



Ardeley St Lawrence C of E Primary School

# Newsletter

24th November 2017

Dear Parents

Children in Need day, last Friday, raised over £75! Just £50 provides counselling for children who have lost a parent so we have made a real difference to someone's life. Well done to everyone involved.

On the same day we had our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist schools) visit. The inspector very much enjoyed her day with us. The children were a credit to the school. Thank you to all the parents who spoke with the inspectors and took time to fill in the questionnaire. My thanks also to the staff and governors for their hard work and support. We will receive the official report within a couple of weeks and will let you know the outcome as soon as it arrives.

As it was the Craft Fair today we were unable to gather the entire school together for collective worship. Merit Certificates will therefore be presented next week.

The Craft Fair has been absolutely fantastic. Thank you for coming to support us and purchasing your child's crafts. There were some great bargains on sale, delicious cakes, sweets and the raffle too. This event always raises lots of money for the school and it really wouldn't happen without the hard work of Mrs Jones. I'm told she starts preparing for the Christmas crafts the children make in January each year! I will update you on the total raised next week and I hope Mrs Jones rests for at least a few weeks.

The school council have decided to sponsor a child from Uganda, through the Christian charity Compassion. They chose a girl called Sarah who is X years old. She had been waiting for a sponsor for over 6 months. Our sponsorship means that Sarah can now attend school and will receive health care and meals through her school. She will write us letters and we can write to her. The sponsorship costs £25 a month and the school council understand that this is a long term commitment. They have already started fundraising with their stall at the Craft Fair and will be planning other fundraising activities soon.

I have met many of you on the gate in the morning and at various events during the Autumn term. However I am mindful that, particularly for parents using the drop off system, it can be difficult to meet me. If I have not yet met you, please do come and introduce yourself at the Nativity, it would be lovely to see you. Alternatively feel free to contact the office and make an appointment to come and meet me.

With kind regards,  
Karen Connolly



### Autumn Diary Dates



Tuesday 28 November	Y1-4 Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 5 December 2.00pm	Nativity Matinee
Wednesday 6 December 1.30pm 6.30pm	Children collected early Nativity Evening Performance
*After school club will not run this evening*	
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas Dinner
Monday 18 December	Christmas Parties
Tuesday 19 December 2.30pm	End of Term



### Spring Diary Dates



Wednesday 3 January (This is a change of date and will replace the INSET day planned for 4 June 2018)	INSET DAY
Thursday 4 January pm	Pantomime visit - Reception to Y6
Wednesday 17 January	Safeguarding training for all staff after school *After school club will not run this evening*