

St Andrew's Newsletter



Autumn Term 8
2nd November 2018

This week has felt like a very long week, with two very successful Parents' Evenings. It was lovely to see so many parents coming in to school and finding out all about how their children are getting on this year. If you were unable to attend your appointment for any reason, then do please contact your class teacher to rearrange a time for next week. The Pantry supplied some delicious refreshments over the two days. Thank you to them. Unfortunately our uniform suppliers were unable to attend the sessions. Apologies to any parents who came along hoping to buy or order some items.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for October was 97.5%. Of this 2.1% was authorised absence and 0.4% unauthorised. This is a real improvement and I am really pleased. Well done everyone!

The class with the highest attendance was Year 5 with 99.3%. Wow! Even better than last month. For the second time in a row Year 5 have earned a non-uniform day which they will be able to arrange with Miss Whitley for this term.

The percentages for each class for October are:

Reception = 95.6%
Year 1 = 98.3%
Year 2 = 96.0%
Year 3 = 98.9%
Year 4 = 96.6%
Year 5 = 99.3%
Year 6 = 97.4%

Well done everyone. Keep it up!

Hindu Temple

On Tuesday, Year 6 visited Adhya Shakti Mataji Hindu Temple as part of their RE topic, Hinduism.

The children were welcomed with traditional necklaces and candles. They were introduced to the deities and learnt about the 10 disciplines of

Hinduism. After this, the children listened to some traditional instruments and prayers as well as having a dance. Everyone really enjoyed the

trip and they have been reflecting on the similarities and differences between Hinduism and Christianity.



Sports Results and Fixtures

Football:

Highfield 1 St. Andrew's 4

A great team performance. Nathan scored a hat-trick and Deolu scored the 4th goal. The rest of the team greatly contributed to an excellent home win. We are now through to the next round of the cup.

Next fixture – Saturday 10th November Packham Football Tournament at Oakwood School.

Netball:

St. Helen's 18 St. Andrew's 0

The girls played a difficult match on Wednesday this week against a strong St. Helen's team. However, they showed perseverance and determination and all played brilliantly for only our third competitive match.

Next fixture – **Wednesday** 7th November v Hermitage (Away)

Merit Awards

Reception – Chloe, Liana

Year 1 – Cooper, Gwilym

Year 2 – Blake, Remi

Year 3 – Angel, Karina

Year 4 – Isabella, Jason, Simon

Year 5 – Arnas, Karen

Year 6 – Harrison, Zico

Well done to all!

Dealing with Incidents

Please can I remind parents and carers to inform their child's class teacher of any incidents or concerns in the first instance. This can be done in person or via Class Dojo. Please do not speak directly to other parents about any incidents or try to resolve things yourself. We will always investigate thoroughly and come back to you with a solution or a way forward. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Book online at

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

Farewell

This week and during the Half Term, a few families moved on from St. Andrew's to different schools.

Sadly we have had to say good bye to Asi and Wede, Elijah and Seth, and Amber and Blue.

Asi and Wede have moved to Hermitage, Elijah and Seth have moved to Iver Village, and Amber and Blue do not have a new school yet as they are moving to Littlehampton; to enjoy life by the sea.

We wish all these children and their families the very best for the future.

Grandparents' Day

Advanced notice – As last year, on Thursday 29th November we will be inviting grandparents to spend some time in class with their grandchildren. A letter will go out next week to explain in more detail and there will be a sign-up sheet for each class.

The Friends

AGM – Thursday 8th November 8pm at St. Andrew's CofE Primary School

Christmas Fair – Friday 23rd November
3 – 6pm in the school hall

Our Christian Value this half term is Empathy. We will be exploring what this means in class and in assemblies over the coming weeks.

Nicola Edwards

Important Dates

Saturday 10th November – Packham Football Tournament at Oakwood School
Thursday 15th November – Wednesday 21st November – Book Fair after school
Friday 16th November – The Friends Non-uniform Day
Friday 23rd November – Christmas Fair 3 – 6pm
Thursday 28th November – Grandparents' Day
Friday 30th November – Eucharist at St. Andrew's 9am
Wednesday 12th December – Infant Production – 2pm
Thursday 13th December – Infant Production – 2pm and 7pm
Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 21st December - End of term – School finishes at 1.30pm

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32



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Class Assemblies

Friday 9th November – Year 1
Friday 23rd November – Year 6
Friday 14th December – Year 5