

**NOTICES**

**Maintenance Fund Update**

Currently, **48% of our families** have now generously paid the Maintenance Fund on parentpay. **That is 8 more families since our last newsletter.** This donation goes into an insurance policy, paid for by the Diocese to ensure our buildings can be adequately maintained. All families have been set up with an amount of **£35** to pay for the year. Please check your parentpay account for your outstanding balance. Thank you for your support.

[easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

We now have 123 members signed up to our easyfundraising page. **£2939.89** has been raised so far. It is so easy to make money for the school. Please follow the link and sign up before you do your Christmas shopping!

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staschenfield/>

**School closes** for the holidays on **Thursday 20th December at 2.30pm.** Please collect your child promptly, so that staff can also go home on time. Thank you.



# NEWSLETTER

## 14TH DECEMBER 2018

**Christmas Cracker**

We are delighted to announce that just over **£7,000** was raised during the Christmas Cracker.

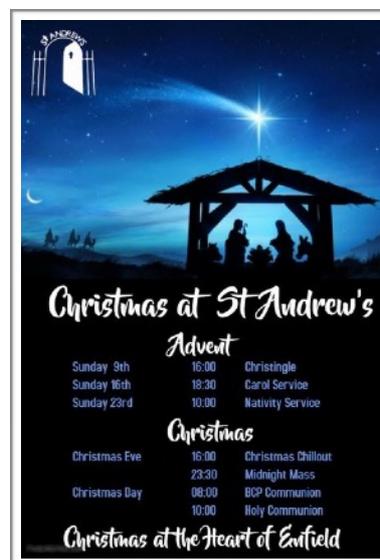
A huge thank you to the PTA for the time and effort put into getting everything ready before the day and on the day. Thanks also to the governors and staff for giving up their time to help out. Finally, thank you to all our families for contributing to a wonderful event. All money raised goes straight back into helping the school to help our pupils.

**Advent**

This is always a special time for us, as a Church of England school. In Collective Worship with Fr. Steve and in assembly times with other teachers, the children have been learning about the time of Advent. Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Two candles have now been lit at school, with the third one being lit on Monday.

There are many opportunities to take part in a Church Service over the next two weeks. Exodus youth group also have their Christmas party on Monday 17th at 6.30pm. All children from Y5 to Y8 are welcome. £2 entry fee.

It has been a very busy time at school this week and last week, with five nativity performances to parents. RB and RW performed to a packed audience last week, followed by our youngest children in Nursery this week. The Year 1 and 2 children wowed the parents with two performances in one day and 3B led a beautiful Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday evening. Thank you to all our teachers and support staff for their commitment and dedication leading up to these performances. And of course to our wonderful children, who have learned songs, carols, narration and poems.



### Nativity Performances



### Junior Choir perform around Enfield

This week the junior Choir have performed in many venues. As well as the Christmas Cracker, they also sang at the Baptist Church, St. Andrew's Carol Service at the Church, Tesco and the rather chilly Market Place. We had so many kind comments about the lovely singing.

Thank you to the parents and governors, who came along and supported us at some of these events. We have also raised enough money to buy a new piano stool for the new hall.

### Christmas Lunch

A huge thanks to Mary and her team for cooking such a delicious Christmas lunch. The children were full of praise for the cooks, with many Year 6 children commenting on how much they will miss this next year.



### Notices

Due to an increase in coughs and colds this term, your children have been using a huge amount of tissues and stocks are low! We would kindly ask all our families to donate a box of tissues either next week or for the next school term. Thank you.

### DATES

**Mon 17th Dec** - Years 4, 5 and 6 visit Cineworld

**Tues 18th Dec** - Years 2 and 3 visit Cineworld

**Tues 19th Dec** - Indoor Sportshall Athletics

**Wed 19th Dec** - Christmas parties

**Thurs 20th Dec** - Nursery and Reception visit to the Dugdale Theatre am

**School finishes at 2.30pm**

**Mon 7th January** - School starts back at 8.55am

PTA School discos on **Friday 25th January** after school

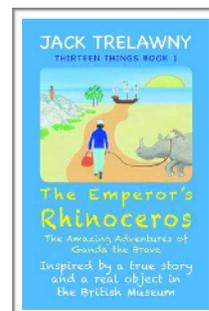
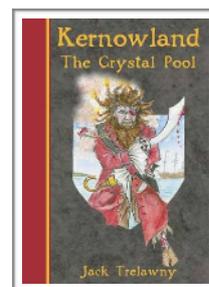
### Author visit in January

On January 15th, Jack Trelawny, a children's author will be visiting our school to speak to children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Jack visits schools around the country, talking about the inspiration behind his books. His *Kernowland* series are very popular with junior age children looking to read adventure stories. There will be an opportunity for children to ask questions and also for Jack to sign copies of his books. Please see his website for more details: [jacktrelawny.com](http://jacktrelawny.com)

The *Kernowland* series is available to buy in Waterstones and on Amazon. There is also an audible books available. To listen to an extract, please use the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1KBI\\_Zecxc&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1KBI_Zecxc&feature=youtu.be)

Another reminder letter will be sent to parents in the first week of January. We look forward to welcoming Jack to St. Andrew's School.



### A sad farewell to Lee

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Lee Raffety, our site manager. Lee has been a part of the St. Andrew's team for five years. In that time, Lee has helped to maintain and improve our school buildings and grounds, supported all our Christmas and Summer fairs and played a huge part in the organising of contractors for the building of the new hall.

Lee is well-known to parents, pupils and governors and always comes to work with a cheery smile. And as a parent himself, has seen the workings of a school from different perspectives.

Lee, we are so sorry to see you go, but wish you all the very best in your new job in January. We hope to see you in the playground, when you do the school run!



### A Christmas message from Miss Mann

As we come to the end of the Autumn term, it is lovely to look back at all the events that have taken place, as well as the hard work of the children in lessons. Our children have taken part in visits to museums, parks and art galleries, a number of sporting events and workshops and have benefitted greatly from these experiences.

With all the excitement of recent Christmas Nativity performances in Nursery, Reception, KS1 and KS2, as well as Junior Choir and Singing Club performances, we are looking forward to the festive break. I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff at St. Andrew's; the teachers, TAs, LSAs, and office and site staff, who always work so hard with the children to make every learning experience a memorable one. Happy Christmas to everyone. See you on Monday 7th January!