



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

Monday 18th December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

The great thing about working in a primary school is the real spirit of Christmas is celebrated in so many ways. Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 sang, danced and told stories through their amazing Christmas productions. KS2 took part in a carol service with readings, carols and presented the Posada following their journey around Chinnor. The children had time to reflect how Christmas is celebrated around the world and to understand why we celebrate Christmas.



They also went to church to decorate the Christmas tree with the baubles they had made that week. All the trees looked beautiful. As if that wasn't enough, the whole school was singing carols on BBC radio Oxford.

For KS2 parents we had the carol service where the children recited a poem and sang. Well done to everyone for all their hard work to deliver these wonderful events. By the end of this term I think everyone will be ready for time at home with their families.



Wishing you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Annette Mashru - Headteacher



Reminder

BBC Radio Oxford recorded the whole school singing 'Hark the Herald Angels sing' and the KS2 choir singing 'Hallelujah'. The children sang beautifully. If you missed the radio broadcast you can find the link on the school website.

Christmas Fayre - Well done to the SASA team for raising £1281.80 which is a fantastic result. When combined with the calendar orders and the Christmas card orders the total is £1866.30. I am so grateful for all the hard work put in to the organisation and to those who came along to support the event. A great time was had by all and funds raised go to supporting the children in school.



Farewell to Mrs Collier - Mrs Collier visited us last week and although it was lovely to see her and the beautiful baby Alec, I am sad to say she will not be returning to St Andrew's. Katie and her husband are moving to Dorset to be nearer to family. Katie joined us four year ago as a newly qualified teacher and she has been such a wonderful teacher and colleague. We are all sad to see her go. We wish the Collier family happiness in the next stage of this new adventure in their lives.

And... farewell to Mrs Harris

After ten years at St. Andrew's, Mrs Suzanne Harris is returning to her previous life in the NHS. Suzanne has mostly worked in KS1 and EYFS. She acquired many roles in school such as paediatric first aider, wrap around care assistant and TA mentor. Her last day with us is Friday 12th January. We shall all miss Suzanne at St Andrew's and wish her all the best for the future.



Playground developments

Hopefully by now you will have seen the stage 1 of the outside area is complete. The children have loved playing on the markings.

We are now working on stage 2 and hope to have new football goals and learning boards set up around the school.

The children have really enjoyed using the equipment and markings.



Governor update

I hope that you are enjoying the festive season, especially the wonderful school productions. In the run up to the Christmas holidays, I wanted to update you on a couple of important governing matters. Firstly, we will be publishing our annual report for 2016 / 2017 this week. This will give you an overview of what we've been working on over the last academic year, which was once again a challenging and exciting year working with the school team to drive St Andrew's forward. The report will be available via the fantastic new school website but copies can also be requested via the school office. We welcome feedback on any aspect of our work to keep striving for better outcomes for all pupils at St Andrew's.

The second update is that after 2 ½ years as chair of the governing body, I have decided that the time is right to step down from my role. I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to chair the team, working together with all stakeholders we have achieved great things. I will continue to play an active role as a parent governor, however, with a young family and work commitments I cannot continue to commit the time this crucial role requires. I am delighted to confirm that Seb Hearmon has been voted as the new chair of the governing team. Seb assumes his role with immediate effect and I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating him and wishing him all the very best success in the future! I feel 100% confident that the upwards curve which we are on will continue in the future.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to St Andrew's CE School and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for a prosperous 2018!

Simon Pollard