



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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pupils from year 5 went to Barley Hill School in Thame for a day of Anti-Bullying Training. We learnt lots of interesting things; how to stop bullying happening in our school, different types of bullying to be aware of and the roles that people can take in a bullying situation. We were given different ideas about how to prevent bullying and put together an action plan for our school. We have decided to call ourselves the 'Anti-Bullying Buddies' and will work hard throughout the year, with teachers, parents and children to ensure everyone continues to feel safe and happy at St. Andrews. Thank you to



Mrs Garlick –Anti-Bullying Leader and Mrs O'Connor for supporting the children in this initiative. Well done to Hannah, Callie, Ele and Kern - St. Andrew's Anti-Bullying Buddies for doing so well on the day. You made the school very proud.



On Monday 21st November, Manser Hall became a recording studio as the whole school sang our carols for BBC Radio Oxford's Countdown to Christmas. The children showed great patience, perseverance and self-control as they were quiet as mice before each 'take'

and in full voice for the cheery 'Happy Christmas' to finish. If you missed hearing it on the radio, you can use the link below to hear our performances of an arrangement of Silent Night and Go Tell It on the Mountain, which is accompanied beautifully by the school's Marimba club. I should like to thank Mrs Ludlow, our music leader, for her hard work in organising this and the several other music events over Christmas season.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07wig77>

Annette Mashru - Headteacher

## Polite reminders

I understand there are some very helpful groups on social media which support things like lost homework sheets, helpful ideas and reminders of events. Some parents have expressed their concern when occasionally the conversations extend beyond 'top tips' to incidents which occur during the school day, with some information which is not suitable for these groups. With this in mind, could I ask for a kinder approach to social media conversations which involve members of the school community. If you do need things clarified following events in school, please see your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support with this feedback.

There are an increasing number of children arriving late via the school office and a number of lunch boxes/PE kits, being brought in during the school day. Whilst the office team understand this is sometimes unavoidable, there are occasions when this has become a regular pattern for some families. Please support the office team by helping to avoid these events where possible.



We raised **£313** for children in need and **£80** for the anti-bullying odd socks day. Well done to everyone who contributed.

### Diary reminders for this term

December 7<sup>th</sup> – SASA Christmas Fayre 11am-2pm  
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 Y1-Y6 and EYFS have a Christmas party  
December 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch – MUFTI Xmas Jumper  
December 19<sup>th</sup> – School Finishes at 1.30pm

The next issue will be all things Christmas. I will also be able to give you information on the outcome of our Right Respecting School silver award application. Meanwhile, enjoy the Christmas excitement and festivities and thank you for your continued support.

**HELP PLEASE**  
**To support our**  
**forest school**  
**work we are**  
**looking for more**  
**large logs to use**  
**as seats and**  
**work stations.**

**Please let us**  
**know if you can**  
**help...**

**Thank you**