



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 24th November 2023

Value for November: Peace



'God blesses those who make peace. They will be called his children.' Matthew 5:9. We consider Jesus as the ultimate peacemaker who sacrificed his life to restore our relationship with God. We look for opportunities to repair our relationships if they breakdown. We are given the opportunity to experience stillness, quietness and reflection in our daily lives.

Author Peter Bunzl visit to the Juniors

On Friday 17th November, we had a visit from Peter Bunzl, the author of 'Glassborn'. He gave the juniors a presentation on his career, family life and his books. We had an opportunity to ask him questions about what inspired him to be an author and how much editing he needs to do when writing. After the presentation, we had a chance to buy his latest book and have it signed by him. We all had a great time and appreciated the visit.



PTA Quiz

Thank you to the PTA, and especially to quizmaster Laura Hyams, for organising a great quiz night event on Thursday 23rd November. A fun time was had by all. The staff are delighted to have won back their winners title – we always knew knowing Westlife's back catalogue would come in handy one day!

Mealtime Supervisor required



We have an opening on our staff team for a Mealtime Supervisor from next month. It's a wonderful opportunity to support and assist pupils in their lunchtime play and supervise them during their lunch routines. The hours are 11:45am – 1:15pm each day. Please email the school office or chat to a member of the leadership team if you are interested in this opportunity, or pass this information on if you know of anyone suitable who is not currently a parent at the school. All staff appointments are subject to an interview and enhanced DBS check

Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday 26th November, Christ the King for our Parish Communion in church at 10.00am

Please join us for coffee in the Parish Hall after the service. All are welcome!

After School Club

Please be aware that the After School Club team does not have access to the office email account. Therefore, if you are giving permission for another adult to pick your child up from the club, please inform the office BEFORE 3:15pm. After this time, please phone the school number and select the option to be put through to the After School Club to pass on your message.

Dates for your diary

Want to make sure you know about all upcoming events? Why not link your smart phone/tablet to our school website calendar? It's really easy to do and means you instantly are informed of everything that's coming up.



Stars of the week



Well done to **all** of our pupils for another fantastic week here at St Andrew's
A special well done to our stars of the week:

Week ending 24th November

Reception	Felix - for your super stampolines picture when making different arrangements of 4 and 5. Well done! Cassie - for being a supportive learning partner whilst learning about the composition of 5 in maths.
Year 1	Avishai – for excellent subtraction using a number line – well done! Olivia Leung – for developing resilience and always challenging yourself – keep it up!
Year 2	Valerie – for working hard at listening to others and focusing on all her work. Naila – for being an expert in grouping in 2's, 5's and 10's!
Year 3	Henry P – For enthusiastically writing an information leaflet about survival in the extreme cold. Well done! Liana – For always being positive about your learning and not getting fazed by a challenge.
Year 4	Year 4 – for a fantastic performance in the class assembly, we are very proud of you all. Well done!
Year 5	Christiana – for writing a detailed comparison between Athenian and Spartan life in Ancient Greece. Samson – for having a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards his Maths and persevering with short division.
Year 6	Fran – for being resilient when attempting Maths challenges. Well done! Muralee – for being focused in lessons this week and making valuable contributions. Well done!

What's happening in November & December

Monday 27th November – Drama workshops for YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 am

Monday 27th November – PTA donations –items for 'secret room'

Tuesday 28th November – Y3-Y6 PE lessons (moved from Thursday)

Tuesday 28th November – New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am

Tuesday 28th November – Y3 Recorder 'Open Rehearsal' (parents welcome) 9:15am

Tuesday 28th November – Netball team vs Danegrove 2:15pm

Wednesday 29th November – Y5 Greek Day workshop

Thursday 30th November – St Andrew's Day service at church 9:30am

Thursday 30th November – Whole School Pantomime in the Hall

Friday 1st December – Early finish 2pm for St Andrew's Day celebrations

Friday 1st December – PTA set up for Christmas Fair 3:30 onwards

Saturday 2nd December – PTA set up for Christmas Fair am and drop off food donations

Saturday 2nd December – PTA Christmas Fair 12-3pm

Thursday 7th December – St Andrew's Netball vs Christ Church at Foulds school

Monday 11th December – Infant Nativity performance to rest of school

Tuesday 12th December – Infant Nativity performance to parents and carers pm

Wednesday 13th December – Infant Nativity performance to parents and carers pm

Tuesday 19th December – School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December – PTA Secret Room for pupils to buy family Christmas presents

Thursday 21st December – Last Day of Term 1:30pm finish