



# St Andrew's Newsletter

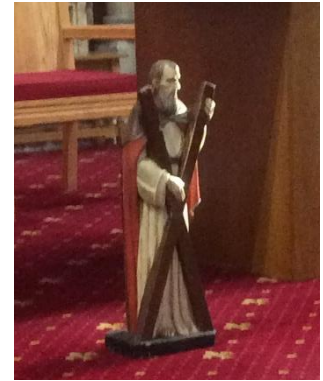
29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## Growing and learning together with God

This morning we held our whole school Eucharist to mark St. Andrew's Day. Reverend Andrew spoke about Saint Andrew and, using the reading from Matthew, shared how Andrew was called to be one of Jesus' disciples and went willingly and immediately to follow him. He talked about how we should follow God and about how sometimes it is easier to be brave when we are not alone, and have friends or family members with us. Thank you to everyone who commemorated St. Andrew's Day with us today.



The Church will be open to the general public tomorrow morning between 10am and 12pm for anyone who wishes to visit. Refreshments will be available.



On Thursday we had visitors in school who were supporting us to improve teaching and learning. We had visitors from the local authority, the Diocese and the English Hub. They spent time observing lessons and working with children and staff across the school. It was a really positive visit for everyone. The feedback at the end of the day was that we have made excellent progress in a number of key areas since the Ofsted inspection last January. This is brilliant news and we are all very pleased.

This afternoon is our Christmas Fayre from 3 to 6pm. The Friends have been working very hard to prepare everything. We hope to see many of you here, supporting the school and enjoying some festive activities and refreshments. All the children have made decorations of different sorts which they will be selling at the fayre this afternoon. Please come along to see their wonderful work and to buy something Christmassy for yourself or to use as a gift.

### Football and Netball

The football team played against John Locke this week, in the final game of this half of the season. Although they lost 2-0, Mr McElwee was very impressed with how the team have grown and developed their skills, and how they showed positive attitudes and good sportsmanship throughout.

Upcoming fixtures

No fixtures until after Christmas

Next week is the final week of Football and Netball training this term.

### Important Dates

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Production at 2pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Production at 9am & 2pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

EYFS Nativity at 9am

R to Year 4 Pantomime at 2pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Orchestra Assembly to parents

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Party Afternoon

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service at St Andrew's Church at 2pm



### Behaviour Policy Update

At a recent Parents' Council meeting, Miss Lawrence gave a presentation on the positive impact of the new traffic light system. There has been a 54% decrease in behavioural incidences in between September and October this year in comparison to September to October 2018. Although there have been a few teething problems since its introduction, these have been, or are in the process of being rectified and the difference is noticeable across the school. Parents' Council members commented during the meeting on how successful the scheme seems to be and how positive things are.

### Class Assemblies

6<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4

### Friends' Events

Christmas Shopping – all next week in school  
Christingles – children will be making these next Friday morning to take up to St. Andrew's Church for the service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Special Visitor – on Friday afternoon there will be a special assembly for the whole school as part of our end of term Christmas celebrations

### Smiths Nurseries

Our Christmas Tree arrived today – in time for the Fayre.  
Thank you very much to Smiths Nurseries for donating this to the school.

### Clubs

Next week is the last week of all Clubs – except Choir, Orchestra and Recorder Club. Please check with Mrs Hymns, Mrs Gaines or Mrs Newns directly about any of these clubs.  
New letters will be sent out in January about the Spring Term Clubs.

### Breakfast Club and After School Club

Book online at  
<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/our-clubs-1/st-andrews-c-of-e-primary-school/>  
Register online now and sign up for sessions before and/or after school.