

**Andrews' Endowed
Church of England Primary School
Newsletter**

Autumn Term

[Weekly Timetable on P2] w/e 14th December 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Key Stage 1 Nativity

We enjoyed three wonderful performances of 'The Nativity' this week. The Y2 Narrators led us through the events of the Christmas story with great confidence and impressive stage presence. We were proud of our Acorns 'stars' for the part that they played, singing and signing so enthusiastically, and all the Y2 and Y1 actors and dancers played their parts sensitively and thoughtfully. We could hear every word of the songs and were impressed to see how well all the children in Key Stage 1 had learned not just the words but all the British Sign Language (BSL) signs as well. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children. We raised £218 from the retiring collection, which will be shared between the school and Homestart Weywater, a brilliant organisation providing friendship and support to families – thank you. Once again we had some lovely feedback from our Grandparent visitors after the Tea Party and Nativity on Monday. Well done to Y6 for being such welcoming hosts.

Founder's Day – Monday 17th December – approx. 9.10 am - *Don't Forget Your Flowers*

We will be heading up to church on Monday to give thanks for the life of Thomas Andrews, who set aside in his will the money to found our school, 299 years ago. As is our tradition, we would like every child to bring a small posy of flowers to school on that day, which will be placed on Thomas Andrews' tomb. We are always amazed by the flowers you manage to find for this event, despite it being the middle of winter - small posies from your own gardens are much appreciated, as are paper flowers, or a flower or two from the shops! We would be grateful for plenty of walkers to help see the children safely up to the church and back. Please be aware that this job is not suited to anyone with a buggy or a toddler, due to narrow paths and lack of pavements.

School Discos TONIGHT - KS1 6.00 – 7.00 pm KS2 7.15 – 8.15 pm £2.50 per child

Please remember that all children (including Y6) coming to the discos tonight must be delivered right inside the door and signed in by a responsible adult. Please bring your children down through the main playground, through the doors to the Y1/Acorns cloakroom and then into the hall corridor, where members of the PTFA will be ready to receive you. *Children need to bring their named water bottle with them.*

At the end, please return via the same route, and wait in the large area outside the hall (by the cloakroom bays) until the disco finishes and we are ready to start releasing the children to you. At the end of the event, parents will be asked to come and join us inside the hall. Each class will be sitting with an adult who will have the clipboard with the children's names on it. When we are ready, we will invite you to come and join your child's class, and we will then be able to release your child to you one by one, as we tick them off on our list. Please be patient with us during this process – it is important for our peace of mind that we know that each child has been collected safely. The route out of the disco once the children have been collected will be back through the hall and out onto the playground – please keep your children with you as they will not be allowed to leave without an adult. Finally, you may wish to bring a torch with you as, although we will have as many lights on as possible, the playground will probably be quite dark.

Carols Round the Tree

On the last day of term, **Friday 21st December**, the children in Key Stage 2 will be leading us in 'Carols Round the Tree' starting at 1.45pm. You are very welcome to join us in the hall for the service, and you may take your child/ren home after. Please be aware that this is normally a very popular event and we cannot guarantee that there will be a seat for everyone – we are often so full that we have a few people standing in the corridors but they are still a very welcome part of the celebrations. School will be open until 3.30 pm (normal pick-up time) for all families unable to join us.

Headteacher's Awards

| Class | | |
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| Year 1 | Percival G: For his fantastic contributions during English. | Sofia C: For explaining her reasoning clearly during Maths. |
| Year 2 | Maudie B: For being helpful in swapping her part in the Nativity. | Jessica B: For being a caring and helpful friend. |
| Year 3 | Bethany W: For working hard to spot patterns in Maths. | Phoebe P: For thoughtful contributions during RE. |
| Year 4 | Amber B: For concentration and resilience in Computing. | Lillie S: For enthusiasm and self-motivation with reading. |
| Year 5 | Lottie G: For a creative clay dragon. | Daisy S: For her great dragon description. |
| Year 6 | Scarlett W: For writing a powerful character description. | Poppy R: For her learning attitude in Maths. |

