



# ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

## 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.

## Our Link with St Andrew's Church

*Please join us this Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent) for Communion Service at 10.00am followed by coffee afterwards. All are welcome to join us!*

## PTA Christmas Fair

We are so excited about our Christmas Fair on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, which is also our School's patron saint's day. The Fair is a great opportunity for the whole community to come together, have some fun and raise vital funds for the school. The PTA committee members are working so hard in the background to prepare but are facing a lack of volunteers to man all of the stalls. Please sign yourself up for a session at one of the stalls – this still gives you plenty of time to explore and see all of the exciting parts of the Fair.

Sadly, without enough volunteers, some stalls may have to be cancelled – please don't make us have to make this difficult decision!



## Infant Nativity performances



It's coming to the time of year when every infant parent wipes a tear from their eyes as their children re-enact the Nativity story.

The children are busy learning new songs to perform (which sound wonderful) and are looking forward to sharing these with family members.

Please make a note of the dates for parents and carers performances:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm

If you are attending, please ensure you are on time as late entry is not always easy and often distracts the children.

As previously advised, there will be no opportunity to record the performances by parents as this is overwhelming for the pupils and interrupts other parents viewing pleasure.

The school will arrange a recording that will be available for distribution.

## Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our pupils is of utmost importance to all staff. Should any parent or carer have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please get in touch with either Ms Devine or Mrs Bonfield who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) in the school. In cases where school staff have a concern, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one/both of our DSLs to seek further advice. If there is something you feel your child's teacher or the DSLs should know, please do make contact. We are here to help.

## Breakfast/After School Club reminder

If you are using these clubs, you must complete the necessary registration forms and return them completed to either the school office or the clubs directly. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate your child without these forms as they are required for emergency contact details in case the clubs need to contact you outside of school hours.

**Reminder - We are a nut free school**

Please be reminded that we are a nut free school due to a growing number of our pupils having extreme allergies. This means that nuts or nut products cannot be consumed within the school building, this includes the staffroom as well as the After School Club.

Items such as peanut butter, Nutella and certain cereal bars cannot be eaten on the premises.

Please do not be offended if we have to return treats that contain nuts instead of being eaten or shared.

**THIS SCHOOL IS  
NUT FREE**



**THANK YOU**  
for keeping our school safe!

**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**

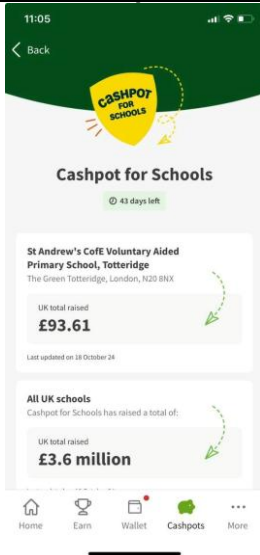


Well done to **all** of our pupils for another fantastic week here at St Andrew's  
***A special well done to our stars of the week:***

Week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> November

<b>Reception</b>	<b>James</b> – for confidently using the 5 frame to explore the composition of 4 and 5. Well done! <b>Jude</b> – for fabulous phonics work and writing a simple sentence. Keep it up!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Alex</b> – for making a difference by always following our class rules and showing respect to everyone. <b>Emilio</b> - for an excellent effort with your reading. Keep it up!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Harrison</b> – improvement in your focus and attention during learning. Keep it up! <b>Olivia L</b> – For supporting your classmates to solve a practical maths problem by patiently listening and negotiating.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Bella</b> – for excellent pros and cons relating to Ivan's search for his brother in The Ice Palace book. <b>Christopher</b> – For a super attitude and a kind heart.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Zac</b> – For enthusiasm in science and sharing fantastic subject facts. <b>Soren</b> – For improved focus in all lessons. Keep it up!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Charles</b> – for making a difference in the classroom by sharing your ideas more in class, improving your focus and demonstrating the value of teamwork. Well done! <b>Lowena</b> – for effectively using diagrams and evidence to answer our enquiry question in History. Well done!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Melissa</b> – for her outstanding performance as Lady Macbeth. <b>Nathan</b> – for making a difference by always being truthful and encouraging others to do the right thing.

**ASDA cashpot for Schools**



If you haven't already do so, please sign up for ASDA Cashpot for Schools. You don't even need to shop there as just by signing up for the scheme gives money to our PTA.

Already we've raised £93 which we think may grow even more if everyone was able to sign up for it

Currently Asda is running it's Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools. Between **2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024** only, each time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app the supermarket will donate 0.5% of the value of their spend to their chosen primary school.

It takes a few minutes to download the app. **Just signing up and choosing our school will mean that Asda will put £1 into our school's Cashpot.** With another £50 when the first opted-in customer spends in-store or online! If as many families as possible can join up, it means free extra funds for school !!

### **What's happening this half term**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Y3/Y4 Police Talks am

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Infant Pantomime in Hall pm (Rec/Y1/Y2)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Y3 Music Tutorial open rehearsal for parents 9am in hall

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Greek workshop all day

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Early finish for all 2pm in celebration of St Andrew's Day**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – School Christmas Fair 12-3pm**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – St Andrew's Day service at Church 9:30am

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Year 3-Year 6 visit to Watford Palace Theatre – Aladdin pantomime

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity rehearsal performance to rest of school

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity performance to parents 2pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity performance to parents 2pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Carol service at Church 9:30am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of term 1:30pm finish for all**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – INSET Day – school closed to pupils