

St Andrew's Newsletter



Autumn Term 11
23rd November 2018

Well done to Year 6 who presented a very informative assembly this morning all about World War 2. They researched the information themselves as part of their homework, and put together a really lovely assembly. Thank you to all the parents who attended, and thank you to Miss Lawrence, Mrs Allen and Miss Brooks for all their hard work in coordinating the assembly.



As I write this newsletter, the preparations for the Christmas Fayre are well and truly underway and many areas of the school have been completely transformed. We look forward to seeing you all this afternoon between 3 and 6pm. Thank you to everyone who has helped to prepare, set up, run stalls and tidy up today.



The children have been completing assessments in school over the past few weeks. Early indications suggest that attainment and progress is improving. Our 2017/18 data was the best it has been for the past 4 years. After low results in 2016/17, we are now on an upward trend, and this looks set to

continue. This is down to the really hard work of the children and the staff, and to all your constant support and guidance. We will be providing further updates over the coming weeks about how the school is performing overall, and also on how you can be even more involved with your child's learning.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

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

Those of you who have utilised the breakfast and after school clubs will have met the very lovely Kim Haar, who has been running these clubs since they opened earlier this year.

Sadly, Kim has now finished her time here at St. Andrew's. She was on a temporary contract with Schoolfriend Clubs and they have now recruited permanent staff – Alia, Amanpreet and Grace. Kim's departure was rather sudden and has left us all feeling really sad as she was such a great asset to the school as well as the breakfast and after school clubs. We will miss her a great deal. I have invited her to attend the KS1 production and will make sure there are opportunities to see her again around school. I am sure many of you will want to join me in thanking Kim for all her hard work and wishing her all the best for the future. Please see overleaf for a message from Schoolfriend clubs...



KS1 Playground Grand Opening!

Thank you to those parents who braved the rain and came out on Tuesday to see Reverend Andrew and Councillor Cooper officially open our new adventure playground.

It was a lovely moment when the whole school joined together to sing our school prayer unaccompanied. The EYFS and KS1 have been enjoying testing out the new equipment at break and lunchtimes.

We are grateful to the Diocese who funded this project; with contributions from the Care and Maintenance Fund. Thank you to all parents and carers who have made their donations so far this year.

Merit Awards

Reception – Lexie, Fabian

Year 1 – Daisy, Safa

Year 2 – Daniel, Fergal

Year 3 – Eloise, Soliana, Ronnie

Year 4 – Pedro, Karina, Grace

Year 5 – Lucy, Chimmy

Year 6 – The Whole Class

Well done to all!

Vacancies

Please take a look at our current vacancies on our website. We are looking for a Cleaner and a Lunchtime Supervisor to start in the near future.

Please do pass this information on to anyone you know who may be interested.

<http://standrewscofeprimary.co.uk/about/vacancies.php>

Important Dates

Thursday 29th November – Grandparents' Day

Friday 30th November – Eucharist at St. Andrew's 9:15am

Wednesday 5th December – Pavilions Carols

Wednesday 12th December – Infant Production – 2pm

Thursday 13th December – Infant Production – 2pm and 7pm

Thursday 13th December – Reception trip to the Panto

Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 14th December – Years 1-4 Pantomime in School

Tuesday 18th December – Orchestra Assembly to Parents 9am

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

Class Assemblies

Friday 14th December – Year 5

A Reminder

Please do not let your children play on any of the adventure playground equipment before or after school. This is for their safety.

Thank you.

Book Fair

Thank you for all your support with the Book Fair this week. In total you spent nearly £600, which means that we will be eligible to receive £150 worth of free books for the school.

Safeguarding and Online games

Fortnite scams and the new Call of Duty: Fortnite is one of the most popular games ever seen, so it's no surprise to see scams in big numbers. Between September and October this year there were over 53,000 reported scams! Most of these scams are preying on the vulnerability of children when they're searching for V-Bucks (in game currency) so it's worth having a chat with your children.

Call of Duty Black Ops 4 was recently released and it has the same player more as Fortnite (Battle Royale). Apparently the violence/gore is much more than in previous versions. There is a growing number of Year 5 and 6 children playing this game. Please remember the age ratings. Research has shown that some parents have thought that the age rating is actually a 'difficulty level'.

Dear Parents/Carers,

There have been a few changes recently at SFC St Andrews with the staff team and we would like to take the time to introduce everyone so you know their names and positions.

Alia Hadji - Club Manager: Alia has been a Schoolfriend Club manager for many years, this will be her 3rd club that she helps grow with her previous efforts having 30 children and more on the waiting list daily.

Amanpreet Dosanjh - Deputy Club Manager: Amanpreet is also a Schoolfriend clubs stalwart who has worked her way up to management level with in the company, some of you who were with us when we first started might remember her.

Grace Adjayi - Playworker: Many of you will recognise Grace as she has been with the club since the early inception.

As you are probably aware Kim our agency cover has now left, we would like to thank her for her contribution over the months that she has been with us and wish her the best for her future endeavours.

Kind regards

*The Bookings Team **Schoolfriend Clubs Limited***

Have a good weekend, Nicola Edwards