



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

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

This term's value is **Wisdom**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good start to the new year.

At the end of last term the DfE primary school performance tables were published and are now available online. They are based on last year's end of KS2 SATs results and I am delighted to report St. Andrew's was ranked eighth in Oxfordshire out of over 300 primary schools! I should like to thank all the staff and friends of St. Andrew's for their contributions in ensuring that our children enjoy learning and reach their individual potential. Well done children!



Alongside the academic success, we believe it is vital our children are offered a range of opportunities. One of the many projects for this term is the Children's Art Competition. Over the next five weeks, all the children will be creating artwork inspired by 'flight'. This artwork will be exhibited at our popular annual Craft Day Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.

If you should like to come along with family and friends, it is a great occasion for the community to spend time together and be creative. There will also be refreshments and food available.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February! Tickets for the day will be available soon.



We have already had a lot of events in the short time we have been back. Year 3 and Year 4 hosted the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and the children impressed our guests with their thoughtful questions. Hearing Dogs is a local charity and the dogs help hundreds of deaf children and adults get the best out of life. We have therefore chosen it as our lent appeal this year.

On Thursday, Reverend Jackie, led our Christingle service following the Christingle making workshop with the clergy team the previous day. We should like to thank Sarah Powell and the Co-op for sponsoring the oranges. The service was a very special one.  
Annette Mashru – Headteacher



## A message from our Governing Body

On behalf of the governing team, I'd like to wish you a very happy new year. I'm delighted to be taking over as chair of governors, and would like to take the opportunity to thank Simon Pollard for his leadership over the last couple of years. We are all proud to be part of such an excellent school, working with a motivated staff team, enthusiastic pupils and a supportive network of parents, carers and friends. As our school and village, continue to grow, the governors are committed to ensuring every pupil has the opportunity to reach their full potential and to nurturing the unique spirit of St Andrews.

That of course means supporting Mrs Mashru and the staff to shape the learning agenda, but it also means carefully managing our resources. Having decided last term not to pursue a possible move to academy status, our priorities in 2018 include further strengthening the relationship with other local schools and continuing to press the county council to renovate our buildings, as well as exploring creative ways to tackle the challenges we face in providing the best facilities we possibly can. I look forward to updating you on our progress.

## Seb Hearmon - Chair of Governors

### Dates for your Diary Term 3 and Term 4

I know you all lead very busy lives, and to support communication and planning ahead our new website has a yearly calendar so we are able to give you the dates we have for the year in advance. This will enable you to plan your time around key events for your children. The calendar only has room for a title to flag events, so if you need times and further details before you receive the letters, please ask at the office or your child's class teacher.

As a restless school we like to take opportunities as they arise for the children. An event may appear on the calendar without much notice because it is too good to miss.

- January 18<sup>th</sup> – Phonics presentation for Y1 parents
- January 19<sup>th</sup> – SATS presentation for Y2 parents
- January 19<sup>th</sup> – Rabbi visit for Year 4
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Height and Weight checks for EYFS and Year 6
- January 26<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 to the Oxford Natural History Museum
- January 26<sup>th</sup> - KS2 choir to the Sheldonian
- January 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 cake sale
- January 29<sup>th</sup> - Oxford Brookes University workshop for Year 6
- January 31<sup>st</sup> - Year 6 to John Radcliff Hospital - IMPs
- February 1<sup>st</sup> - EYFS vision screening
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Arts Award theatre trip
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> – SASA Quiz
- February 5<sup>th</sup> - Parents' evening
- February 6<sup>th</sup> - Parents' evening
- February 8<sup>th</sup> – Music recital
- February 19<sup>th</sup> - INSET DAY**
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 3 Cake Sale
- February 24<sup>th</sup> – Craft day 10-2pm
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 to Harry Potter World
- March 7<sup>th</sup> – Big Write presentation for EYFS parents
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 WW2 Workshop
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 4/5 Production
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 4/5 Production
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 6 to Junior Citizen
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y2 Cake Sale Easter Egg Hunt
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – Term ends 1.30pm

