



**St. Andrew's**  
Church of England Primary School



### Happy New Year

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope our families managed to keep safe and well over the holiday period. It was lovely to see the children back last week and ready to learn.

On behalf of all the teachers, we would like to say a huge thank you to our generous parents, for contributing towards the *12 Books of Christmas*. All 14 classes received brand new books, ready to start the new term. They have flown off the shelves, as children choose to read the wonderful titles. Ask your children which ones have arrived in their rooms!

### Curriculum letters

Every term, a curriculum letter is emailed out to parents, which gives an overview of the areas of learning, events and trips for the term. These are also available to read on the website, just look under the News tabs.

### Enrichment and extra-curricular activities

This term looks set to become a busy one across the school. Our Year 1 children have begun their weekly Songsack sessions, with the Enfield Music Service. Year 3 children began their recorder sessions this week and were very excited to be given their recorders. Thank you to parents for paying for these.

A number of trips and events are already planned, including a Year R Space workshop, Year 2 history trip to Forty Hall, a Year 4 trip to the Hindu Temple and a Year 5 Planetarium workshop. More details to follow.

In addition to this, we continue to provide many after school and lunch clubs, such as Art, Singing, Chess, Cooking, Bridge and booster sessions.

### Attendance

We have noticed a growing number of children, whose attendance is well below the expected percentage of 95%. In particular, children who have at least one day off a week, due to being mildly unwell, such as having a cold. This time away from learning, is causing them to miss four lessons a day every time. **This is lost learning.** We do not want any child to miss school, therefore good attendance should be a priority for every parent or carer. Please check your ScholarPack app for an up-to-date attendance percentage for your child. Thank you for your support.



### Congratulations to Jayden!

We are thrilled to announce that Jayden in 5W has passed his grade 4 clarinet exam. Jayden delighted the junior children last term, by performing one of his pieces in collective worship. Congratulations!

### Improvements and repairs

Winter weather always brings with it some minor problems in the school building. Recently, we have had one boiler repaired, a heating element replaced in another, a new sink fitted and a burst pipe repaired. Elsewhere over the term, will having our usual contractors in to service the gates, the lift and electrics. We feel it important to let parents know what is happening at school 'behind the scenes' and to be made aware the increasing financial challenges all schools are being met with at this time.

### A sad but fond farewell to Mrs King

Today, we say goodbye to Heike King, our School Business Manager, as she begins her retirement. Mrs King has been at St. Andrew's over four years and has been an asset to the school. Managing budgets at an increasingly difficult time is never easy, but she has worked hard to ensure that pupils get the best possible opportunities and education at St. Andrew's. Mrs King will be taking a trip to Australia and New Zealand in the coming weeks. We are sad to say goodbye, but wish her a long and happy retirement. Thank you, Heike.



### Important dates

<b>Fri 20th Jan</b>	Year 4 trip to the Hindu Temple in Enfield
<b>Fri 27th Jan</b>	Some Y5 boys at Enfield Grammar for Reading Mentors
<b>Tues 30th Jan</b>	Year R Space Workshops
<b>Thurs 2nd Feb</b>	Year 3 visit to the Church
<b>Mon 6th Feb</b>	RW Story Cafe (3 p.m. main hall)
<b>Thurs 9th Feb</b>	RB Story Cafe (3 p.m. main hall)
<b>6th - 10th Feb</b>	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>Tues 7th Feb</b>	Internet Safety Day. Workshops for parents and pupils. Details to follow
<b>Tues 7th Feb</b>	Y5 Planetarium Workshop
<b>Fri 10th Feb</b>	Coffee Morning for Y1 and 2 parents (8:50 a.m. small hall)
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb</b>

\*\*\* NEW ADDITIONAL DATE\*\*\* Monday 8th May, school closed for the King's Coronation