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# St Andrew's News



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We held our parents' evenings this week and I hope you found them useful. Staff were eager to share with you all the wonderful progress the children are making and to offer some top tips about how you could help at home. If you were unable to attend, then please do contact your child's class teacher. We are happy to meet after school on a different date.

I was able to bring everyone into the hall earlier in the week and judge some winners for the lantern parade. Each class stood up (twice) and held their lanterns in the air for everyone to see. I had to go and double check all the entries as it was really tough just to choose one winner from each class! Congratulations to the winning designs.

Lastly, I wanted to share with you all how wonderful our Christmas Fair was last weekend. Our choir sang beautifully after being introduced by the Mayor and Mayoress. The stalls were packed full of lots of delights and fun games. It was just fantastic to see the community come together and kick off the festive season in style!

None of this could have happened though without our incredibly team at FoSA - thank you for all your hard work and dedication. And thank you to every parent, pupil and staff member who volunteered to help as well. Our children at St Andrew's are all very lucky to have you all - 'it takes a village' as they say.

Have a lovely weekend with friends and family.  
Stina Wikowski



**THANK YOU** to all who participated in our Christmas Fair this year! We hope all who came had a great time! We were delighted to have the Mayor and Mayoress of Elmbridge open our fair with our wonderful choir singing us all the festive songs.

Hope you all got a chance to play games and win prizes. We'd like to thank all our stallholders who helped make our Christmas Market magical. And to Susan Roberts who always joins us at our big events!

A special thank you to our Elves who ran a beautiful Elfridge's Workshop - a shopping experience just for the children.

Our wonderful community made sure we had enough volunteers: parents, teachers, grandparents, pupils and friends to make this event possible! We could not have done it without you. It looks like **we raised £3,170 for our school**. Considering that we are a relatively small school this was incredible!



**Christmas cards and stationery:** our delivery from Cauliflower Cards came this week. If you were expecting an order, please check bags/book bags to make sure they have arrived. If anyone has any questions, please let your Class Rep know or message me on WhatsApp. 07952978088. ( Yvonne Bond)

### Lanterns

Although we were sad that the lantern parade could not go ahead, Mrs Witkowski really enjoyed looking at the entries to the competition. It was tough but the winners of the book tokens, donated by the Cobham Chamber of Commerce, were Winstanley – Nyla, Bingham – Riley ,Erikson – Georgie , Cousteau - Dillon-James, Mallory - Xander and Fiennes—Faith



Cousteau

On Tuesday, Cousteau class had a wonderful visit to Parkside School for an author visit. Parkside extended an invitation to us to join them while Jack Meggitt-Phillips entertained us all with a writing workshop and reading of an extract from his brilliantly funny *The Beast* and *The Bethany* series. Jack had lots of great tips to transfer into our writing and really amused us all with his antics! At the end, we were able to get copies of his book signed which was very exciting! If you've not come across them before then do look him up. We had such a super morning! Mrs Mackie-Gandy



Micro:bit

On Wednesday, Year 6 had the opportunity to work with Micro:bits. "We used code to get a Micro:bit to do what we wanted it to, including: playing music, showing an image or animation. We had to be specific with the instructions we gave it for it to achieve its goal. We used our imagination and what we were taught to write the correct code. It was really fun because we could design what we wanted and used teamwork! It was a good learning experience." Thank you to Atkins Realis and Mrs Bayat for organising this event. (Mrs Ellard, Carly-Jane, Aiden, Mariella & Carter)



Christmas Post Box

The School Christmas Post Box is now in the reception area. Children may post Christmas cards to their friends and teachers if they wish. Our trusty Year 6 Postal Service will be making regular deliveries to the classes up to the end of term. Please write the recipient's full name and class on the envelope to ensure these season's greetings are received. To make sorting easier please can the cards for a class be tied together rather than posted individually.

The school has been given packs of Christmas cards and thank you notes. If any children would like some to send to their friends and family please collect these from the office.



St Andrew's Church has a **Christmas Trail** with eight stations in the some of the shop windows on the High Street and Church Street to be found. The 9th and final one, with the prize, is at the Church

You are all welcome at the **Advent Family Service** this Sunday 1st December at 10.00am. The school's Faith Ambassadors will be reading some poems about stars during the service.

Ultimate Coaching

Ultimate coaching, who run our dodgeball and football after school clubs, are running a 1 day Sports Extravaganza at school on Monday 23 December. Please see attached flyer for details on how to book.



**Best Class Attendance**  
Cousteau

**House Points**  
Polesden Lacey

**Next Week's Value**  
Gratitude

Celebration Certificates

Value– Perseverance

- Winstanley:** Joude
- Bingham:** Sophia
- Erikson:** Lizzie
- Cousteau:** Wrenne
- Fiennes:** Emilia
- Mallory:** Darcie



Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Winstanley:** Frankie
- Bingham:** Saahir
- Erikson:** Caspar
- Cousteau:** Rudy
- Fiennes:** Aiden
- Mallory:** Maisie