



St. Andrew's News

November 2021

Excellence
Nurture
Respect
Integrity
Community
Hope

Diary Dates

15th-19th November: anti-bullying week
17th November: flu vaccination for pupils in Reception to Year 6
25th November: Elfridges PTA event
3rd December: Rudolph Run in support of Arthur Rank Hospice
8th December: school Christmas dinner

Hello!

The children certainly hit the ground running this half-term and already they've been swimming, singing, creating artwork, writing, investigating, focusing on different world religions and learning about the Romans amongst many, many other things.

It is the season of remembering and the children were the embodiment of our school value of respect at our Remembrance Day ceremony on 11th November. We are very grateful to Frank Taylor, who played The Last Post, after which everyone observed two minutes silence. St. Andrew's children made us proud yet again on Sunday, 14th November, by representing our school and many other groups and clubs, at the Remembrance Day Service in Soham. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them on shouldering the responsibility with respect and maturity.



COVID-19 Update

Today (16th November) we have 13 pupils off with COVID-19 and two teachers, with another 6 pupils awaiting test results. We are grateful to those parents who arranged PCR tests for their children in light of the outbreak in Year 2. Two families have notified us that, whilst their children were completely asymptomatic, they subsequently tested positive on a PCR test, which makes it all the more important that, if your child has been in close contact with another who has tested positive, you do not rely on an LFD test, but arrange for a PCR test. Thank you for helping to keep the school safe.

Our School Values

This term we are focusing on the value of nurture. We have spoken about caring for our planet whilst thinking about COP26 and now we are considering how One Kind Word, the theme of this year's anti-bullying week, can brighten our lives and those of the people around us. Further information can be found here: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>



Shoebbox Appeal



We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who very generously donated so many wonderful items for this year's shoebox appeal. Can you believe we were able to fill a record 50 shoe boxes? These will make such a difference to so many people at this time of year and we are very grateful for all of your donations. We would also like to say thank you so much to the team of elves who gave up their time and packed, wrapped and delivered the gift boxes to Link to Hope for distribution.

Rudolph Run – Friday 3rd December

By now, you will have received a letter inviting your child, or children, to take part in the Rudolph Run we are holding in support of Arthur Rank Hospice. There is also a sponsorship form with the letter, and we would love it if you were able to help your child, or children, collect sponsors for the big day. Don't forget, you can also make a donation via the event's Just Giving page here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-andrews20>

All runners will be given a free pair of antlers and they are also invited to wear a Christmas jumper, or accessory, for the occasion.

We are all looking forward to what we hope will be a spot of jolly, festive fun for a great cause!

Year Group Christmas Celebrations

We are sorry to say that, given the current increase in cases of COVID-19, we have decided not to invite parents and friends to take part in the year groups' formal Christmas celebrations this year. We will, however, do our very best to bring the celebrations to you, posting photographs and video clips on ClassDojo, Facebook or Tapestry where possible. We hope you understand.

PTA Raffle

Yet again, our fabulous PTA team have outdone themselves, putting together all your generous donations to make some lush hampers, choc full of goodies! If you would like to be in with a chance to win one of these wonderful prizes, raffle tickets have gone home with the children, or you can pick some more up from the front office. Good luck!

