



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

Monday 23rd January 2023

## 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*



In December we were lucky enough to have Señora Garrigós visit us to talk to **Year 3** and **Year 6** about how Christmas is celebrated in Spain. We learned all about the real-life nativities which take place in the villages in Spain, the types of food eaten during the festive period including seafood, turrón and polvorones. The children were shocked to hear that Father Christmas doesn't visit on the 24<sup>th</sup> December but that they wait until the arrival of Los Reyes Magos (the 3 kings) on the night of the 5<sup>th</sup> January. We also learned about the Spanish tradition of eating 12 grapes for good luck at New Year.

"I learned that Spanish people eat seafood at Christmas time!"

"There was a doughnut cake where you could get a lucky thing or an unlucky thing. If you got the unlucky thing, you had to make the cake next year."

"They eat snails!"

"It's very strange that they don't have Santa."

"I liked that every person in the village got to take part." (in the live nativity)

Oooh arrr me hearty's! **Year 1** started 2023 with an introduction to the oceans of the world and pirates. The children shared their knowledge on this topic and this was captured on posters for display in the classroom. The children really impressed us with what they knew already, some fantastic points such as:

"prawns live in the ocean"

"if there is a thunderstorm, that can make waves in the ocean"

"one ocean is called Pacific"

"one ocean is called Atlantic"

The children then had an emergency meeting with Mrs Mashru, who came to tell them she had to retrieve a message in a bottle from the swimming pool! The letter was from Captain Blackbeard asking the children to help him and build a ship. They got to work straight away, painting cardboard to turn into the ship and create waves. The ships will be a focal point in our classrooms and support the children's learning. A lot of fun was had.

Temperatures may have been low but the mood was high, when the cross country team (comprising of children from Years 3-6) visited Lord Williams's upper school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. The children performed exceptionally well in difficult conditions and came 3<sup>rd</sup> across the Thame partnership schools. Well done to all those children involved and many thanks to those parents who came to support the team.



Please could we ask parents to check children have healthy items in their lunch boxes. Some children are bringing squash and other snacks, which is upsetting children who are not allowed to bring them into school. Thank you.

### Dates for your Diary Term 3 and Term 4

Please remember we like to take opportunities as they arise for the children. An event may appear on the calendar without much notice because it is too good to miss.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Y5 REInspired

January 24<sup>th</sup> - Youlbury presentation to parents 3.30pm

January 25<sup>th</sup> - Kingswood presentation to parents 3.30pm

February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Parents come into see books prior to parents' eve 2.30pm

February 3<sup>rd</sup> - SASA Quiz and Y5 cake sale

February 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Parents' evenings

February 6<sup>th</sup> - Young Voices Performance - London

February 8<sup>th</sup> - Music Recital Y 3 Y4

February 9<sup>th</sup> - Music Recital Y5 Y6

February 10<sup>th</sup> - SASA Disco

February 10<sup>th</sup> - Mufti Day

### HALF TERM

February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Junior Citizen Y6 (Atlantic)

February 23<sup>rd</sup> - Dinosaur Day Y1

February 24<sup>th</sup> - Junior Citizen Y6 (Pacific)

February 24<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Cake Sale

March 2<sup>nd</sup> - World Book Day

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - World prayer day

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - March 6<sup>th</sup> Art exhibition Manser hall

March 13<sup>th</sup> - Hatching Eggs arrive!

March 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 SATs for parents

March 17<sup>th</sup> - Red Nose Mufti day and Y3 Cake Sale

March 21<sup>st</sup> - Year 4/5 Production 2pm

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Year 4/5 Production 2pm

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - World Maths Day

March 24<sup>th</sup> - Y2 to the Story Museum

March 31<sup>st</sup> - Term ends 1.30pm



April 17<sup>th</sup> Term 5 starts



Congratulations to Mrs Smale and her family. Oliver Thomas Smale was born on 20.12.22 weighing 8lbs 12oz.

*Oliver with his proud big sister.*