



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

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Our Vision:

At St Andrew's CE Primary School, we aim to bring children to a place where they can realise their full potential. Our Christian values are the foundation of all we do and each one is a facet of the central value, love, which 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:7) *Protect, Trust, Hope and Persevere*



**REInspired** - Year 3 worked with the clergy team to think about the question 'Has Christmas lost its true meaning?' The children worked in groups to see the Christmas story acted out using puppets. Then they sorted Christmas cards out into ones that were about the Christian story and those that were about secular traditions. The children had a lovely afternoon and gave some thoughtful answers to questions.

We have been working on our letter writing skills in Year 2. As we are also learning all about space, we watched the John Lewis advert 'man on the moon' and discussed how some people spend Christmas alone. We wanted to show people that we care, so we have sent letters and Christmas cards to two care homes in the local area. One Y2 child said, 'we have hope in our vision, so we want to give hope to others'.



Year 4 had a 'royally' spectacular visit from His Majesty himself, King Henry VIII (aka Mike Farley from Essex), last week! They began the day listening intently to 'Henry' discuss all about the Tudor Dynasty, including the War of the Roses and the fate of each of Henry VIII's 6 wives. Throughout the day, the children were really engaged and asked some thought-provoking questions to 'Henry'. Some examples included:

"Why did Henry ban Catherine from seeing her own daughter?"

"Why was Henry VIII not allowed to divorce Catherine of Aragon at first?"

"Who was your favourite wife?"

It was a fantastic, fun day and the children learned an enormous amount about Henry VIII and what life was like in Tudor times!



## Microsoft showcase event

Please see the link below after a visit from the Turn IT On Team and other schools.

<https://sway.office.com/e0mAJEcdiiDiuS2?ref=Link>

## PSHE Pupil Voice for Term 1 and 2

Pupils were asked if they learned new PSHE in their current year from the previous year group and what was different about their learning. Weekly Learning Review files were looked at in each class for evidence of learning and enjoyment of PSHE.

"I learned how to take care of our school. I picked up the litter on our science walk"

"My favourite part of this week is that I like school and everyone and I am glad I have friends"

"In Year 1 we talked about Harold (the SCARF character) teaching about being kind. In Year 2 we help people and learn how to play with people."

"We do 2 PSHE lessons every week. We learn about how to keep ourselves safe.

"Your skin doesn't matter. You can be yourself".

"No matter what you look like, you're my friend".

"I'm learning about me and my relationships. It's about us and how we feel. PSHE makes me feel calm."

"Last year it was about how we were feeling and this year is how other people are feeling".

"We have improved by not hurting one another and not leaving people out."

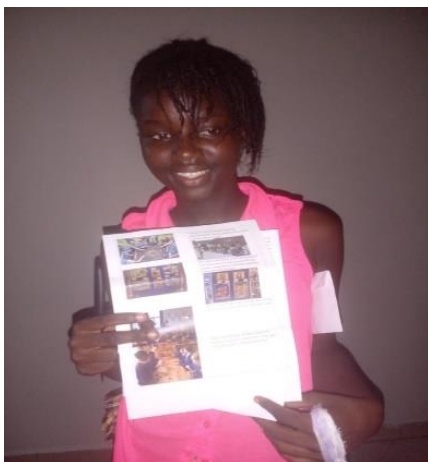
"My favourite part of the week was seeing my teachers and friends".

"Right now we are doing emotions. Last year we were doing hazards. It's a bit harder now because we're getting older. Now we find answers to problems."

"In Year 5 we learnt about puberty and about how to stay safe. Now we learn about bullying and what to do about it. Now, in Year 6, it is getting us ready for secondary school. It is a little bit more in depth. Teachers explain it a bit more. A good thing about being in Year 6 is you have more experiences to share."

## Global learning

Last year's MAD (Make a Difference) club were pleased to be able to support Rod Thorpe at the Christmas Fayre again this year. Rod is the Fairtrade contact for Chinnor Methodist Church, promoting and facilitating Fairtrade work on their behalf and kindly supports our Fairtrade in school. Sales at the Christmas Fayre were an impressive £180.10. This brings the total sales made by St. Andrew's children and parents/carers this year to an incredible £1,046.21! Rod donates his profits to Chinnor Christian Aid and thanks to your support, he has been able to donate over £120 this year. MAD club will be starting up for the current year 5s later in the spring term and we hope they are as enthusiastic as last year's group.



We recently received an update from Haddy, the girl in The Gambia whose education we sponsor. Haddy turned 17 in September and is now in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. We recently received a letter from her in which she told us about starting to study computing, a school trip which included bird spotting and a famous Gambian musician visiting their school. We have been able to support Haddy in other ways this year. Staff and governors collected items to send a box of useful items to her and her family. We wrote to her with a collection of photos from St. Andrew's throughout the year and received this photo of her with our letter.

**Florence Joanne Wade arrived at 3pm 30.10.22 weighing a teeny 6lb 1oz. All home and doing well. Congratulations to Mrs Wade and family.**



## Christmas Time at St Andrew's



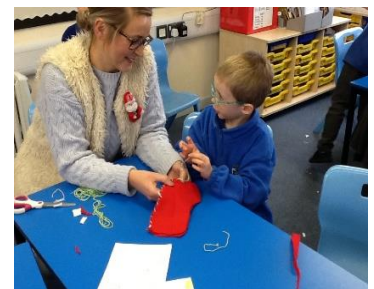
### Posada

"Scarlett really enjoyed having Posada at our home this evening. She spent some time over dinner explaining to us what Posada was about and that she

would like to put Mary and Joseph by the candles in our living room so they could feel welcome and comfortable. We sat together to talk about the nativity story. Scarlett was delighted to have had the chance to welcome Mary and Joseph into our home".

In history, we have been learning about the differences between a modern day and a Victorian Christmas celebration. The children made salt dough decorations, working as a team to measure, stir and knead the dough. They cannot wait to decorate them! *"They didn't have electricity in Victorian times so they didn't have lights on their tree and they might not get many presents. I feel lucky to have Christmas now!"* Eloise.

In D&T, the children showed resilience, determination and creativity when making their Christmas stockings – they did the most wonderful job.



### KS1 production



### Year 3 production



### EYFS

The EYFS staff would like to say a huge thank you to the EYFS children for their hard work and determination. We are incredibly proud of you and we know how much courage it took for you to stand on the stage and to *sparkle and shine*. You are amazing.



## KS1 Choir in church on Sunday



“Thank you to the children who sang in the choir, it was beautiful to hear them singing with such gusto and with all the actions. They were also so well behaved and a credit to the school”.  
Mrs Milligan



The Christingle service with Revd. Jacky and Margaret.

The nativity from KS2 Carol service.

## **A Song Was Heard at Christmas**

*By Timothy Dudley-Smith*

A song was heard at Christmas  
To wake the midnight sky,

A Saviour's birth, and peace on earth,  
And praise to God on high.

The angels sing at Christmas  
With all the hosts above,  
And still we sing the newborn King,  
His glory and His love.

**Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas!**  
**Thank you for all your support.**  
**The St Andrew's Team**

