



st. Andrew's Primary School

Newsletter November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to those who could make our **Writing Open Morning** on Wednesday. We had another excellent turn out and I know many of you enjoyed writing around our 'Midsummer's Night Dream' theme. It was great to see such a mix of mums, dads, grandparents and other family members! The children all did a 'best version' of their writing to enter into our new 'Morey Gompertz Handwriting Competition' - the winners were announced yesterday and are opposite!

A reminder that a week Friday (16th November) is **Children In Need day** and children are invited to wear spotty clothes with donations going to CIN and Morey's charity—the St. Andrew's Church restoration fund.

Our **Christmas Fair** is a little earlier than normal—it's on the **24th November 12-2pm**. Our two reception classes will be singing songs to open the fair with our annual Christmas Choir joining them at some point too! There should be loads for the family to do, as well as an opportunity to buy some Christmas Presents! We hope to see you all there to support the school. All funds will be going to update our library.

As I'm sure many of you are aware, this Sunday marks the **100 year anniversary of the end of the 1st World War**. At school each class (Yr1-6) will be having a drama workshop about what life was like as a soldier in the trenches as well as doing other activities round the remembrance theme. We hope many of you will be able to make a Remembrance Sunday service near you.

Lastly, one of the things that the school is focusing on this year is to improve our **whole school community's mental health**. We got children to complete a mental health questionnaire about what makes them stressed at school as well as home! Please see the attached sheet for our results. Hopefully you will get a chance to discuss this with your child.

Ben Arnell (headteacher)



Well done to these children for winning our handwriting competition!



We now have bikes out at lunchtime in our playground!

UNITY is our value of the month. We've defined it as 'working together to achieve more.'

These are some of the ways children can show UNITY at home:

- Show **unity** by joining a club or team and make sure everyone feels included and works together
- Show **unity** by supporting and working hard with children in your class you don't usually work with
- Show **unity** by doing a charity sale with some friends to raise money for charity.
- Show **unity** by helping a family member with a job.

This month's values badge has been designed by **Roxana** in Winston Churchill class in Year 4. It's a picture of a people around the globe holding hands.

