

St Andrew's Newsletter



Spring Term 1
11th January 2019

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas break. Thank you once again for all the lovely cards and gifts which the staff and I received.

Welcome to the Spring Term. This term we are celebrating our 150th Anniversary and all the classes are learning about what life was like during the Victorian Era and how our school has changed over 150 years.

It has been wonderful to see all the holiday homework coming in – a lovely variety of posters, autobiographies and dioramas celebrating each and every one of our children. If you have not yet completed this task, then there is still time to do so and bring it in to school to form part of our celebratory displays.

Welcome and Farewell

This week we welcomed Miss Tofsira Islam who is a student teacher in Year 2. She has joined us for this half term while Miss Toombs will be teaching at Whitehall Juniors. I am sure Year 2 have been making her feel very welcome.

Across the school we also welcomed Sophia into our Nursery class and Shae to Year 1. In Year 4 we welcomed Iren. I hope that all these children and their families will have a happy and successful time here at St. Andrew's.

Unfortunately a few families moved from St. Andrew's to different schools over the holidays. Arianna and Brianna from Reception have moved to a school closer to their home, and Michal in Nursery has moved back to Poland. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

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

Remember to sign up online. We are looking into the possibility of starting the Breakfast Club from 7:30am. I am currently in discussion with Schoolfriend Clubs about this and will let you know as soon as possible if this can go ahead.

Class Assemblies

Dates will be sent out soon.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for December was 91.5%. Of this 1.5% was authorised absence and 6.2% unauthorised. Please make sure you read the Attendance Policy before applying for any Exceptional Leave. Any savings you may make by taking a holiday in school time are offset by the cost to your child's education. The Policy is available on our website.

The class with the highest attendance was Year 2 with 97.8%. Well done Year 2. You will be able to take a non-uniform day as a reward. Mr Astill will certainly let everyone know when this will be.

The percentages for each class for December are:

Reception = 82.3%
Year 1 = 90.9%
Year 2 = 97.8%
Year 3 = 90.7%
Year 4 = 85.8%
Year 5 = 97.6%
Year 6 = 94.4%

Well done to Years 5 and 6 too!

Netball and Football

Training starts next week.

Fixtures:

Netball – Wednesday 23rd January St. Andrew's v Oak Farm 4pm (Home)
Football – Wednesday 30th January St. Andrew's v St. Helen's 4pm (Home)

Merit Awards

Reception – Georgie, Jesseline

Year 1 – Hingah, Nyah

Year 2 – Ghina, Emily

Year 3 – Saray, Mia

Year 4 – Simon, Aidan

Year 5 – Ruby, Adam

Year 6 – Nyah, Flynn

Well done to all!

Night Owls

On Tuesday the Night Owls team will be coming to school. They will be holding a talk and a flying display session for all the children in the hall.

Afterwards every child will be given the opportunity to have their photograph taken holding the beautiful Barn Owl, Whisper, as a lovely souvenir of their experience. You will be given the chance to buy these photographs if you wish to. You will be able to purchase one 7x5 print with mount for £8.00 or two 7x5 prints with mount for £10.00 (enlargements are available).

There is no obligation to purchase these photographs. Please do not send money in before Tuesday. Each photograph sold helps the Night Owls team to continue visiting schools and offering this wonderful and sometimes once in a lifetime opportunity to children.

Disappointing Behaviour

Once again I have been informed by a local business about a very rude member of our school community who, on the last day of term, drove over the barrier outside the YMCA in order to park and collect their child from school. When a member of the YMCA staff challenged them about this, this person was very rude and aggressive, using foul and abusive language. This is absolutely appalling and presents such a poor example and role model to the children in our school. Any behaviour like this will be reported to the Police and to the Parking Enforcement Team. Please allow yourself ample time to drive to school and park in the correct places as stated on the parking permits.

Nicola Edwards

Mathletics

As Mr Astill reported on Class Dojo, the children have been using Mathletics enormously both in school and at home to develop and improve their Maths skills.

In Assembly today we presented 13 Silver Certificates. They were awarded to:



Ghina
Aiden
Henry C (x2)
Louis (x2)
Nathan
Jared
Aydin
Habib (x2)
Sasha
Jia Onn

Well done to these children!

Important Dates

Monday 14th January – Clubs Start

Tuesday 15th January – Night Owls Visit to school

Friday 25th January – 150th Anniversary Service at St. Paul's

28th January to 1st February – Victorian Week in School

Friday 1st February – Victorian Day

Thursday 14th February – Orchestra Assembly to School

18th to 22nd February – Half Term

Tuesday 26th February – Parents' Evening 4-6:30pm

Art Exhibition in hall

Thursday 28th February – Parents' Evening 5-8pm

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