



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 8th 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,"

Psalms 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

Parking Issues

A parent has asked us to remind other parents not to leave their car engines running in the car park when waiting to bring children into school or collect them – please consider the environment and the effect these additional car fumes have.

Also, we have witnessed parents parking their vehicles without any consideration for other road users who cannot pass by cars that are blocking the slip road. While you might think you will only be away from your vehicle a few minutes, it is not acceptable for others to be inconvenienced in this way.

If the Orange Tree car park is full, please park in neighbouring roads and walk to the school premises.

School Christmas Dinner – Tuesday 19th December

On behalf of the caterers, please ensure you have booked your child's Christmas Dinner **by the end of today** to ensure all food required is ordered from suppliers in time.

It is a busy time of year and we do not want to find missing items in our orders and last minute substitutions having to be made. If a late booking is made for your child, we cannot guarantee we will have the necessary meal booked and may need to give an alternative on the day.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Mealtime Supervisor required



We still have an opening on our staff team for a Mealtime Supervisor. 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

Fencing Assembly



On Thursday, we watched a fight during assembly time! Don't worry, it wasn't between the children and was pre-planned. Olympic fencers visited our school to tell us about a new fencing club. It looked fun, thrilling but safe, with lots of protection. In the demonstration, we cheered as we watched two fencers – one representing Team Jamaica and the other representing Team GB – have their fight. The atmosphere was electrical! It was a really fast paced battle which was exhilarating to watch.

Three weapons were shown to us and we asked many questions. Make sure you book on to St Andrew's upcoming fencing club so you can experience it for yourselves! Details to follow soon.



Free Bike Checks

Barnet Council's Parking team has arranged free Dr Bike sessions run by qualified bicycle mechanics in December. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required.

The sessions will take place on the following dates between 9am and 3pm.

Stapylton Car Park, Barnet, EN5	09/12/2023
Marsh Drive Car Park, West Hendon, NW7	10/12/2023
Watling Avenue Car Park, Burnt Oak, HA8	16/12/2023
Lodge Lane Car Park, North Finchley, N12	17/12/2023
Marsh Drive Car Park, West Hendon, NW7	23/12/2023
Stapylton Car Park, Barnet, EN5	30/12/2023

Both adult and child bicycles can have the free safety check.

Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 10th December, for Parish Communion in church at 10.00am

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

Then later, at 6pm, please join us for A Festival of Lessons and Carols.

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 8th December

Reception	Hana – for being a really kind and helpful friend. Well done! Blake – for working really hard in phonics. Keep up the super work!
Year 1	Damian – for excellent sorting in Science when learning about animals. Olivia F – for always being such an excellent role model and consistently showing our school values.
Year 2	Disha – for having an excellent approach to all her mathematical problem solving. Oleksii – for developing a calm, focused and mature attitude in his learning.
Year 3	Sienna – For being a conscientious learner with an excellent attitude to all areas of the curriculum. Theo B – For effectively referencing the text to write a detailed character description.
Year 4	Charley – for always demonstrating our school values beautifully and seeking opportunities to be helpful to adults and children. Jason – for writing an excellent, detailed newspaper report on the fiery challenge in the Iron Man.
Year 5	Duncan – for embracing the wider curriculum and the extra-curricular activities that St Andrew's offers. Felix – for always being a conscientious learner and offering thoughtful contributions in class.
Year 6	Djad – for having a positive and fun attitude to learning. Keep it up! Theodore – for an expressive freeze frame during our re-enactment of Macbeth. Well done!

What's happening in December

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

Dear Parents and Carers,
Please see attached flyers received from Barnet Children's Services.

**Whittington Health**
NHS Trust

Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies

Virtual drop-in

Parents and carers of school aged children and school staff can book an appointment to speak to one of our Speech and Language Therapists (SLT), Occupational Therapists (OT) or Physiotherapists (PT) in our virtual drop-in.

During the appointment you will be able to speak to a member of our therapy team on the phone or by video consultation to receive advice and strategies to support your child/young person.

To book an appointment in our virtual drop-in...

Call: 020 3316 8900 or
Email: whh-tr.barnetcit@nhs.net

For further information about our service please visit our website:
[Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies \(CIT\) \(whittington.nhs.uk\)](https://www.whittington.nhs.uk/default.asp?c=43508)

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Speech and Language Therapy – Eating and Drinking

Telephone Drop-in

Parents/carers and nursery/school staff who have concerns about the **eating and drinking** of a Child/Young Person (CYP), aged 0-18 can use our **eating and drinking telephone drop-in service**.

The **eating and drinking telephone drop-in service** is available to CYP if their home or GP is in Barnet. A referral is not required.

Parents can call our admin team to request an eating and drinking telephone drop-in and agree a time. A Speech and Language Therapist will call back to discuss the concerns and provide advice and strategies to support the CYP with their eating, drinking and feeding needs.

A referral to the service **should** be made if there are concerns about the **safety** of a CYP's eating, drinking or swallowing.
To make a referral please use this form or QR code:
<https://www.whittington.nhs.uk/default.asp?c=43508>



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For further information about our service please visit our website:
<https://www.whittington.nhs.uk/default.asp?c=43495>