



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

Monday 29th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,



As we near the end of Term 3, I thought you may like to hear about some of the experiences the children enjoyed in January. Last Friday Mrs Ludlow took some arts award children and musicians to the Primary Schools Concert at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford. They heard a range of orchestral pieces from Copeland to Tchaikovsky. One of the children's favourites was a medley from

Disney's Beauty and the

Beast. Belle and the Beast made an appearance and joined the orchestra playing the violin and trombone.

Year 4 pupils had a visit from a Rabbi to support their RE work on Judaism. They were very interested in the artefacts he brought along and were commended for their conduct and engagement during the workshop. They now have a better understanding of the relationship Jewish people have with God and how this impacts on the way they live their lives.



Thame Primary Schools Girls' Football Tournament 2018 - Mrs Baker reported it as a thrilling afternoon of football and a reminder to everyone how valuable sport is for the development of all children with the values of fair play, teamwork, encouragement and confidence building.

1st - St Andrews 2nd - Tetsworth

3rd- John Hampden 4th - Aston Rowant

5th - St Josephs

Congratulations to the amazing team who were thrilled to receive their medals and certificates and return the Winners Shield to St Andrew's yet again. Tia did not concede a single goal. What an amazing team!



For their Dinosaur topic, Year 1 visited the Natural History Museum in Oxford. They had a tour around the museum, exploring the dinosaur skeletons and learning about other animals too! Afterwards they learnt how fossils are formed.

I should like to thank staff, parents and SASA for making these events possible.



Farewell to Mrs Cross

After thirteen years at St. Andrew's, Mrs Carol Cross is moving on to explore a new career. Carol has mostly worked in EYFS and KS1. She has worked alongside teachers, pupils, been part of the wrap around care team and mentored new teaching assistants. Her last day with us is Friday 9th February. We shall be sad to see Carol go but wish her well in her new role.

Welcome to the team - A huge welcome goes to Mrs Louise Rolfe who will be joining us as a teaching assistant in Term 4. Mrs Rolfe has Phoebe in Year 1 and we are delighted with her appointment.



Annette Mashru - Headteacher

Reminder
**St. Andrew's CE Primary
School**
Family Craft Day
Saturday 24th February 2018
10am-2pm

Remember to get your order for your craft day activities in early to avoid disappointment. There are lots of new crafts alongside the old favourites

We also have the return of the popular Bavarian grill— beef brisket, pulled pork, burgers, halloumi and hot dogs.

Refreshments also available courtesy of SASA in Benton Hall!

Health and Safety - requests and reminders

I have been asked by some parents and residents to send out a reminder for the following:

- There is no smoking permitted on the school site
- Please be considerate re parking when bringing and collecting your child from school. Our neighbours at The Pavilion, Rectory Meadow, Musgrove and Benton Drive are finding themselves blocked in because people are parking in front of their drives and on corners which restricts access.

Thank you for your support in advance.

Healthy Lunchbox

Some of the lunch boxes in school are moving away from what constitutes a healthy lunch. In view of the subject of the Big Write, it may be an opportunity to discuss this with your child. Some children also have juice in their water bottles for drinks during the day. This should be water only please.

<https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell>

Guidance on a healthier lunchbox from NHS livewell

- be based on starchy carbohydrates (bread, potatoes, rice, pasta)
- include fresh fruit and vegetables/salad
- include a source of protein such as beans and pulses, eggs, fish, meat, cheese (or dairy alternative)
- include a side dish such as a low-fat and lower-sugar yoghurt (or dairy alternative), tea cake, fruit bread, plain rice/corn cakes, homemade plain popcorn, sugar-free jelly
- include a drink such as water, skimmed or semi-skimmed milk, sugar-free or no-added-sugar drinks



Governors' Surgery

Members of the governing body will be available during the parent teacher interviews next week. If you should like to talk to them about any aspect of school life, including the plans to expand to two form entry, pop over to their stand in Manser Hall between 4.30pm and 6.30pm where they will be happy to update you on school developments.

