



Every child fulfilling their potential in a nurturing learning environment underpinned by Christian values.

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 18th December 2020

Christmas Messages For Classmates

You have raised £171.00 for Oxfam. This is the most money raised ever for Oxfam at St Andrew's. Your generosity has bought the following:

- Fantastic Farmyard (£125.00) – This provides training for farmers to help them grow more crops, raise more animals and earn more income in the face of climate change.
- Safe Water For A Community (£25.00) – Making sure communities have the water they need to protect themselves against deadly disease.
- Care For Mums And Babies (£10.00) – When conflict and disaster strikes, new mums, pregnant women and small children are among the most vulnerable. This gift can give shelter and warmth along with clean, safe water and sanitation during a crisis.
- Shelter And Warmth (£10.00) – This gives support to Oxfam's Responding in an Emergency (RE) projects.



Thank you

School Christmas Fund-Raiser and a New Class Set of Laptops

Wow! You have raised a massive £1,236.00. We have enough money to buy **three** laptops for the children. Two families, who wish to remain anonymous, donated considerable funds for the laptops. Many thanks to everyone who contributed, however much. The prize winners for the raffle are as follows:

- Staff hamper – The Tallentire Family – Reception Class
- Canal Farm hamper – The Gair Family – Class 5
- Bottle of Gin – The Riley Family – Class 5
- Table decoration – The Mudd Family – Class 3
- Bottle of wine – The Hume Family – Class 3
- Bottle of Mulled Wine – The Zambon Family - Classes 1 and 2
- A free week in CHILL – The Slater Family – Classes 2 and 4

Super Yummy Kitchen Recipes

Our kitchen team has published a list of yummy recipes. I have attached a copy to this newsletter. Why not have a go at cooking something new this Christmas. The recipe book includes vegetarian meals too.



Class 4 Children Join In Local Carol Service

The children in Class 4 were invited to take part in a local carol service. They were recorded singing a new song, which will be played on Radio Stafford on Tuesday 22nd December at 7.00pm.

The advertisement is for a radio broadcast. On the left, it features the logo for 'THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND in Stafford' and '107.3 Stafford FM at the heart of the county'. Below this, a red box contains the text: 'To listen... Tune your radio to 107.3 FM go to www.stafford.fm (click on the logo on the top right) Ask your smart speaker to "Play Stafford FM"'. The main part of the ad is a green box with blue text: 'Carol Service On Your Radio Tuesday 22 December at 7pm Featuring Carols, readings and prayers recorded by local Church Of England Churches. Children's Choir made up of children from Stafford Primary Schools.' There are two illustrations of golden bells with red bows and green holly leaves on either side of the word 'Featuring'.



Guitar Lessons After Christmas

Before lockdown there was a thriving guitar club in school. I would like to revive the club and offer the children a chance to learn such a wonderful instrument. At the moment, I am seeking expressions of interest. The club is open to children in KS2 (Classes 3 – 6). Sessions are usually in groups of 5 or 6 children and last around 30 minutes. This brings the cost of each lesson down to around £5.00 a week. I will remind KS2 parents again in the New Year but just wanted to alert parents to what was coming.

Prayer Space – In the bleak mid-winter

In the bleak mid-winter, Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter, Long ago.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part, —
Yet what I can I give Him, —
Give my heart.

Test And Trace

As we are nearing Christmas, I am aware that both our families and staff are looking forward to spending time with loved ones. With this in mind, I have provided the information below to make staff, parents and carers aware of the following relevant arrangements regarding Covid-19 during the holidays:

- **For the first 6 days after teaching ends**, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, parents and staff should contact the school. office@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk The school will have all the information available in order to assist in identifying close contacts and advising the necessary people to self-isolate, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- **Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)**, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. Please also send an e-mail to office@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk so that the school can advise as to a return to school date.

With many people displaying other symptoms, Staffordshire County Council is asking residents in Staffordshire to consider getting tested as a precaution if they have other symptoms such as:

- **Headaches**
- **Aches and pains**
- **Feeling very tired for no good reason**
- **Sore throat**
- **Runny nose**
- **Sneezing**
- **Sometimes 'tummy ache' in children**

If you need to book at test, please use the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

I hope this information will help to remind you of the important actions we must take to protect each other. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Christingle Service - A message from Reverend Viv

Children and their families are invited to attend one of two Christingle Services to be held on Christmas Eve. To book a place to join one of the services go to the Mid-Trent Churches website or telephone the number below.



The Children's Society

Christingle

**Join us to share the light
at our Christingle**

We would love for you, your friends and your family to join us at our Christingle celebration and bring hope to more children's lives.

Date: Christmas Eve 24th December **Time:** 4.00pm and 5.00pm

Location: online on ZOOM

Please contact: www.midtrentchurches.org.uk or ring 07534 915068

Online joining link: visit www.midtrentchurches.org.uk

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And finally...

As I write this, the nation has just been informed that visits over Christmas will be limited to Christmas Day only. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and hope you manage to see or contact your loved ones during the Christmas break. Mr Hayward.

Dates for the academic year 2020 – 2021

Holiday: Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4 January INSET Day – School closed for pupils
Tuesday 5 January School opens

Half term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2021

Thursday 1 April Term ends

Holiday: Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April 2021

Easter Sunday: Sunday 4 April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19 April School opens
Monday 3 May School closed

Half term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2021

Monday 7 June INSET Day
Wednesday 21 July Term ends

Holiday: Thursday 22 July - Tuesday 31 August 2021

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

Please note, INSET days are yet to be confirmed.

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Inset day: Wednesday 1 September

Term Starts: Thursday 2 September

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Term ends: Friday 17 December

Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

SPRING TERM 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 4 January

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Term ends: Friday 8 April

Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Term starts: Monday 25 April

May Day: Monday 2 May

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Term ends: Thursday 21 July

Holiday: Friday 22 July – Friday 2 September