visitor in school today. Father Christmas himself visited each of the classes (socially distanced of course). Along with his special elf, he wished all the children a Merry Christmas and left them with a small sweet treat to take home. The children were very excited to see him.



Important Covid Message

If your child develops Covid symptoms between the end of term and Sunday 20th December, you *must* get them tested. If the result comes back positive, you *must* email the school office on office@standrewsuxbridge.org.uk.

The office emails will be checked every day up until Thursday 24th December between 9am and 12pm.

Should there be a positive case, then we will send out the required letters about who needs to isolate over the Christmas period.

Christmas Services

St Andrew's		St Margaret's	
<i>Sunday 20 December:</i>			
9.00am	Said Eucharist - in church	6pm	Live Streamed Carol Service. Enjoy live carols, readings, plus a little bit extra, live streamed to your own home
6pm	A Candlelit Celebration of Music and Readings for Christmas - in church		
<i>Thursday 24 December - Christmas Eve:</i>			
11.45pm	Midnight Mass - in church	4pm	Live Streamed Mini Crib Service. Nativity story. Live carols. Household manger to make, live streamed to your own home
<i>Friday 25 December - Christmas Day:</i>			
10.00am	Said Eucharist - in church	10am	All together Christmas celebration followed by short Holy Communion – in church and also live streamed



Borrowed from Slough Council's Twitter Page

Rudolph has been learning how to wear his mask correctly so he can keep everyone safe when he visits with Santa this Christmas. If you are out & about anywhere outside your own home, take a tip from Rudolph - wear a mask & wear it properly. Do your bit. Help keep people safe.

Reliable and True and Unchanging

Dear Families and Friends of St Andrew's School,

We are writing to wish you, your families and your friends a Happy and Blessed Christmas. The events of 2020 have shaken all of us. Perhaps the most difficult thing of all is living with so much uncertainty and the high levels of anxiety that accompany it. But in the midst of so much that is difficult, there have also been numerous acts of kindness and consideration, moments when light has pierced and overcome the darkness. Such moments are an echo of the truth of Christmas and a reminder not just of our human potential but a reminder also of how God sees us all - as bearers of his light.

At a time of great uncertainty and anxiety, we need the message of Christmas more than ever, for it is a message that is reliable, true and unchanging.

This paraphrase of St John's Gospel is as good a summary of the Christmas message as we could ever hope to find.

*There has never been a time
when God has not told people that he loves them.
Right from the beginning,
and through all the ages,
that is what he has told all people everywhere.*

*But not all people have understood
what God was telling them,
even when God was saying, in so many words:
'Come and be members of my family'.*

*So this Word of God became a human being
and lived a human life like ours,
so that we could touch and feel what God was telling us.
The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.
In him we see the God who can't be seen.
In him we see how much God loves us.*

With our prayers and every blessing for a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year,

Rev Andrew Studdert-Kennedy
Rev Erica Wilding

Please do take care over the Christmas period. Remember that we are all now in Tier 3 and therefore mixing with other families outside of the 5 days of Christmas is not allowed. Stay safe, be kind to each other and enjoy a well-deserved rest.

Amazon Wishlist

<https://amzn.eu/cWcCOW4>

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