Activity Clubs

Please note that all school-led activity Clubs have finished apart from Drama Club which will run on **Thursday 20th December**, and all will restart in the 2nd week back. Pompey and CM Sports have also finished – Pompey restarts on **Thursday 17th January** and CM Sports on **Friday 11th January 2019**. Children in Acorns may join CM Sports after Christmas, as this club takes place inside the hall – please ask for a flier at the office if you are interested. Please note that Acorns may not join Pompey football club until the summer term, as this club takes place predominantly outside, and late afternoons in January and February are a bit cold and miserable for very small children!

Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs

Breakfast Club will be running as normal up to the end of term (**Friday 21st December**) and After School Club's last session for this term will be **Thursday 20th December**. Both clubs will restart on **Monday 7th January 2019**.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be on **Thursday 20th December** and the children are invited to bring a festive hat, antlers or other festive accessory to wear at Lunch on Thursday.



School Lunches/Breakfast and After School Club Payments

Please can you ensure that your child's accounts are fully paid up by **Wednesday 19th December** latest to cover all lunches and sessions at Breakfast and After School Club up to the last day of term. All school meals and sessions at Breakfast and After School Club are payable in advance or on the day that the meal or session is taken. The office doesn't issue regular statements as it is up to you to keep a check and make payments accordingly. However, if you require a statement to check please don't hesitate asking Mrs White in the office to run you one out.

On-line Payments for Trips

Please can you ensure that if you have indicated a trip will be paid via SCOPAY on line that they are fully paid by **Wednesday 19th December** – thank you.

Paying On-line with SCOPAY

If you would like to pay on-line but haven't yet given it a go please pop into the office and Mrs White can re-issue your child's pupil code. It is a great way to keep track of trips, music lessons, ASC/BC costs as well as dinners.

Spring Term 2019 School Lunches

The cost for school lunches for the first half of the Spring Term is £69 (30 lunches) or £11.50 per week. Although you can pay on a daily basis our preferred payment would be on **a weekly basis or paying a half term in advance**. This would cut down on daily cash handling in the office and ensure all dinner money is paid in advance of the meal being taken. If your child is ill, on a trip or decides they don't want a lunch the credit would be carried over to the following week. Please don't forget you can always use the online banking system which gives you the flexibility to pay by credit or debit card. Your child will still have the flexibility of opting to have a school dinner on a daily basis and any credit will roll over to the following week and you can keep a check of your child's account. If you are continuing to pay cash/cheque please can you ensure that all dinner money is put in a sealed envelope and clearly marked with your child's name and the amount enclosed and sent in via your child's class teacher and **is paid in advance of the meal being taken**.

Music Lessons

Lessons have now finished for this term and will restart week commencing **Monday 7th January 2019**. Just a reminder unless you have already paid in full, the final instalment for lessons is due at the start of the Spring Term – thank you.

Inhalers/medicines

Can we ask that ***all*** medicines brought into the school over the course of this term be collected by an adult by **Friday 21st December**. If the medication is required to be held in school you will need to complete a new form for the Spring Term. Also can we ask parents to collect inhalers at the end of the last day of term so they can be cleaned, expiry date checked and returned on the first day of the Spring Term – thank you.

Message from The Church of the Holy Rood

Just for clarification of the services to be held at The Church of the Holy Rood, Holybourne from this Sunday. There is no **9.30 am** service on **Sunday 16th December** but at **6.30pm** there will be **A Christmas Celebration of Carols and Readings** followed by mulled wine and refreshments. There will be no service there on **Sunday 23rd December**. On **Monday 24th December** at **4 pm** they will be holding the **Crib Service** – please bring along your family and Christmas guests. Children can come dressed as their favourite Nativity character! There will also be **Midnight Communion** at **11.30 pm**. **The Christmas Celebration Communion** will be held on **Tuesday 25th December** at **9.30am**. There will be no service there on **Sunday 30th December** but

at **10.00am** the Greater Alton Parish **Altogether Service** will be held at Alton Methodist Church. The Ministry Team and The Churchwardens would like to pass on their best wishes to you all for a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Alton Foodbank

Alton Foodbank would like to send a huge thank you for all the donations that have been made over the last few weeks. They are now fully stocked up for Christmas! However, if anyone would like to make a donation to go towards their running costs they would be extremely grateful. Don't forget that we are voucher holders for the Foodbank too, so if you are in need, or know someone who is, please speak confidentially to the school office or directly to Mrs Lloyd.

