



# Family Updates Newsletter

Learning Together, Achieving Together

St Andrew's Academy

21st December 2022

## Head Teacher's Message

Autumn Term is traditionally a longer term and this one has been no exception at over 14 weeks! With that in mind, it's with even more pride and recognition that I shine the spotlight on the achievement, success and progress shown by our young people. Their energy, enthusiasm and passion for learning has been relentless, and their enjoyment is clear to see.

The positive behaviours for learning developed in the Autumn Term will be invaluable as we move into the Spring Term and beyond. The next term provides many opportunities to use their new knowledge, skills and attitudes in practical settings and continue to develop and be the very best they can be.

A huge sincere thanks to our supportive and caring school community who have enriched the Autumn Term with collaborations and joint thinking. We couldn't deliver the quality of offer without so many external professionals, parents/carers, national colleagues and a wide range of partners.

We wish you a restful and wonderful time with those you love the most this Christmas, and very much look forward to picking up where we left off on Monday 9th January 2023!

Merry Christmas!



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# Musical Treat



2 of our talented staff, Jenny and Amy, played Christmas carols for the students as they arrived at school on Friday. What a lovely welcome – thank you!



# Tiree Christmas Dinner

Tiree class prepared their own meal on Friday –



here they are enjoying their Christmas feast!



# Derby Children's hospital present drop



Thank you to everyone who donated presents this year. It was a real pleasure to be able to take the donated toys to Derby Children's Hospital on Monday 19th December. Pupils from Hoy class supported the donation and helped us to deliver the gifts.

This was a joint project between St Andrew's Academy and SEN UTD bringing a little joy to those young people spending their Christmas in hospital.



# Christmas Music



As members of the Salvation Army, we love welcoming Jess Page's family and friends into school at this time of year. They played a wonderful selection of Christmas songs, which everyone enjoyed listening to and joining in with. It really got us all into the festive spirit! A big thank you to all the musicians for giving up their time to play for us at such a busy time of year!



# Important Dates

**Last Day of Term**—Wednesday 21st December

**INSET Day**—Thursday 22nd December

**Christmas Holidays** - Friday 23rd December to Friday 6th January

**Spring Half Term begins** —Monday 9th January 2023

**February Half Term** – Monday 20th to Friday 24th February

**Easter Holidays** – Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April

**INSET Day** - Monday 17th April

## Free School Meals

If you believe your child is entitled to free school meals, please follow the link below and click on 'Free School Meals Application Form'.

The completed form can either be brought into school or returned to Derby City Council at the address shown.

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

Alternatively, just ask someone from our Admin Team to send a form home for you!

**As from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January,  
the cost of a school dinner will be increasing to £2.30.  
This will automatically update on the Parentpay app**

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# CHILDREN'S COAT WINTER WRAP UP

## DONATIONS NEEDED

If you have any winter coats, for ages 0-12 years, in good condition, that you no longer need, please donate them to your local Children's Centre, who will share with families who are struggling.

**For information call  
Derwent  
01332 641010**

**Rosehill  
01332 641315**

**Osmaston/Allenton  
on 01332 956850**



**or visit [derby.gov.uk/costofliving](http://derby.gov.uk/costofliving)**



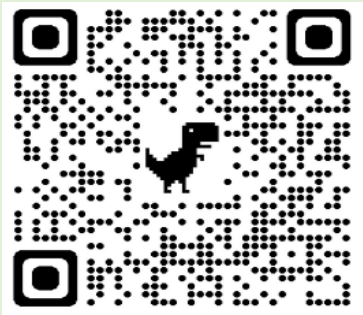
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# Has your child got their free Gold Card yet?

**Travel free on local buses  
(at selected times).**

**Discounts at more than  
700 businesses in and  
around Derbyshire.**

**Library card**



**Apply here or  
ask in school  
for an  
application  
form.**





# **Formal Parents Coffee Mornings at the café will re-commence in the New Year**

**Sam Summer Rell and Nabila Talit will be present and we will  
arrange for various guest speakers to attend and answer  
questions from parents and carers.**

**We would welcome any of your suggestions if you need advice  
from any organisation in particular.**

**Please contact Sam - [SSummerrell@standrews.derby.sch.uk](mailto:SSummerrell@standrews.derby.sch.uk)**

**Or the School Office - [admin@standrews.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@standrews.derby.sch.uk)**

**Dates to be confirmed**



# UpRising Inclusive Choir

FREE

Face-to-face and virtual rehearsals so that you can join in however is best for you!

**Face to Face:** Once every half-term on a Saturday 3.00 - 4.30pm, Alfreton Park School, Derbyshire, DE55 7AL

**Virtual Rehearsals:** Fortnightly, Wednesdays 5.00 - 6.00pm on Zoom.

All our sessions are **FREE** and welcome people up to age 25 and their families.

The choir celebrates that everyone has their own way of sharing their voice. You can make sounds or movements, use instruments or soundmakers.



[derbyshiremusichub.org.uk/inclusive](https://derbyshiremusichub.org.uk/inclusive)



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# SALT & PEPPER CAFÉ

Run by our fabulous FE students  
Open Wednesday and Friday 10.00 till 11:30am  
Find us at Taddington Road Church Hall Chaddesden  
DE21 4JU

Voluntary contributions welcomed

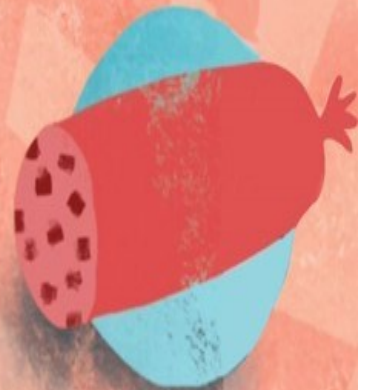
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