



St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Monday 19th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,



Year 4 received a very special visitor to introduce their topic on the Tudors, Henry VIII (Aka Mike Farley from Essex) paid them a visit. The children learned all about Tudor history, particularly enjoying the more gory and smelly aspects! Henry VIII told how he came to the throne, all about his wives and his determination to have sons. Everyone learned a lot and proved this when Henry gave them a test. Did you know, Anne Boleyn had 6 fingers on her left hand? They found out how different education was for Tudor children and how differently teachers treated the children. Some children thought living in

Tudor times would be fun, but most realised life was very difficult for most Tudors, particularly the poor. When learning about Tudor crime and punishment, a couple of children experienced being put in the stocks. Everyone enjoyed Henry's recorder playing which included a performance of Greensleeves – a piece which was once thought to have been written by Henry VIII. The day ended with an exciting jousting tournament. Even the teachers took part (and won!). It was a fantastic, fun day and the children learned an enormous amount. Thank you to our brilliant SASA for making this happen through their fundraising.



Anti-bullying week was very successful in building on the children's understanding of bullying. Following a consultation with over 800 children, teachers and members of the Anti-Bullying Alliance, it emerged that a top priority was showing that bullying is a behaviour choice, and that children and young people can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online. The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week was 'Respect' with an emphasis to choose respect over bullying. The week ended with children sharing what they had learnt and a talk from PCSO Graham Davey in Friday's assembly.





We are very lucky to have such strong links with our community. For Remembrance Sunday the children in year 5 wrote remembrance poems and created poppies to be displayed in church. Bella and her grandad planted a peace rose on the church grounds. In school we held a minutes silence on the playground at 11o'clock.

The past two Thursdays Mr Nixon has taken half his year 3 class to the village centre to serve soup to the Friendship club. The soup was made by the children and Ms Broughton prior to the afternoon. Reports from Annabelle and Mr Nixon described the event as a success and thoroughly enjoyed by both groups across the generation gap.

We look forward to working with our friends at the village centre again.



Ladybird Pre-School achieved 'Outstanding' in their recent Ofsted inspection. Congratulations to the team for such a great achievement. The report is glowing!



All children, including those in receipt of extra funding, make excellent progress from their starting points. They are extremely well prepared for their future learning and their eventual move to school.

Partnership working with the local school is excellent and helps children become familiar with the surroundings.



Thank you for helping us support Children in Need. The Mufti Day raised an incredible **£262.**

I look forward to seeing those of you who are able to make the maths morning on Wednesday 21st November 9am.

Annette Mashru - Headteacher

Diary reminders for this term

November 20th – Kingswood presentation to parents 5pm

November 20th – Y5 to Christ Church

November 21st – Maths morning to parents 9-9.50am to start in Manser Building

November 30th – EYFS phonics to parents - 2.40pm

December 3rd – Posada starts

December 8th – SASA Christmas Fayre

December 10th - KS1 Production

December 11th - EYFS and KS1 Productions

December 13th – KS2 Carol Service 9.30am

December 14th - Year 3 Christmas Production

December 18th - Christmas Pantomime

December 19th – Christmas Lunch –change of date

December 21st – School Finishes at 1.30pm



Polite Reminder

Please remind your child mobile phones or electrical devices are not permitted in school.