



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

Friday 15th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our current Christian value is **Thankfulness** which links very well with events in school this week. On Armistice Day, the whole school gathered on the middle playground to reflect upon those who have given, and continue to give, their lives in the service of our country. Everyone commented on how respectful our children were as they stood in silence. Year 5 children read some poems and the children walked back to class in a reflective manner. Our foundation stage children made a wonderful poppy display. The afternoon ended with a visit from the war horse. It made the day even more special for the children.



Year 6 returned safely after a brilliant trip to Kingswood. I should like to thank Miss Stott, Mr Gibson, Mrs Mandeville, Mrs Ray and Miss Revill for giving up their time and making it such an unforgettable experience.

I should like to thank all those parents who have replied to my request for support in school, connections with companies who can offer discounts and any resources donated to school. If you are able to volunteer but have not yet done so, please contact the school office for details.

Sadly, we shall be losing some of the year 2 teaching team. Mrs Sergeant is returning to Herefordshire as her house move as fallen through. Additionally, Mrs Bloxham is leaving due to health reasons. Mrs Garlick will be changing her role from class teacher to teaching assistant and will remain in Year 2. Fortunately, we have successfully recruited to fill these positions. From January 2020, Chiltern Blue class will be taught full time by Mrs Salisbury and Peacock class will be taught by Mrs Perryman and Mrs Mandeville. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet both teachers prior to January. Please be assured plans are in place for a smooth transition to limit the disruption to the children's learning.

Annette Mashru - Headteacher

## Being Neighbourly...

I have had another call from a neighbour, who has had people parking in front of her drive and trespassing on her property. She has informed me she has made the police aware and is monitoring the situation. Please be considerate when parking at drop off and pick up times.

## Times Table Rock Stars



St Andrew's Primary School now subscribes to 'Times Table Rock Stars'. This website provides your child with an excellent opportunity to practise their times tables in a fun way and it gives the children virtual coins, which they can spend on their avatars. Children from year two to year six, have their own log on names and passwords. Please see your child's class teacher if you need more information or your child's login details.

**Please collect tokens from the Sun newspaper between 23rd November - 18th January to receive books worth £600 for our school.** The Sun has teamed up with

HarperCollins to provide primary schools across England, Wales and Northern Ireland a free pack of 106 books, worth more than £600!

From early phonic development to fluent reading, Collins Big Cat is a whole-school reading programme that provides complete support for primary reading. The free books included within the packs cover a diverse range of subjects from fairy tales to football, from camping to crocodiles and from wild cats to worms - there is really something for all ages and abilities.



## Diary reminders for this term

- November 15<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Cakes sale
- November 15<sup>th</sup> – SASA discos
- November 18<sup>th</sup> – Maths week
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – Kingswood presentation to parents 5pm
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parents in to see maths games -2pm
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> – SASA Brush Party
- November 25<sup>th</sup> – BBC Radio Oxford's Christmas Carols
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Posada starts
- December 7<sup>th</sup> – SASA Christmas Fayre
- December 9<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Production 1.30pm
- December 10<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Production 1.30pm
- December 12<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Carol Service 9.30am
- December 12<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Production 2pm
- December 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Christmas Production
- December 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Pantomime
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch – MUFTI Xmas Jumper
- December 19<sup>th</sup> – School Finishes at 1.30pm

## BOOKS PLEASE

To refresh our class libraries, we are asking for donations of nearly new books. The books can be fiction or non-fiction but we ask you only donate good quality books suitable for primary school. If you do have books you would like to donate, please leave them at the school office.

Thank you