



Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER

11th December 2020



Dear Parents,

Well, what a term!

But we have all made in one piece and amazingly without the need to burst any 'bubbles'. County have said that, as a school, we are in a very unusual position! I put this down to a number of factors: everyone taking such good care, washing hands, following our risk assessment to the letter, washing hands, such amazing team work from our entire school community, more hand washing.. and a large dose of good luck!!

At the risk of sounding rather 'gushy', I do really want to thank you all for the most amazing support that you have shown us all this term.

Watching your children this term as they have: settled into new year groups and a new school (year three!), made new friends, learnt in new ways, worked incredibly hard, played incredibly hard and made us all so very proud in spite of the hardest year in education during our lifetime.

So, on behalf of the entire St Andrew's team, I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and a new year that is brighter for us all.

Have a wonderful break

With my very best wishes Becky Black and the entire St Andrew's team.



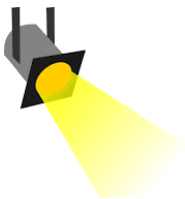
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Should your child become unwell and test positive for COVID between now and 24th December but having experienced symptom within 48 hours of leaving school, please inform me using the

covid19@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk email address in order for me to inform other members of their 'bubble'.

THE CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY.

We will be continuing with our staggered start times—please just continue as you have been!



Spotlight on:

CHRISTMAS WEEK- Christmas Dinner

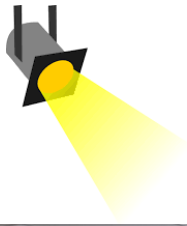
Miss Holland, Mrs Cottril and Mrs Kett worked super hard this week to provide 177 children with a lovely Christmas dinner. Ably led by Mrs Draper (the queen of cracker purchasing and safety logistics) the dinner was a triumph!





Spotlight on The Pantomime





Spotlight on CHRISTMAS PARTY FUN!





Spotlight on A SPECIAL VISITOR!





SHINING AT HOME

Otto is one of our Year Five pupils.

He decided that this year he would not ask his relations for presents for Christmas but would ask for money instead.

He then decided that he wanted to donate his Christmas gift money to charity!

What an amazingly generous spirited thing to do.

His mum and dad are very proud of him.

If your child does something that makes them shine at home; please do share these events with us at school as we love hearing about them.



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to the children who have celebrated

their birthdays between 7th December - 13th December

Logan E, Riley R, Kitty W,
James P, Evelyn C, Freddie M,
Miss Brennand



The children caught shining this week are:

Izzy, Jasmine, Chloe, Tia, Evie J,
Georgiana, Rio and Ruby.

WELL DONE TO THEM ALL!



In the Braintree and Witham times!

Thank you to Mrs Chasmer and Mr Longbottom who orchestrated this brilliant way to share the excellent work in schools more widely with our local community.



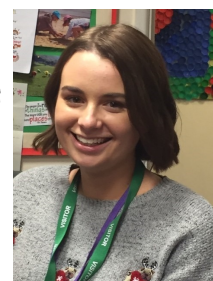
A HUGE THANK YOU to a year three parent who has very kindly paid the outstanding balance from the Pantomime.

We are really overwhelmed by this act of kindness that means our school funds do not need to be used.

In January we will be welcoming Miss Coughlan into Rowan Base.

She is a student teacher who is very well-known to St Andrew's. She has volunteered here once a week for the last two years and has been known by Mrs Black for a long time- as she taught her in year 5 and 6!

She has spent today in Rowan and will be working alongside Mrs O'Connor and the year six team. We are all very excited to welcome her back!



TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE THIS CHRISTMAS from Mrs Waring (Computing Lead)

Christmas is a time when we all like to relax and unwind and for many children that means spending a lot more time online. Below are links to some online safety resources that we encourage you as parents to take note of. For many of us, parenting children in the digital world, where our children know more than we do, is a challenge. However, whilst they think they are way more Internet savvy than their parents, there are lots of areas where they can inadvertently become victims of inappropriate and even dangers online behaviour from others.

- **Keep the conversation going**

This is probably the most important message. This guide is really helpful in ensuring you know what your children are doing and helping them talk to you when something happens online that they are uncomfortable with. We talk about this a lot in class but it's not the same as having real conversations with you.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-being-social-online/>

- **Be aware**

Clue yourself up and make sure you know what your child is doing online. You'll be surprised how much your child will like it when you show an interest in what they are doing and this provides a great opportunity to then talk them through any difficult situations that they have encountered. Restrictions are great at keeping them safe in the short term but one day they will be out there alone and knowing how to handle it is vital. The 2 Johns are ex police officers who run an e-safety company with an excellent Facebook page and website full of up to date parent information and resources.

<https://esafetytraining.org/>

- **Use age ratings, privacy settings and parental controls**

Children are often over familiar with their online world and do not recognise the dangers until they are caught up in something. The organisation *National Online Safety* (NOS) has excellent resources that cover a whole host of games and online platforms that children use. They give easy to read parent guides that help demystify it for us oldies! Many of these guides are also available on the school's website.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/training>

This is our school prayer that we have written and say after our Shine celebration each week.

St. Andrew's School Prayer

Dear God,

We thank you for the gifts you have given each of us,
that help us to shine and grow, and make us feel loved and known.

Please help us to show each other that we CARE:

Help us to show Compassion and kindness,

Help us to Achieve our very best,

Help us to Respect others and ourselves,

Help us to Enjoy our learning and being together.

We ask you to help us all shine as part of the St. Andrew's family.

In Jesus' name,

READING AWARD WINNER

The lucky winner of the £10 book token that was awarded to a child who has read 20 books this term was Joseph in year three.

There were lots of children who had achieved the reading stickers and these were entered into a wheel of fortune which took place during our shine this afternoon.

Thank you to Mrs O'Connor for organising this and for all of our staff who are helping really create a wonderful 'buzz' about reading!

I wonder who will win next term...



Thank you so much to Mr Cobbold, Mr Hodge and Mr Gallifant who helped Mr Keenan clear the school offices ready for new flooring to be laid at the beginning of January.

Well done to Mrs Draper for having a successful insurance claim after the offices were badly damaged by a water leak!.

One day, it will be lovely to welcome you all back into the building and you will see it!