



St Andrew's C of E (VC) Primary School

'Learn to love and love to learn; in God's love each one will shine.'

St Andrew's Weekly Update

Date: 7.12.18

Headteacher: Mrs H Gillingham

Value: Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had two wonderful events, showcasing the musical opportunities our school provides for the children. On Tuesday we listened to performances by the children who have been learning the piano with Mr Emerson. It was lovely to see how confident they all were playing in front of such a large audience. The Year 3 class also demonstrated their increasing skills with playing the keyboards, which they have also been learning with Mr Emerson. They finished the event with a rousing "Jingle Bells."

On Wednesday I went to see our school choir perform at Christchurch as part of the Hertford and Ware Schools' Carol Service. They performed their piece, New Boy Born, beautifully. I would like to thank Miss Sewell for all of the time and commitment she makes during the term in helping the choir reach such a level. It really was a proud moment for me, watching them perform.

I am very much looking forward to next week to see the Reception class and Key stage 1 performances.

Kind regards, Mrs H. Gillingham



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped at or came to our PTA Christmas Fayre. It was a huge success and has raised an incredible **£2,787.72!** We really are so fortunate to have such a hard working PTA.

Next week we have the school disco to look forward to, which, I am sure will help raise even more money as well as being a lot of fun. In preparation for this event I taught Key Stage 1 some of my best disco moves!

Attendance Award to Year: 5

Tidiest Room Award: Year 6

Very Well done!

Top Table

I sat with a smaller group than usual to eat at Top Table this week, due to winter illnesses. However I enjoyed eating with and chatting to the following children;

Year 1: **Micah** for great behaviour on the playground.

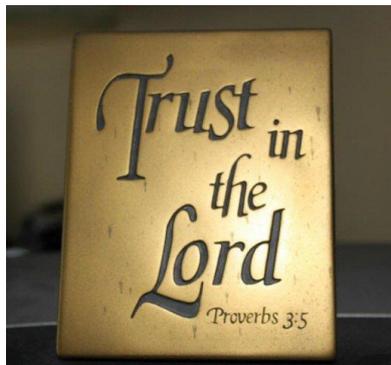
Year 4: **Sid** for helping Mrs Randall with the play equipment everyday.

Year 5: **Layla** for being honest.

Window at St Margaret's Parish Church.

Each year we are invited to decorate a window at St Margaret's Church based on a Christmas Carol. This year we have chosen "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" as our theme. I am taking some children from KS2 down to the church next Friday to decorate our ledge and the church itself will be open on Saturday 15th for you to be able to visit and see the different displays.

Please do visit as the angels are stunning.



Our value this half term is **Trust**.

This week our **Values Champions** have chosen the following children who have demonstrated aspects of this value:

Year1: **Raphael** for helping his friends.

Year 2: **Holly** for also being trustworthy at all times during the day.

Year 3: **Sophia** for thanking people.

Year 4: **Charley** for always being kind and trustworthy.

Year 5: **Joey** for being a trustworthy friend.

Year 6: **Mitchell** for supporting people during their assessments.

Office Update

Firstly, warm congratulations from the School Office to all the PTA and helpers for such a successful Christmas Fayre – thank you to everyone for all your support!

Reminders:

- **As mentioned last week, all outstanding payments for this term (including school meals, clubs, trips, music lessons, etc) have been requested by today, Friday, 7th December 2018.** We very much appreciate your support financially and for ensuring payments are received on time, especially as we come closer to the end of term. If you are unsure if you have any outstanding amounts, please contact the School Office. We may also drop you a line next week! Thank you.

(PS... online payments: please could online payments for all school related activities **only be paid via Wisepay**. Payment of invoices for our 30 hr Nursery provision can currently be paid directly into the school's bank account but we will be setting up Wisepay very shortly to accept these payments as well. *Any payments by childcare vouchers will continue to be paid into the school's account.* Thank you.)

