

St Andrew's Newsletter



Autumn Term 15
21st December 2018

This last week of term has been lots of fun and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work and enthusiasm at all times during this very long Autumn Term.

This last newsletter for 2018 contains lots of photographs from the many events this week, including the EYFS Production, Orchestra Assembly, Christmas Dinner and Party Day and the Carol Concert. Thank you parents and carers for attending these events and for all your support over this term. Thank you for your generosity to all the staff with your cards and gifts. It is greatly appreciated.



Class Dojo

This term there have been 1400 messages sent by teachers, 563 photos and videos shared and 432 family likes and comments.

There have also been 19,846 positive feedback points given! Wow! This is amazing! Thank you.

I am really pleased that Class Dojo is enabling better and more positive communication between teachers, students and parents.

However, I am sending out a copy of the Class Dojo Agreement with this newsletter, as sadly a few people have been using Class Dojo in the wrong way. The policy clearly states that parents/carers will 'Make sure individual messages are concise and factual. For anything particularly sensitive or confidential, it is more appropriate to speak over the phone or in person. The purpose of the Dojo message can be to try to arrange those opportunities.'

Please make sure you are using Class Dojo correctly and positively. A copy of our Complaints Procedure can be found on our website.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

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

Holiday Homework

Wow! Some children have already completed their holiday homework. Well done. We are really excited to see the children's creations coming in. A copy of the letter can be found on our website if you missed it.

Merit Awards

Reception – Hard Work: Viktoria
Improvement: Neriah
Cooperation: Omar

Year 1 – Hard Work: Joy
Improvement: Joe
Cooperation: Timi

Year 2 – Hard Work: Ghina
Improvement: Jessica
Cooperation: Isla

Year 3 – Hard Work: Ronnie
Improvement: Bella
Cooperation: Jessica

Year 4 – Hard Work: Thomas
Improvement: Gabriela
Cooperation: James

Year 5 – Hard Work: Rebekah
Improvement: Caleb
Cooperation: Olivia

Year 6 – Hard Work: Sheldon
Improvement: Alana
Cooperation: Lois

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who donated money and wore their Christmas Jumper to school last week. We raised £133.80 for Save the Children.

Year Group Information Sessions

At the start of the Spring Term, we will once again be running information sessions for each year group so that parents can come along and find out more about what the children will be learning over the term.

Dates and times are as follows:-

- Wed 09/01 9am Nursery
6pm Year 6
- Thu 10/01 9am Reception
3pm Year 4
- Fri 11/01 3pm Year 5
- Mon 14/01 3pm Year 1
- Tue 15/01 3pm Year 3
- Wed 16/01 3pm Year 2

Term Time Absence

I am really disappointed with the number of families who have chosen to take their children out of school during the last few weeks of term. This leave will not be authorised and will be referred to the Participation Team. The School Policy for any Exceptional Leave states that parents must meet with the Head Teacher to discuss any requests for exceptional leave. This has not happened in most cases this half term. Attendance letters have been sent out to those families with <90% attendance and those with persistent lateness. Please help your child to get the most out of their education by ensuring that they attend school regularly and on time. Thank you.

Important Dates

Friday 21st December - End of term – School finishes at 1.30pm

Monday 7th January – Children return to school at 8:40am

The Spring Term dates were sent with last week's newsletter

Have a wonderful, restful Christmas and New Year.

Nicola Edwards

