



## PTA SUCCESS

What a wonderful way to celebrate our final day this term, with the news that the Christmas Market raised **£1,466!** In total this term, **£4295** has been raised towards a new playground. A huge THANK YOU to Emma and Suzy, our Co Chairs for their enthusiasm, endless energy (slightly reducing this week!) and their commitment to improving the school for all pupils and staff. The PTA is looking for new members, particularly with children in Y1, 2 and 3, to take over next year. If you are interested in helping to support the school, please contact Emma or Suzy.

## A Winter Wonderland

The sudden flurry of deep snow took us all by surprise this week! Although beautiful to look at, the school playground and paths were a safety risk. Fortunately, on Monday, a team of willing parents, Year 6 and ex-pupils responded to our call to help clear



some snow from the paths. In under two hours, we managed to clear pathways from one gate to the other. Thank you so much for giving up your time, so that the school could re-open the following day. This week, the staff and children wrapped up and enjoyed playing out in the snow. The children

have behaved brilliantly, making snowmen and playing games in the soft, deep snow on the field.

**Performances** Over the past two weeks, parents have been treated to 6 Christmas performances from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children; a first for many of our children to stand and perform on a stage. They all did so well!



Year 3 also led the KS2 Carol Service at the church, which finished with prayers led by Fr. Steve. What an exciting but tiring two weeks it has been for everyone. A deserving round of applause to all staff in YR - Y3 for their patience and commitment to ensuring all performances went to plan. Class parties and film days have finished off the term in style.



Wishing you a fun and safe festive break – pta@standrewspta.co.uk Dec '22



### A message from Mrs Statham

*In September 2022, we began our partnership with St. Paul's CE Primary School in Winchmore Hill. This meant I also started the academic year in my new role as Head of School. During this time, teachers from both schools have been involved in training together, we have made links with subject and senior leaders and gradually, we are beginning to look at other areas of education and finance, which will benefit both schools. To all our families, governors and friends of the school, I would like to thank you for your continued support, positive comments and help in making St. Andrew's a fantastic place to be.*

*This Christmas will be a challenge for many families in our school community. We are all aware of the deepening cost of living crisis and it is hitting families in so many ways. As a church school, we continue to reach out to the community, offering and giving help wherever possible. Our food bank 'The Pantry' has been open for two weeks and will continue in January. We collected Christmas Hampers from The Salvation Army, for those families who requested them. Our '12 books of Christmas' appeal has enabled every class to come back in January with some wonderful new books, thanks to our generous parents. The PTA has also donated money for new uniform items and organised Christmas gifts for vulnerable families. There is always more than we can do, however, if you or someone you know needs urgent help this Christmas, please see the list of numbers below.*

*Finally, I would like to thank the entire staff for their dedication and commitment this term, with so many going above and beyond, to give our children the best possible experiences. Our values of Love, Courage and Friendship are truly lived out in each classroom and beyond. I hope they can all find time to relax and recharge, ready for the Spring Term.*

*Whatever Christmas holds for everyone, I wish our children and their families a happy, warm and safe time this holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2023.*

*Happy Christmas,*

*Jude Statham*

### Dates for 2023

**Mon 2nd Jan 2023**

**Tues 3rd Jan 2023**

**Wed 4th Jan 2023**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY School Closed**

**SCHOOL INSET DAY School Closed**

**School starts back at 8:55 a.m. Don't be late!**

