



St. Andrew's C of E Primary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen our young leaders shine with the charitable and social, moral, spiritual and cultural activities they have led.

This week, our School Council and Ethos Group collected in and packaged up the fantastic number of items collected for the Samaritan's Purse shoebox appeal. Thank you so much to our school families who gave so generously so that children in other countries, without even basic items, can also feel the joy of Christmas through having a shoebox of gifts to open at Christmas. Our shoeboxes have been delivered to Kilmington church and will now start their journey overseas.

We are incredibly proud of the six Year 6 pupils who represented our school at the Remembrance Service at the Minster. The children showed great respect throughout the occasion, reading and singing beautifully as they helped us all reflect on the sacrifices made by so many. Our thanks also go to their families who joined us and supported the children in marking this important event.

On Thursday, we had a wonderful dance theme day with Hollie. She arranged dances based on the 1940s and to help us mark Remembrance Day and the children thoroughly enjoyed this step back in time. It was great to see our younger children 'Doing the Lambeth Walk'. The older children learnt many new dance moves which they used to create a final dance in a swing style. The children had a great time and seeing their engagement and level of concentration was fantastic.

Our Play Leaders and School Council and Ethos Group were instrumental in arranging Children in Need activities on Friday lunchtime. The Play Leaders arranged skipping, running, football and basketball challenges and School Council hid many 'spots and dots' around the school playground and the children had to collect as many as they could. The children all had the opportunity for a non-uniform/dressing up day and our wonderful Friends of School organised a cake sale at the end of the school day. Many thanks to everyone for making this such a fun and memorable day.

Finally, next week we are holding parents' evening sessions. Please make sure that you have used the Google form to sign up for an appointment. This is your main opportunity to find out how your child is getting on and to raise any questions you may have as we work in partnership to support your child's education.

Best wishes, Donna Butler (Head of School)

Dates for your diary -

Owls Cake Sale - Friday 28th Nov 3.30pm

St Andrew's Day Fayre - Saturday 29th Nov 10.30am-1pm (Village Hall)

Tractor Trundle - Sunday 7th Dec (See FoS poster for details) 3pm-6.30pm

Rec and KS1 Nativity - Tuesday 9th 2pm and Wednesday 10th Dec 5.30pm

Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 11th Dec

Christmas Praise - Friday 12th Dec 2pm (St Andrew's Church)

Tuesday 16th Dec - Whole School Pantomime Trip

Wednesday 17th Dec - Christmas Lunch (Please book online for KS2 children)

Our Core Value
this half term is:

**Making Good
Choices**

Autumn 2 Clubs -

Monday - Dodgeball Club
(Y3-6) Mr Troman

Monday - Film Club (Y3-6)
Mrs Davey

Tuesday - Mindfulness
and Yoga Club (Rec-Y2)
Mrs Gilfillan - FULL

Tuesday - Singing Club
(Y3-6) Mrs Butler

Thursday (lunchtime) Eco
Club (Y5-6) Mr and Mrs
Kear

Thursday - Girls Football
(Y3 - 6) Dean from Play
Sports

Thursday - Forest School
Club (All Years) Mrs
Gordon-Watson

After school childcare is
also available Monday -
Thursday 3.30-5.30pm

Thought for the Week:



Attendance - last week

Whole School - 94.1%



Classes:

Hedgehogs Class - R

Squirrels Class - Y1/2

Owls Class - Y3/4

Foxes Class - Y5/6