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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 22nd November 2023

Our Value this half term is **HOPE, LOVE AND LIGHT**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas preparations have begun!

Christmas preparations are well underway across the school. Early Years and Key Stage 1 are practicing their nativities, with lots of lovely singing, dancing and learning their lines. We can't wait to perform to our parents and carers!



Year 6 have started to warm up their singing voices, ready to sing at St Michael's Church on December 4th. This is always a lovely service and promises a very Christmassy feel!

Please remember it is Christmas Jumper Day on 1st December 2023. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper alongside their usual school uniform. Our Friends of St Andrew's will also be collecting items on this day to make up Christmas hampers, which will be raffled off before the end of term (finer details about hamper donations can be found later in the newsletter)

Don't forget, we have a shorter week in school this week, which means a long weekend coming. Friday, 24th November 2023 is an Occasional Day and school is closed.

Air quality around school

Members of the pupil parliament met with Mrs Dimond this week to discuss the important issue of air quality around school. We found out that air pollution can cause illnesses as well as being bad for the environment. You may see us with our air pollution sensor over the next few days and weeks as we try to find out if air pollution is a problem at St Andrew's. We'll let you know our findings!

EYFS - 'People who help us'

Early Years have been learning about 'People who help us'. This morning, Jackie, our Lollipop Lady, paid a visit to Early Years class to talk about her job helping children at the crossing. The children also had a visit from the Police last week to talk about keeping us safe. Miss Sharp's friend, who is a Doctor, sent a film about his job helping patients and the children watched this in class.



New part-time Teaching Assistant role

School is hoping to recruit a new part-time Teaching Assistant for the next two terms until the end of this academic year. If this is a role that you or someone you know might be interested in, please follow the link below for more information.

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,teaching-assistant_89145.htm

Mrs Dimond would welcome a phone call or visit from anyone interested in this exciting opportunity.

Applying for a School Place September 2024

The online application system for applying for a place in Reception class in September 2024 is now open. www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

School lunches

School lunches are provided free of charge for children in Reception and KS1. For children in KS2 lunches cost £3.20 per day and payment is online via the School Gateway. Please can we remind parents that lunches must be paid for in advance (**pay as you go**) and your account may be frozen if it is in arrears. Thank you.

Free School Meals

The school is aware that with the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme automatically providing all children up to Year 2 with a free meal every day, many families do not apply for means-tested free school meal provision until their child reaches Year 3. This could mean parents are missing out on other sources of support they are entitled to, linked to household income and the benefits of associated pupil premium funding. Please see link below to check eligibility:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Our School Development Plan

School Development Priorities – St Andrew’s three main priorities 2023-3024:

- 1 For pupils to play a more active role in their learning journey – including a greater awareness of their own progress towards the end points for each subject.
- 2 To improve children’s emotional literacy across the school, to help them articulate their feelings positively.
- 3 To improve the school’s carbon footprint and the children’s understanding of creating a more sustainable future.

Mrs Dimond looks forward to sharing our progress against these priorities at the end of each term.

Toy Donations

Each year St Andrew's Church collects toys on behalf of local Social Services to be distributed as Christmas gifts to children in care. To support the Church during the interregnum, the collection this year will take place via St Andrew's School.

We would very much welcome donations of any new (or pristine/nearly-new) toys or gifts, suitable for gifting, for both boys and girls of any age from birth to seventeen years old.



Please bring your donations to the school office anytime from today until the final collection date of 15th December 2023. We will then ensure these are passed on for wrapping and distribution in time for Christmas. Thank you for your support in helping to bring some much needed Christmas cheer to disadvantaged children in the community.

News from the Friends of St Andrew's School

CHARITY # 1069760
Friends of St. Andrew's

CHRISTMAS ELFRIDGES
TUESDAY 12TH
DECEMBER
&
WEDNESDAY 13TH
DECEMBER

BUY YOUR SHOPPING VOUCHERS HERE:
[HTTPS://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.COM/FOSAMH](https://www.pta-events.com/fosamh)

www.pta-events.com /fosamh

Christmas FILM NIGHT
Featuring "The Grinch"
Friday 1st December
£4.50 per child
4pm - 6pm
St Andrew's Primary School,
Much Hadham
NB: Please bring a blanket & cushion for comfort.

Charity # 1069760

Christmas Hamper Raffle

The PTFA would love to do a Christmas Hamper Raffle for everyone this year. Last year, we raised £383 on the raffle, and we hope to do the same this year and funds raised will then be spent on the children at school.

For it to work, we would kindly ask each family to bring in one item for the Christmas hampers. We will then make as many hampers as possible for the Christmas raffle. These will be lovely gifts for yourself or even to pass on to friends and family.

To make it as simple as possible could we please ask you to bring in something from your year group list:

- 🎄 Nursery – Jams
- 🎄 Reception – Crackers
- 🎄 Year 1 – Chocolates
- 🎄 Year 2 – Mince pies
- 🎄 Year 3 – Biscuits
- 🎄 Year 4 – Chutneys
- 🎄 Year 5 – Christmas puddings
- 🎄 Year 6 – Sweets



We will be collecting in the **week beginning 27th November 2023**. Thank you for supporting the PTFA.

Friends of St Andrew's School 100 Club

Get ready to win a monthly prize fund, whilst (and more importantly) helping raise funds to support our local children with their education.

It costs £3 per month to join to have a chance to win 50% of the monthly prize fund up to £150. The remaining 50% goes directly to support the school in buying additional learning resources for the school.

To enter or find out more please contact Iain Nuttall at IainDNuttall@yahoo.co.uk who has recently taken over as the Club's organiser.



Many thanks as always for your continued support.

