

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

Autumn Term [Weekly Timetable on P2] w/e 30th November 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

PTFA Christmas Fair – Saturday 1st December TOMORROW 11 am – 2 pm!

We need plenty of volunteers on the stalls on Saturday, even if you can only help for a short amount of time, and we need plenty of help to set up from 9.00 am onwards, and to help clear away afterwards. We want to make this a really good event, so that we can provide even more experiences and equipment for all our children. Please do everything you can to support the school and the PTFA on Saturday.



We could do with as many parents as possible from Year 1 & 5 to help in the Christmas Shop. This is such a popular room and to ensure we satisfy all our eager customers we will need plenty of “wrappers”.

The children in KS1 will be singing songs from their Nativity in the Hall at 12.00.

Please leave your cars at home if at all possible, and if not, please park with care and consideration towards local residents, keeping junctions and residential exits free and not parking on grass by people's properties.

Staffing Changes after Christmas

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Jane Fitzgibbon (Y3 Teacher) at Christmas, as she has made the difficult decision to take a break from teaching to focus on her family. Jane has been a much valued member of our staff team for many years, starting out as a Learning Support Assistant, before going off to train as a teacher and then returning to teach with us for the past six years, and we will miss her greatly.

Mrs Sarah Pooley (who currently teaches two days a week in Year 5) is moving to Year 3 after Christmas, teaching from Monday to Thursday, with Mrs Alison Vaughan teaching Year 3 on Fridays.

Mrs Annie Vincent will be teaching in Y2 on Monday and Tuesdays once Mrs Jenny Hudd goes on Maternity Leave, with Mrs Michelle Reid continuing to teach Y2 from Wednesday to Friday.

Mrs Sarah Poulton will continue to teach Y5 from Monday to Wednesday, with Mrs Annie Vincent teaching in Y5 on Thursdays and Fridays.

Children in Year 3 have already been introducing themselves to Mrs Pooley, and she will be available to meet with parents informally at pick-up after school on the first few days back in January, or you could pop and introduce yourself to her on the playground on Thursdays and Fridays this term, when she is seeing Year 5 out at the end of the day.

Reverse Advent Calendar

A letter was sent out on Thursday from the PTFA with details of their popular Reverse Advent Calendar again. This year we will be collecting items for our partner school, Kitehge Primary School in rural Kenya. Dr Suzanne Payne, who is well known to most of our community as she taught here until half term, has been working to support the children at the school since 2013 through the charity African Promise <http://www.africanpromise.org>. Suzanne is going back to Kenya in the New Year, and will be able to take the things we collect with her. The letter will tell you much more about the things she needs and how to take part.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

We still have a few spaces left for the PTFA wreath making workshop on **Wednesday 5th December** - 7pm for 7.30pm start. Cost is £30 per person - includes all materials, mulled wine/soft drinks and mince pies. Tickets must be bought in advance from the school office by **Monday 3rd December**.

Headteacher's Awards

Class		
Year 1	Mia McQ: For a fantastic Great Fire of London diary entry.	Joey H: For a fantastic Great Fire of London diary entry.
Year 2	Jessie G: For showing a lot of courage by carrying on her learning with a painful arm.	Seb B: For excellent descriptive phrases – very imaginative.
Year 3	Oliver L: For being kind to others.	Michelle Q: For working hard to improve her football skills.
Year 4	Billy B: For striving for excellence in lessons.	Maison R: For perseverance in his learning.
Year 5	Nicholas F: For fantastic contributions in class discussions.	Liberty C: For detailed rivers topic work in geography.
Year 6	Jack V: For his valuable contributions in class.	Lucy W: For a high standard of presentation in all her work.

KS1 Nativity and a special performance for Grandparents

All the Grandparent and additional tickets were sent out on Thursday. Unfortunately all the Grandparent tickets have now gone, as well as those for the Wednesday evening performance. However, we do have a few spare for the Tuesday performance – please pop into the school office, pop a note in with your child's book bag or call after 10 am on Monday – first come, first served. If you have any unwanted tickets please pop them back into the office so we can pass these on to families who would like them. Performances are on **Monday 10th** Dress rehearsal for whole school and Grandparents, **Tuesday 11th December** at 2.00 pm and on **Wednesday 12th December** at 6.00 pm. Grandparent ticket holders are invited to arrive from 1.30 pm onwards, to enjoy refreshments served by the Year 6 children in their classroom, before coming to the hall for a musical interlude, again organised by Year 6. This will be followed by The Nativity, starting at 2.15 pm.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be on **Thursday 20th December**. A note has been sent out today in your child's book bag asking for your child's choice of lunch on this day. We would be grateful if you could return via the class teacher by **Tuesday 11th December**. *Please complete even if your child is having a packed lunch on that day.*

