



st. Andrew's Primary School

Newsletter January 2020

Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! As usual some important dates for this term are on the back of this letter.

Thank you to those parents who could attend our **Writing Open Morning** on Friday. Hopefully parents of KS2 children you enjoyed comic writing and KS1 parents enjoyed their Quidditch writing!

This term, like last term, we are really hoping all parents can ensure your child is reading at home every night. **Reading is a big focus for the school**, with lots of research saying that it will benefit children hugely in later life when they're adults. We will be holding a weekly competition to see how many times each class read in a week with the 3 best classes having an extra playtime each week!

Aspiration is our new Value of the Month. Children have set themselves an 'aspiration challenge' at school to complete at home. You all did so well with supporting their resilience challenge in October we hope you can do the same with their aspiration challenge at home—please write in your child's value passport when they have completed it.

Hopefully you all managed to sign up your child up for a **club this term**—we do still have some spaces in a few of clubs if you haven't—please contact the school office to see which clubs have spaces. Clubs are so good for children in so many ways, so we hope all children can do at least one club this term.

As many of you have noticed we have updated our **school website!** It is still a work in progress but it's nearly there! One new feature will be St. Andrew's TV which will have some hopefully helpful short videos on how we teach maths and other subjects to help parents support their child at home.



The **FOSTA valentine's disco** is on the 7th of February. Please contact the school office if you can help at the disco.

Ben Arnell (headteacher)

NEW SCOOTER RACK

We would love children to bike or scooter to school! Please leave scooters in our new scooter rack in the main playground. .

ASPIRATION is our value of the month.

Children should have set themselves an **aspiration** challenge at school to complete at home. Here are some examples of what children could do:

- Read a certain amount of books in a month
- Learn a times table that you find tricky
- Join a club that you've never joined before
- Swim a length
- Ride a bike
- Play a musical instrument

The '**philosophical question**' we would like you to discuss at home this month is:

*'What would be a **BAD** aspiration?'*

Cerrie Burnell and Evelyn Glennie are our Values heroes for Aspiration and **Emilia and Bella** from those classes have designed our aspiration badges!