- **Dinner Money Slips:** will now be sent home on the first day of a new half term or term. We will be sending them home on Tuesday, 8th January for the first half of the Spring term.
- **Milk:** If your child would like to have School Milk next term, please return slips by this Monday, 10th December. We are pleased to confirm we are expecting a new fridge for Year 1 next week to replace our current model.
- **Clubs:** **All after school clubs have now finished for this term.** Details of clubs available for next term will be issued during our first week back in January. Clubs will then start the second week of the Spring term.
- If you are shopping in Hoddesdon **next Friday, 14th December** - please support our **School Choir** who are singing at the Clock Tower outside the library, as part of the **Borough's Festival of Carols from 12.30 - 1.00pm**.
- **Applications for the Reception class starting school in September 2019** are now open. Children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 are eligible. The application deadline is 15th January 2019. There is an opportunity for prospective Reception class parents, including our current Nursery class parents, to book onto a tour with Mrs Gillingham. Please contact the School Office to book an appointment. Thank you.
- **School Term & Holiday dates for 2019/2020** – please see details attached. (Please note Monday, 20th April and not Tuesday, 20th April as previously published!)

Updates:

- **School Uniform:** We are very aware that there are ongoing uniform issues with our current supplier – School Trends. Some parents are having an extremely long wait for uniform orders to be received, whilst others have now been told that their orders cannot be fulfilled at all. If you are a parent in this situation, we do understand the difficulty you are experiencing and thank you for your feedback.

As a school, we are presently seeking a new uniform supplier. We are looking at 2 local companies and a corporate one. Samples of materials and embroidery are in progress and we are expecting to make a decision and update parents very soon. In the interim, if you are having a uniform 'emergency' – it would be in order for your child to wear a red cardigan/jumper without a logo for a short time until the new arrangements are in place. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office. Thank you.

- **PTA Christmas Disco:** Further to the Diary entry last week, we would like to confirm that the PTA Christmas Disco is open to children in **Reception to Year 6 only – across 2 sessions**. **Sadly, we are unable to accommodate children in Nursery or those not on our school roll.** Offering places to both sets of Nursery and Reception parents and all EY and KS1 children, would compromise our capacity limits for this type of activity. Tickets for Reception to Year 6 children will be on sale on **Monday and Tuesday** at 3.15pm in the canopy, priced at £4 per child or £8 per family. Refreshments, including cheese/tomato pizza are included!

- **After School Club:** As you are aware, we are currently planning to launch an After School Club for our families at St Andrew's. The school is presently considering outside providers who would operate the club 5 nights a week. We have attached a questionnaire (hard copy sent home today) which would help in our decision making and would ask if parents could complete the form and return to the School Office by the end of term, Friday, 21st December. We will then update parents with further information as early as possible in the coming term. Thank you for your time and support.
- **Advanced Notice: Half Term Holiday Club – Wednesday, 20th and Thursday, 21st February 2019**
We are delighted to inform parents that we are presently in discussion with Premier Sport, (our current after school sports provider) to run a Holiday Club at St Andrew's Primary School for 2 days of the February half term. The club will be operating on Wednesday, 20th and Thursday, 21st February from 9.00 – 4.00pm. With a range of multi-sports on offer and taking place both indoors in the hall and outside using the field and playground, the club will be available for children in Reception to Year 6. Club membership is expected to be £15.95 per child/per day with a discount available for siblings and early bird bookings. St Andrew's children will be given priority booking before the club is advertised externally if spaces are still available.

Watch out for further information to follow and when/how to book!

Diary Dates

December 2018

- 10th KS1 Nativity matinee performance – **2.15pm** (please note new time)
- 11th Reception Nativity – 10.30am
- 11th KS1 Nativity evening performance – 6.30pm
- 12th Christmas Jumper day
- 12th School Christmas lunch
- 13th PTA Christmas Disco (**Rec/KS1 – 4.15-5.30pm**) (**KS2 – 5.30-7.00pm**)
Tickets on sale Monday, 10th and Tuesday, 11th December at 3.15pm in the Canopy
- 14th Choir Hoddesdon Carols – Hoddesdon Town Centre 12.30pm
- 18th Nursery Nativity – 10.00am
- 19th Christmas Panto in school – 'Alice in Wonderland' (pm)
- 20th Christmas Church Service – 9.30am
- 21st Last Day of Term – finish at 1.30pm

January 2019

- 7th Inset Day
- 8th Return to school – children in