The Friends

friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com

Diary Dates 2023/2024

Friday, 24/11/2023 – Occasional Day school closed

Tuesday, 28/11/2023 – Year 2 Collective Worship 9.10am

Thursday, 30/11/2023 – St Andrew's Day service in Church

Thursday, 30/11/2023 – Parent Forum

Friday, 1/12/2023 – Christmas Decorating Day and Christmas Jumper Day. Wear a Christmas jumper (along with school uniform)

Donations for Christmas Hampers and **PTA Advent Film Night**

Monday, 04/12/2023 – Year 6 Carol Service at St Michael's Church in Bishop's Stortford

Tuesday, 05/12/2023 – Year 1 Collective Worship 9.10am

Wednesday, 06/12/2023 – EYFS Nativity Play 'A Miracle in Town' Performance at 9.30 am for EYFS parents and carers

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Friday, 08/12/2023 – Y5 Anglo Saxon Day

Monday 11/12/2023 – Cinderella Pantomime trip to South Mill Arts Centre

Tuesday, 12/12/2023 – PTA Christmas Shp - Elfridges

Tuesday, 12/12/2023 – Year Reception Collective Worship 9.10am

Wednesday, 13/12/2023 – Whole School Christmas lunch (All children are invited to take part in a traditional Christmas lunch. Lunches are £3.20 for KS2 children and free of charge for all Reception and KS1 children)

Thursday, 14/12/2023 – KS1 Nativity Play (Performances at 2.15 pm and 5.30 pm for KS1 parents and carers) and Year 1 and Year 2 Cake Bake after school

Friday, 15/12/2023 KS2 Carol Service at St Andrew's Church at 2 pm

Monday, 18/12/2023 – Class Christmas Parties (children can wear their own clothes) and Puppets Galore 'A Special Star'

Tuesday, 19/12/2023 – Term ends at 2.00 pm

Return to school on Thursday, 04/01/2024

W/C Monday, 13/05/2023 – Key Stage 2 SATS week

03/06/2023 – 07/06/2023 – Brenscombe Week straight after half term (Monday is the INSET day)

Term Dates for 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023	
<i>Friday, 1 September 2023</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
Monday, 4 September 2023	Term begins
Monday, 23 October – Friday, 27 October 2023	Half term
<i>Friday, 24 November 2023</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 19 December 2023	Term ends 2pm
<i>Wednesday, 20 December 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Spring Term 2024	
Thursday, 4 January 2024	Term begins
Monday, 19 February – Friday, 23 February 2024	Half term
Thursday, 28 March 2024	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2024	
Monday, 15 April 2024	Term begins
Monday, 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024	Half term
<i>Monday, 3 June</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 19 July 2024	Term ends 2pm
<i>Monday, 22 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>
<i>Monday, 23 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>

Term Dates for 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2023	
<i>Monday, 2 September 2024</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
<i>Tuesday, 3 September 2024</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 4 September 2024	Term begins
Monday, 28 October - Friday 1 November 2024	Half term
<i>Friday, 29 November 2024</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Friday, 20 December 2024	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2025	
<i>Monday, 6 January 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Tuesday, 7 January 2025	Term begins
Monday, 17 February to Friday, 21 February 2025	Half term
Friday, 4 April	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday, 22 April 2025	Term begins
Monday, 26 May to Friday, 30 May 2025	Half term
<i>Monday, 2 June 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Tuesday, 3 June 2025</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 23 July 2025	Term ends 2pm



The River Ash Churches Advent and Christmas Services



We warmly invite you to join us for our special
Advent and Christmas Services:

Sunday 3rd December

9.15am at St Andrew's, Much Hadham – Benefice Holy Communion
with collection of toys

6.00pm at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham – Carol Service
followed by wine and mince pies

Sunday 10th December

11.15am at St Mary's, Albury - Family Carol Service
followed by mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies

Saturday 16th December

3.00pm A Journey to Bethlehem at St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Sunday 17th December

11.15am at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham – Benefice Holy Communion

6.00pm at St Andrew's, Much Hadham - Carol Service
followed by wine and mince pies

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

9.15am at St Andrew's, Much Hadham – Benefice Morning Prayer

4.30pm at St Andrew's, Much Hadham - The Big Nativity

6.00pm at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham - Christingle Service

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

11.15am at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham – Benefice Family Communion

www.ticketsource.co.uk/muchhadhamchristmasparty

MUCH HADHAM CHRISTMAS PARTY



Acorn House



CHARITY # 1618435

MUCH HADHAM
VILLAGE HALL
CHARITY # 302431



SATURDAY

16TH

DECEMBER

WHAT'S THAT

FOOD BAR RAFFLE

7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

TICKETS £12.50

Much Hadham Village Hall, SG10 6DQ





Have YOU got
what it takes
to turn
the page?

**Are you aged 8+?
Come and join us to complete fun
activities, chat about books and
make new friends!**

Bishop's Stortford Library 4pm-5pm
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MATHS CHALLENGE

- 30 Acorns + 5 squirrels =
- 1 fox eats 3 chickens. How many chickens do 7 foxes need? =
- How many socks do 8 people need? =
- I have 21 worms in a bucket. I remove 7. How many are left? =
- If it's 16° outside, what will the temperature be if it goes down by 7°? =
- 50 Leaves on a tree. 10 fall down, what % is left on the tree? =

FUN FACT!
Hedgehogs hibernate around October/November time until March/April time.

SPELLING CHALLENGE!

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Answer Here!

HEY!
I'm BELLY BARRACUDA!
Help me find all the beanie hats!

Colour in your own Autumn tree!



ANSWERS



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