

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 8th November

Dear Parents

Firstly, thank you all for attending Parent Consultation Evenings this week; it is so helpful to be able to share your children's academic and social progress and discuss how you can best support their learning journey. Yet again, we had a great turn out from our parent body.

Over the coming two weeks we have our Design and Technology Event, as we have done in past years; we are asking for parent volunteers to support this event. If you have any time you can spare, even just an hour or two during afternoon sessions in particular, this would be very much appreciated. Projects include those involving sewing, sawing and cooking dependent upon the year group. The items designed and made by the children are all Christmas themed and will be available for sale after completion. The money raised will be used to cover the cost of the materials needed for the project. We will also be sharing some pictures and an update on our class communications next week. Thank you in advance for your support with the project.

Alongside this Newsletter, Mrs Vikki Anderton, has circulated a letter about next year's French exchange programme with Ombrosa School. This programme will be open to our Year 5 & 6 pupils. Please do take a look to find out more. This has been a really positive experience for the children in past years and we have several children who have remained in touch with their exchange partners and their families.

We have had a big thank you from our local foodbank for your fantastic work in collecting food for them. In total 136.56kg of food was collected and the children have been sent a certificate which we have displayed in the reception area.

Kind regards

Bridgette Gough

Headteacher



Collective Worship and Reflection

This week we have explored the topic of Peace linked to Remembrance. We have also used Peace Education Network resources to support exploring the losses of war and the uniting of people. The children of St. Andrew's will have a further opportunity to show their respect for the fallen by joining us for the town's Remembrance Service in the Kings Road Park and for the parade up to St. Andrew's Church. Please meet at 2pm in the park and it would be great if the children could wear their school uniform to stand and walk together. Our Head Pupils will be charged with laying our school crosses as their first official duty in their new role.

Our Reflection's Area has focused upon Forgiveness over the past week. The children had the following guidance on using the area and have been highly engaged with this one, which has been great to see.

Sometimes other people say and do things that hurt us. Has anyone hurt you? Are you feeling hurt? We have a choice to forgive others. Christians believe they can ask God to help them forgive others. If you'd like to, you can think of something you'd like to say sorry for or forgive someone else for, then use a pen to write the word 'sorry' on a piece of paper.

As you dip this into the water and watch it disappear, think about how it feels to forgive.

EY Applications for September 2025

It's that time of year again, the Local Authority is now taking applications for Reception school places for September 2025. If you have a child of this age or indeed you feel you could recommend us to others, the closing date is 15th January 2025. Tours of the school are currently underway for this purpose; please encourage those you know with children of this age to get in contact with the school to make arrangements to join one of these events. We also have some additional year groups with spaces, for details of these please either call the school or take a look on our website.

Whole School Writing Project

Our "Stereotyping" themed Writing Project began across the school this week, from EY to Y6. The children's writing has been inspired by children's literature that explores stereotyping, particularly those associated with gender. Each year group has focused on a different text with appreciating the dangers of stereotyping at its heart. We will be displaying children's work in school on our writing project wall, please do take a look during our next "Share Event" and ask the children about the text they have explored and their own writing.

Head Pupils

Well done to everyone who took part in our Head Pupil selection process this year, we read some great letters and heard some super speeches. We are very proud of all of you and what you achieved. Our whole staff send their congratulations to Isla and Maximilian who were selected to represent the school in this role.

NON-UNIFORM DAY Friday 15th November

This year, our Christmas Fayre is being held on Friday 29th November. In preparation, we would like to invite children to enjoy a non-uniform day on Friday 15th November in exchange for one of the following kind donations for our tombola games:

EYR & Year 1: Chocolates, sweets or biscuits

Years 2 & 3: Small toys, games, stationery or stickers

Year 4: Smellies, candles or bath sets

Years 5 & 6: Bottle: wine, fizzy drinks, squash

Headteacher's Cup

Tiger Cub Class:	W1- Bella
	W2- Daniel
Reindeer Class:	W1- Bonnie
	W2- Ocean
Fennec Fox Class:	W1- Addison
	W2- Ivy
Panda Class:	W1- Mya
	W2- Landon
Snow Leopard Class:	W1- Joseph
	W2- Callum
Turtle Class:	W1- Agnes
	W2- Layla
Seal Class:	W1- Henry
	W2- Evie



Birthdays in November

Maisy	Hazel
Kodi	Rosie O
Elsie	Nithi
Bonnie S	
Landon	
Jack M	
Elliot C	
Bella F	
Elsie D	
Alice	
George P	



Going For Green

Emily & Layla

Sports Cup

Seal Class & Bella