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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lights, Camel, Action! performed by our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils. What a performance it was. Our pupils did SO well, learning lots of lines and dance routines all in costume. It's daunting performing on a stage but our pupils embraced the challenge and every single one of them shone. Well done!

We hope many of you can join us next week at our Carols by Candlelight at St Andrew's Church. We are delighted to be able to welcome you back this year after a two-year absence due to COVID.

We are aware that families are very concerned about the invasive Group A Strep virus. As a school we have not had any cases of invasive Strep A. We have had a number of cases of non-invasive Group A Strep, which is a common bacteria and it doesn't always result in illness but it can cause a number of infections, some mild and some more serious, such as strep throat, impetigo and scarlet fever. These can be treated with antibiotics and pupils are able to come to school 24 to 48 hours after taking their medicine, if they are well enough. This link provides a useful overview on how long to keep children off school [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/a-z/my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

We can administer antibiotics in school. You will need to visit the school office where we will store the medicine.

As a school we are following the guidelines issued to us by the NHS and UK Health Security Agency. They have issued advice to parents which has been shared, but in brief if you have any concerns about your child's health do take them to the doctor. Please contact us if you have any further concerns.

Have a lovely weekend.

Bethan Willetts



Lights, Camel, Action

"Make some noise and raise for the roof for the stars of Lights, Camel, Action" Well that is certainly what Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 did this week as they performed their Christmas nativity play for the rest of the school and the parents. We had Morris dancing shepherds, tango-ing innkeepers, a disco star, line dancing Nazareth folk, a corps-de-ballet of angels as well as some very funky camels. The children all worked so hard over the past few weeks to learn songs and dances, some might even say the judges undermarked them a little! A special well done to all the Year 2s for playing their parts so brilliantly. If you were able to come along, we hope you enjoyed the show. The staff will certainly be singing the songs in their heads for a few more weeks. (Miss Joyce)



Horniman Museum

Simmons and Thunberg class had a great day exploring the Horniman Museum on Monday. Both classes took part in a habitat workshop where they had to investigate what animals lived in arctic, woodland and ocean habitats. They also discussed how these habitats are being affected by global warming and pollution and what we can do to protect them for the future. In the afternoon the children enjoyed going on a scavenger hunt and meeting the alpacas, rabbits and sheep in the animal walk. Thank you once again to all the parents who came with us on the trip, it was a wonderful day. (Miss Joyce)



Rugby

On Monday, a team of nine children took part in a friendly tag-rugby match against Claygate Primary School. Mrs Alexander, who has been delivering tag rugby across the school, refereed the well fought match. The children demonstrated the skills that they have learnt over the half term (attacking, defending, on and offsides and dodging). Throughout the game, the children fought hard against Claygate with the score 4-3 to Claygate at half time. In the second half, we fought back hard with several tries, however, the final score was a 9-7 loss. We are looking forward to developing the team further ready for tournaments later in the year. (Miss Mercey)

Rackets Cubed

Twenty children from Year 6 have just completed a 9-week Rackets Cubed course at Reed's School. A professional coach taught them how to play squash and they participated in exciting and challenging maths lessons. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The last week they took part in a squash tournament where they played brilliantly using the skills they had learned. At the end, Mia was the winner and was presented with a gold medal and Bethany the silver medal. All the children received certificates. Well done to all those who took part. We would like to thank Reed's School for affording the children this great experience and Mrs Willis for accompanying the children each week.



Everyone is welcome to attend the Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 18 December and the Christmas Party in Hamilton Ave playground on Saturday 17 December. See attached flyers for details.

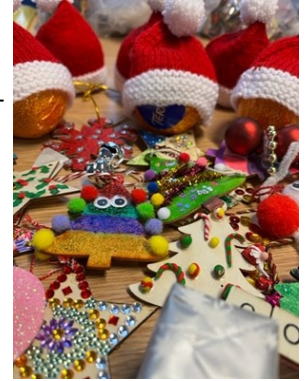
Tiltwood

On Tuesday choir walked down to Tiltwood Care Home in Cobham to spread some Christmas cheer. The children sang a variety of traditional carols and upbeat Christmas songs for all the residents and staff to enjoy. There was dancing and fun had by all, it was a lovely afternoon.

(Miss Joyce)

Christmas Decorations

There was an amazing and imaginative array of colourful and sparkly Christmas tree decorations made by the children. It was hard for Mrs Willetts to choose a winner from each class. Well done to Sham (Attenborough), Daisy (Simmonds), Auden (Thunderg), Cooper (Rashford), George (Mendes), Aiden (Gorman), Adrienne (Shiva) and Kade (Malala) who received a prize in assembly on Monday. Mrs Willetts also commended Maiya, Mollie H, Scarlett L, Ciara, Freddie, Sofia, Scarlett F, and Liyla F on their decorations. The decorations are hanging on the Christmas tree in the dining hall for everyone to enjoy.



We know that Christmas can be a challenging time of year particularly with the current energy crisis. Oasis are a charity based in Cobham who can support our families. They can offer food, clothing and support with energy bills if you are in arrears.

Please either drop in, call or email them for more information. info@oasischildcare.co.uk

Impact Club

Impact Club still have some items left from their sale if you would like to purchase environmentally friendly seed-baubles, pens, notepads or pencils. See attached prices. These are available on Scopay or in school early next week if the children would like to bring in any small change.

Best Class Attendance
Malala

House Points
Brooklands

Next week's value
Christmas

Celebration Certificates

Value –Respect

Attenborough: Arthur
Simmonds: David **Thunberg:** Lilly
Rashford: Poppy
Mendes: Maddie **Gorman:** Roarke
Shiva: Izzy **Malala:** Refentse

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

Attenborough: Lilia
Simmonds: Millie **Thunberg:** Anna
Rashford: Lilly
Mendes: Aron **Gorman:** Maiya
Shiva: Isaac **Malala:** Jasmine