



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 1st December 2023

Value for December: Joy



Joy is a feeling of great pleasure or happiness that comes from success, good fortune or a sense of wellbeing. Joyous people look for the good in every situation. At school we believe that children and adults achieve most through praise and encouragement. We choose to be positive and encourage children to be content so that they will be a source of joy to others.

"My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you – I whom you have delivered,"
Psalm 71:23

"And the angel said to them, fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" Luke 2:10

Y3 'Open Rehearsal' – Tuesday 28th November



Y3 have been thoroughly enjoying learning to play the recorder over the past ten weeks this term. They have not only learnt a range of notes, but have also had the opportunity to be introduced to a selection of woodwind instruments. In addition, the children also learnt about rhythm and notation, and even wrote their own compositions.

On Tuesday they confidently performed to a welcoming audience of Y3 Parents and their families and they should all be justly proud of their musical progress.

Well done Y3!

We look forward to seeing all of our families at our annual Christmas Fair tomorrow 12-3pm

Sports at St Andrew's

Over the past few weeks, the football and netball teams have played many league games against other schools in the borough. The level of competition has been extremely high and the children at St. Andrew's have shown excellent determination, resilience and sportsmanship. Well done for your performance in all of the games this season so far. Below is an updated score list of the league games we have played since the start of the term. Thank you to all of the parents that have come along to show support and helped out wherever possible.

Girls' Football

St. Andrew's vs All Saints – WIN (6-2)

St. Andrew's vs Trent – WIN (6-5)

Mixed Football

St. Andrew's vs Foulds – LOSE (0-1)

St. Andrew's vs Livingstone – WIN (2-0)

Netball

St. Andrew's vs Danegrove – WIN (5-4)

St. Andrew's vs Livingstone – LOSE (3-8)



Panto comes to St Andrew's – Oh no it didn't!



On Thursday 30th November 2023, St Andrew's pupils had an enjoyable experience. We had M & M theatre troupe come and perform Cinderella pantomime. It was a magical performance and put smiles on many of the children's faces. There were loads of jokes, puns, songs, crowd interactions and well played characters. We all enjoyed the songs and everyone wanted to join in – including Mrs Psara who was picked on to join the characters on stage!

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, 3rd December, for our ADVENT SUNDAY TOY SERVICE in church at 10.00am

Please bring toys to leave under the trees, for donation to local charities.

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 1st December

Reception	Joshua – for your hard work and enthusiasm in every activity this week. You have produced excellent work. Keep it up! Emilio – for working really hard in phonics and trying your best in all activities. Well done!
Year 1	Matthew – for improved focus and engagement in lessons this week – keep it up! Susie – for an excellent story map using key words from our story – well done!
Year 2	Aarian – for being more confident in whole class discussions and sharing his ideas more often. Reevhan – for working hard at improving his handwriting and presentation in class.
Year 3	All of Y3! For an amazing recorder performance – you worked both collaboratively and confidently.
Year 4	Anastasia – for being a supportive, caring learning partner and always demonstrating maturity and kindness. Hayden – for having an excellent attitude to learning and giving 100% in each lesson.
Year 5	Aaron – for putting your hands up in class more often and getting involved in class discussions. Mahe – for practising her strong passes in netball and being more 'aggressive' on the court.
Year 6	Olive – for more engagement in class and recognising when you need support. Keep it up! Alfie – for increased effort in Maths especially when learning new concepts. Keep it up!

What's happening in December

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

Friday 1st December – PTA set up for Christmas Fair 3pm 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

Monday 8th January – INSET Day
Tuesday 9th January – School open for pupils