



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 13th December 2024

Value for December: Joy



Joy is the expression of inner happiness and contentment. 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.

As Christians approach the birth of Jesus, they celebrate the happiness they experience. As the birth of any baby is a joyous occasion, Christians enjoy the forthcoming birth of Jesus as the promise God made to send this son to earth.

"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people," Luke 2:10

"When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!" Matthew 2:10

"We need joy as we need air," Maya Angelou

Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 15th December (3rd Sunday of Advent) for Communion Service at 10.00am followed by coffee afterwards in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join us!

Then at 6pm, please join us for Lessons and Carols.

Year 3 and 4 RE Visitor

As part of our RE unit of work, on Wednesday 11th December, Year 3 and Year 4 had an Imam (one who leads Muslim worshippers in prayer) visitor from North Finchley Mosque who told us about the Prophet Mohammed. We had a chance to ask lots of questions to improve our knowledge of Islam.

"It was really interesting and fun to learn more about Islam."- Evie



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. In turn, the DSLs may feel an incident needs to be shared with safeguarding staff within the Local Authority. If there is something you feel your child's teacher or the DSLs should know, please do make contact. We are here to help.

Infant Nativity



This week was the KS1 Nativity, 'A Present for the Baby'. Everyone played their part brilliantly and all the children really enjoyed performing it to two packed audiences. A massive THANK YOU to all Parents and carers for providing amazing costumes and supporting the children to learn their lines and song words (- apologies that you may now spend the entire holiday with 'Boo Hoo Hoo' stuck on loop in your head!).

"I was so excited and it was so much fun" Ruqayyah Y2

"I liked it because we were acting out our RE work" Ewan Y2

"It was really great and the costumes were amazing!" Naila Y2



Carol Service at St Andrew's Church – 18th December 9:30am

A polite reminder that all parents are welcome to join us in our Carol Concert celebration led by Year 5 members at St Andrew's Church. We'd love to see you there!

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.

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THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

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 13th December

Reception	Erica – for always being a fabulous listener and working really hard in all your activities. Well done. Ayaan – for all your hard work in maths, phonics and writing this week. Keep it up!
Year 1	All of Year 1 – for an amazing effort and for making such wonderful elephants in our Nativity.
Year 2	All of YEAR 2 – for all working together to perform an amazing Nativity – you all shone!
Year 3	Demitris – for consistently demonstrating our school values and being an excellent, supportive role model to others. Martha – for demonstrating perseverance and determination in your Maths learning this week. Keep up the hard work!
Year 4	Gabi – for writing an excellent description using good examples of figurative language. Well done! Diaan – for always helping around the classroom and always having a smile on your face!
Year 5	Samir – for making a difference by being kind and always helping your friends. Kenza – for your thoughtful contributions in class this week. Well done!
Year 6	Duncan – for writing a very informative piece on the UK's energy sources in geography. Shiv – for always being cheery and kind to those around him.

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.



What's happening this half term

Wednesday 18th December – Carol service at Church 9:30am

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December – Whole School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December – Last Day of term 1:30pm finish for all

Friday 20th December – INSET Day – school closed to pupils

Secret Gift Shop Volunteers



A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who ran the Secret Room today to enable all pupils to choose and buy presents for family members. The pupils really enjoyed visiting the 'shop' and spent lots of time making very careful decisions about what to buy. The volunteers even gift wrapped all of the presents so they can be placed under Christmas trees until the big day!