'Anxiety in Children' Workshop for Parents

Victoria Wakeford (Play Therapist Primary Behaviour Service) and Sarah Allan (Family Support Worker) are running a series of workshops over the next few weeks in local schools for parents who have queries about anxiety in their children. They are offering a session here at Andrews' Endowed on **Wednesday 12th December**, from 1 – 3pm. The workshop can be organised as a 2 hr group session, or as drop-ins for individuals, whichever suits. If you would be interested in attending, please sign up in the office, or ask Mrs Lloyd for more information.

Advance Notice - Founder's Day – Monday 17th December

We will be heading up to church on the last Monday of term to give thanks for the life of Thomas Andrews, who set aside in his will the money to found our school, nearly 300 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 if you can manage it.

Guitar Lessons

There is still an opportunity for 1 or 2 pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 to start learning to play the guitar starting in the Spring Term. If your child would be interested please let Mrs White know and she can arrange a taster session for them and talk to you about fees – thank you.

School Lunches/Breakfast and After School Club Payments

Please can you ensure that your child's accounts are always up-to-date. All lunches, Breakfast or After School Club *must* be paid in advance or on the day that the lunch or session is taken – thank you.

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 up-to-date – 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.

Alton Foodbank

Thanks to all the local schools' Harvest donations the Food Bank is quite well stocked at the moment, but if you would like to support them in the run up to Christmas, they are currently in need of fruit juice, small jars of coffee, and instant mashed potato. If you want to drop anything into the school office, we will make sure it gets delivered. 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.

Carers in Scouting

Please see the attached flyer from "Hampshire Scout Carers". They are looking for Carers who will support young people to participate in the full range of weekly Scouting activities. Caring experience is not essential but a caring personality and a willingness to work with parents/guardians and Scout Leaders is essential. Applicants must be over 18. For more information please contact Lynn at carers.administrator@hampshirescouts.org.uk or call on 07825 876685.

Mrs Maria Lloyd

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SCHOOL WEEKLY TIMETABLE

This Week's Collective Worship Theme: Advent – What Are We Waiting For?

	Monday 3 rd	Tuesday 4 th	Wednesday 5 th	Thursday 6 th	Friday 7 th
Morning 8.55 –12.00		Year 4 – Forest School Programme	Year 4 & 5 to Eggar's for Yuletide Festival		
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	Lego Construction Year 1 KS2 Reporters Club Y3-Y6	<i>No more Gardening Club Until Spring Term</i> Card Making Club Y1 & Y2	Chess Club Y3-Y6 Board Games Y2	“Make a Difference” Y1 – Y6 Logic Puzzles Y3-Y6 Handbells Y3/Y4	School Council 12.45 – 1.30 pm
Afternoon 1 / 1.15 –3.30					
After School Activities				Pompey Football Year 1-6 6 of 7 3.30–4.30pm Drama Club Y3-Y6 3.30 – 4.20 pm	CM Sports Year 1-6 6 of 7 3.30 – 4.30 pm
Evening Activities		<i>FGB Meeting 6.30 pm</i>	 <i>PTFA Wreath Making 7.00 pm</i>		

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)

Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School - Autumn Term 2018 Dates

November	
Fri 30 th	CM Sports Tournament Y3 &4 Hockey – Amery Hill 5 – 6 pm 4 of 4
December	
Sat 1 st	Christmas Fair – 11 am – 2 pm
Mon 3 rd	Alton Schools Trampolining at Eggar's 4.30 to 5.30 pm 1 of 3
Wed 5 th	PTFA Wreath Making – 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start
Wed 5 th	Alton Schools Badminton Competition Year 5 & 6 – Eggar's 4 – 5.30 pm
Mon 10 th	Grandparents Afternoon Tea followed by KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Mon 10 th	Alton Schools Trampolining at Eggar's 4.30 to 5.30 pm 2 of 3
Tues 11 th	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Weds 12 th	'Anxiety in Children' Workshop for Parents 1 – 3 pm
Wed 12 th	KS1 Nativity 6pm
Fri 14 th	Disco Night – KS1 6 pm – 7 pm and KS2 7.15 pm to 8.15 pm
Mon 17 th	Alton Schools Trampolining at Eggar's 4.30 to 5.30 pm 3 of 3
Thurs 20 th	Christmas Lunch
Fri 21 st	End of Term - Carols Round the Christmas Tree
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