Message from Finding Homes for Hampshire Children

They are holding 'Adoption and Fostering Information Events in Hampshire in January and February. You can pop along at any time and talk to their friendly foster carers, adopters and the team. They will be at Swanick Glen House on 17th January 10 am to 12pm, Romsey Library on 24th January 5 pm to 8 pm, Winchester Discovery Centre on 2nd February 10 am to 2 pm and Basingstoke Discovery Centre on 21st February 5 pm to 8 pm. For more information call 0300 555 1384.

Mrs Maria Lloyd

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SCHOOL WEEKLY TIMETABLE

This Week's Collective Worship Theme: Advent – Lighting the third Candle

| | Monday 17th | Tuesday 18th | Wednesday 19th | Thursday 20th | Friday 21st |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| Morning 8.55 –12.00 | Founder's Day at Holybourne Church 9.30 am  | | | | Last Day of the Autumn Term |
| Collective Worship | Collective Worship 10.20 am | Celebration Worship 10.20 am | Whole School Collective Worship 9.05 am | 9.05 Collective Worship (Parish) | |
| Lunchtime 12.00– 1/1.15pm | | | | | |
| Afternoon 1 / 1.15 –3.30 | KS2 Christmas Party  | KS1 Christmas Party  Year 5 Open Classroom 'Seeing is Believing' Exhibition from 3.10 pm |  Acorns Christmas Activity Afternoon from 2.15 pm Year 6 Fashion Show 2.00 – 3 pm |  Christmas Lunch |  Carols Round the Tree 1.45 pm |
| After School Activities | | | | Drama Club Y3 – Y6 3.30 – 4.20 pm Year 6 - Alton Schools Dance Competition at Amery Hill 4.00 – 5.30 pm (event may finish early) | |
| Evening Activities | | | | | |

Autumn Term 2018

29th October – 21st December

Christmas Holiday: 24th December – 4th January 2019

Spring Term 2019

7th January – 15th February

Half Term – 18th February – 22nd February

26th February – 5th April

(NB: INSET DAY – 25th February)

Easter Holiday – 8th April – 22nd April

Summer Term 2019

23rd April – 24th May

Half Term – 27th May – 31st May

3rd June – 23rd July

(NB: INSET DAY – 3rd June)

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| December | |
|------------------------|--|
| Fri 14 th | PTFA Disco Night – KS1 6 pm – 7 pm and KS2 7.15 pm to 8.15 pm |
| Mon 17 th | Founder's Day at Holybourne Church - leave at 9.10 for a 9.30 am start |
| Mon 17 th | Alton Schools Trampolining at Eggar's 4.30 to 5.30 pm 3 of 3 |
| Mon 17 th | KS2 Christmas Class Parties |
| Tues 18 th | KS1 Christmas Class Parties |
| Wed 19 th | Acorns Christmas Activity Afternoon – parents welcome from 2.15 pm |
| Wed 19 th | Year 6 Fashion Show – 2 pm – 3.30 pm |
| Thurs 20 th | Christmas Lunch |
| Thurs 20 th | Year 6 Alton Schools Dance Competition at Amery Hill 4 – 5.30 pm |
| Fri 21 st | End of Term - Carols Round the Christmas Tree 1.45 pm |
| February | |
| Tues 12 th | Alton Primary Schools Cross Country – Amery Hill 4 – 5 pm 3 of 4 |
| April | |
| Tues 2 nd | Alton Primary Schools Cross Country – Amery Hill 4 – 5 pm 4 of 4 |