# St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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# Diary Dates

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov STAFF TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED



Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov BACK TO SCHOOL!

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Nov** Y6 Robinwood Residential Trip

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Anti-Bullying Week

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Friends Meeting 7.30pm at school ALL WELCOME ©

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov Children In Need -Non Uniform Day

w/c Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Book Fair in school

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov Open Day for Reception and Y2 parents

# Headteacher's Message

What a delight walking down to Kids Club with our Infant children the other day. All manner of conversations happening at the same time! A reminder to you all that we run our extremely successful Kids Club from 3.15pm to 6pm each day. The children get the use of the full facilities here at the Junior school and it's lovely to watch the little ones playing with the Junior children. Please contact the office or see our website for further details.

# An Angelic Visit

This half term the children in Year 3 have been learning about Judaism. We have investigated the question 'What does it mean to be a Jew today?' On Wednesday we welcomed Mrs Angel into school to talk to us about her life as a Jew and some of the festivals she celebrates. The children learned about the festival of Passover, the holy day of Shabbat and about Jewish prayer. The children also tried food and drink used during Passover and on Shabbat as well as listening to stories and taking part in drama activities. We also learned some songs, Hebrew words and how to write in Hebrew. Mrs Angel led our afternoon worship where she talked to the whole school about how Jewish people give thanks and how they celebrate Harvest. This helped us to see links with our own harvest celebrations and our Christian value of 'thankfulness'.



# Successful Swimming

Congratulations to Sam, Sophie, Sam and Verity who took part in the Brighouse Swimming Club gala on Monday  $14^{\text{the}}$  October. They represented our school in the two school relay races. They competed in both the  $4\times25\text{m}$  freestyle relay and also the  $4\times25\text{m}$  medley. The pupils came  $4^{\text{th}}$  in the freestyle race and won a ribbon. They represented the school beautifully and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the event. Well done everyone!

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God wants me to be myself For He created me this way, And since God made me who I am, Myself I'm quite content to stay.

In His eyes I'm good enough -It matters not what others say; I need not act as if I'm tough Or copy other children's ways.

Though I am still young and small In Jesus Christ I'm strong and tall; So when people look at me May it be God's own Son they see.

Amen

We keep our children safe... by reminding our parents and children about firework safety.

Remember that the safest place to enjoy fireworks is at an organised public display.

Children should be supervised and kept at a safe distance.



Did you know that sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil? Always light sparklers one at a time and make sure your child wears gloves.

They should never be given to a child under 5.

# **Poppies**

After half term we will be supporting the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal by selling poppies and other items including reflectors and friendship bracelets at break time. Suggested donations for reflectors are 50p and £1 for friendship bracelets.



#### **Book Fair**

Our annual book fair will be in school from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> until

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. During the week, the fair will be open in the hall, after school each day from 3:30pm until 4:15pm for parents and children to come, browse and buy! Please enter school via the Y3 playground doors.



#### Children in Need

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need Day. We love to support this charity and as usual will be holding a non uniform day to raise money for it. Please send your child with a £1 donation on the day. We will also be have a bun sale during morning break. Please send in any donations of cakes or buns and/or money for this as well. Thank you!

Some of our Year 6 girls are also planning to organise a colouring

competition during that week. Sheets will be available to buy for 20p and should be handed in on 15<sup>th</sup> November for the winner to be chosen.

(Make sure your child remembers to put their name on!)



### Volunteer readers

We would love to have some more volunteers to come in and read with the children. If you could spare a couple of hours a week to help with this please get in touch via the school office.

#### Hair accessories

Please could we remind parents again not to send your child to school in "cat ear" hairbands or with large bows in their hair. Please save these hair accessories for the weekend.

# **Outstanding Forms**

We still have a few outstanding Care Plans and Asthma forms that have not been returned. Please can you ensure these are returned to the office as soon as possible so we can update our records.

