



St. Andrew's Primary School

Newsletter December 2019

Dear Parents

A short newsletter as we approach the end of term.

Many thanks to all those parents who were able to support the school at last week's **Christmas Fair**. We raised over £800 which will go towards a new outdoor library in our playground. We hope you liked how we got the children involved in running their own stalls as well as getting more parents through the door by making it in school time. We are hoping to replicate something similar for the Summer Fair—so if you have any suggestions to improve it further then please e-mail the office or speak to a member of staff on duty in the morning. A big thank you to Mrs Lewell who coordinated the fair so well.

A few reminders about our end of term events:

Friday 13th: **Piano Assembly**—parents of those children who learn piano are welcome!

Tuesday 17th: **Christmas Lunch**—you will need to book this by 9am on Fri 13th if you would like your child to have one.

Tuesday 17th: '**Christmas Nativity Songs**' at St. Andrew's church. Reception children will be playing the parts and KS2 children will be readers with all children singing. Parents are very welcome! If you would like to take your child home straight after the performance we expect to finish around 2.45pm.

Wednesday 18th: **Year 1&2 Christmas Performance-Superstar!**
A letter went home yesterday with details of how to get tickets. There are two shows—one at 1.45pm and one at 6pm.

Friday 20th: **Attendance party**—children who have had one day off or less will be invited. Children who have good reasons to be off for more than one day will also be included.

Friday 20th: **Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm!**

Lastly, Christine Tasker is retiring after more than 25 years of working at St. Andrew's! If any parents have any memories / funny stories of her we would love to hear them! If any parents would like to contribute to her collection please go to the school office. Hope to see everyone at our up and coming Christmas events!

Ben Arnell (headteacher)

This month's Values badge was designed by Julia in Steve Redgrave class!



THANKFULNESS and HUMILITY are our values of the month.

Here are some of the ways we are suggesting to children that they can show **THANKFULNESS** and **HUMILITY** at home to write in their values passport:

- Show **thankfulness** by always saying 'thank you' and writing 'thank you notes' for your Christmas presents
- Show **thankfulness** by thanking the people who look after you, for taking you to the park, cooking dinner, helping with your homework..anything they do for you!
- Show **thankfulness** by doing something for someone else who has given you something.
- When you've done something really well show **humility** by not boasting about it (eg: *you scored a goal but not telling everyone about it!*)
- Show **humility** by praising others for something you've been part of (*praising your brother for a model you made together*)
- Show **humility** by letting a friend choose the game you play
- Show **humility** by letting someone go in front of you in a queue
- Show **humility** by letting your brother or sister have first choice in something—first choice on a game you play together