

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

Autumn Term

[Weekly Timetable on P2] w/e 7th December 2018

**Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,
PTFA Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Fair on Saturday. In all, a total of just over £1300 profit was raised – a fantastic result. I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA, and to all the volunteers who joined us before and after the Fair to help with setting up and clearing up. Special thanks to our Joint Chairs, Sarah Webster and Debbie Uys, our Treasurer, Melissa Bird and to all those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes in the run up to the event. We are very grateful to them for all their hard work!

Advent Yarnbombing by the Holybourne Elves! (see next page)

Key Stage 1 Nativity

We are looking forward to the Nativity performances on Tuesday at 2.00 pm and Wednesday at 6.00 pm next week and to our special “Dress Rehearsal” performance for Grandparents on Monday. Please remember to bring your tickets with you to all performances. We will be taking donations at all three performances which will be shared between the school and Homestart Weywater, a brilliant local organisation providing friendship and support to families.

Please can we ask you to remind Grandparents that the gates will not open until 1.30pm (2 pm just for the performance) on Monday for refreshments in Year 6 – we don't advise them to arrive any earlier as we don't want them to end up waiting outside in the cold or rain! Grandparents may arrive for their refreshments at any time between 1.30 and 2.00. The Dress Rehearsal performance will commence at around 2.15pm. For any Grandparents arriving just for the performance please can they come to the school office and the “black gate” by the office will open at 2 pm.

Please note that children *may not* go home early with Grandparents after the Dress Rehearsal, but will return to their classrooms until the end of the day. **Children *may* go home straight after the Nativity performance on Tuesday.** Parents can collect from class, ensuring that the teacher has been informed so that the children can be ticked off on our register lists. You may collect from KS2 too, following the same arrangements.

PTFA Wreath Making Event

Many thanks to Charlotte Wolfe and the team for organising another successful fundraising event on Wednesday. Thanks to Charlotte's expert teaching and help from volunteers, more than 25 people were able to create beautiful Christmas Wreaths to decorate their front doors. With mulled wine, mince pies and festive music to help the creative juices flow, the evening was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped at the event, and to Charlotte for sharing her expertise so generously.

CM Sports Hockey Coaching and Tournament

Congratulations to Matthew, Vera, and Ben (Y3), Cameron, Logan, De Villiers, Fin, Julia, Willow, Sam, Joel and Nathan (Y4) for finishing as runners up in the Hockey Tournament last Friday. The tournament followed three weeks of training at Amery Hill with other Alton Schools. Joe Hunt from CM Sports said “your school was absolutely fantastic over the 3 weeks and everyone tried their best. Behaviour was amazing throughout and all the children should be really proud of themselves. Our Best Player Award went to Sam in Y4 who was amazing!”

Alton Schools Badminton Tournament

Congratulations to Joseph and Millie (Y5) and Grace and Scarlett (Y6) who attended the Alton Schools Badminton Tournament at Eggar's School on Wednesday. Thank you to Mr Pither for escorting the children to the event. Mr Pither said that they all had fun and tried really hard and came 5th out of the 7 schools taking part!

Headteacher's Awards

Class		
Year 1	Isla S: For showing perseverance and resilience in her learning.	Melissa Q: For trying her best in all areas of her learning.
Year 2	Isabelle L: For excellent signing and singing for the Nativity songs.	Hugo P: For learning his lines so well and saying them so confidently.
Year 3	Millie B: For good team work during PE.	Lottie M: For using the success criteria to help improve her writing.
Year 4	Iona A: For great participation in small group learning.	Samy W: For improving strategic awareness.
Year 5	Kiki L: For her fantastic creativity.	Isabella C: For responding well to feedback.
Year 6	Katie C: For her increased positive attitude towards her maths learning.	Jack V: For using strategic awareness.

Advent Yarnbombing by the Holybourne Elves!

We are so grateful to the small group of Holybourne lady knitters who 'yarnbombed' the school again at the weekend. The full sized Christmas Tree is a work of art in itself, and the fairy lights, bunting and decorations all around the grounds have created another magical scene for us. Any of you who are knitters or crocheters will appreciate just how long it takes to create one item – let alone the volume of woollen wonder we have on display. We are so grateful to this generous group, who have been preparing the decorations for many months, and who carry out the decorating, Knitting-Ninja style, in the dead of night – all to make the children (and staff and parents) happy.

School Disco

The PTFA annual Christmas Discos for KS1 and KS2 are on **Friday 14th December**. The disco for KS1 and Acorns will run from 6 – 7 pm, followed by the KS2 disco from 7.15 – 8.15 pm. Please check your child's book bag as a note was sent out today. We would welcome some extra parent volunteers to help at each disco, so please do come into the office and sign up. Entrance is £2.50 per child.

Please note that because we are trying to cut down on our use of disposable cups, the children are invited to bring their water bottles to the Discos this year (containing water only, please).

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you for all the gifts that we have received so far in the class rooms for the Reverse Advent Calendar. This year we are 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.

'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.

Activity Clubs

Please note that all school-led activity Clubs will finish next week (apart from Drama Club which will run on **Thursday 20th December**) and will restart in the 2nd week back. Pompey and CM Sports will also finish next week – 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!

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 welcome to join us in the hall and you may take your child/ren home after. School will be open until 3.30 pm (normal pick-up time) for all families unable to join us.

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** and both will restart on **Monday 7th January 2019**.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be on **Thursday 20th December**. If you haven't yet returned the slip sent out last week asking for your child's choice of lunch on this day, please ensure it is returned via the class teacher by **Tuesday 11th December**. *Please complete even if your child is having a packed lunch on that day.*

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.

School Lunches/Breakfast and After School Club Payments

As we are nearing the end of the Autumn Term please can you ensure that your child's accounts are fully paid up by **Wednesday 19th December** to cover all lunches and sessions at Breakfast and After School Club up to the last day of term.

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.

Messages from The Church of the Holy Rood and St Lawrence Church, Alton

St Lawrence will be holding the wonderful Christmas Tree Festival on **Saturday 8th December – 10 am to 4 pm** and **Sunday 9th December 12 pm to 4 pm**. Admission is free and there will be tea, coffee and mince pies available. The Church of the Holy Rood, Holybourne is holding a Crib Service on **Monday 24th December at 4 pm**. Bring along your family and Christmas guests. Children can come dressed as their favourite Nativity character!

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.

Mrs Maria Lloyd

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SCHOOL WEEKLY TIMETABLE

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

	Monday 10 th	Tuesday 11 th	Wednesday 12 th	Thursday 13 th	Friday 14 th
Morning 8.55 –12.00		Year 4 – Forest School Programme – final session			
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	Card Making Club Y1 & Y2	Chess Club Y3-Y6 Board Games Y2	“Make a Difference” Y1 – Y6 Logic Puzzles Y3-Y6 Handbells Y3/Y4	
Afternoon 1 / 1.15 –3.30	Grandparents Tea (1.30 pm) followed by Acorns & KS1 Nativity (Dress Rehearsal) at 2.15 pm	Acorns & KS1 Nativity 2pm 	Year 6 to The Lawn “Anxiety in Children” Workshop 1 – 3 pm		
After School Activities				Pompey Football Year 1-6 7 of 7 3.30–4.30pm No Drama Club	CM Sports Year 1-6 7 of 7 3.30 – 4.30 pm
Evening Activities			Acorns/KS1 Nativity 6pm 		School Disco  Acorns/KS1 6 – 7 KS2 7.15 – 8.15

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

December	
Mon 10 th	Grandparents Afternoon Tea 1.30 pm 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	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
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