

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

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## Headteacher's Message

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying all the Christmas activities in school. Last week we had a fabulous Christmas lunch - A HUGE thank you to our amazing cook, Mrs Sullivan and her superb team for making over 200 Christmas dinners for children and staff. This was followed by a pantomime production of Jack and the Beanstalk with much laughter from everyone! This week we have enjoyed the Year 3 show, our carol service at church as well as the class Christmas parties - what a busy time it has been! We wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that you all have a happy, peaceful holiday. See you all on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020!



### Diary Dates

**Crib Service**  
St Martin's Church  
**Christmas Eve**  
4pm  
All welcome!

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
**SCHOOL RE-OPENS**  
Lunchtime activity clubs  
restart

**w/c Mon 13<sup>th</sup> January**  
After school activity  
clubs restart

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> January**  
Friends of St Andrew  
meeting in school - all  
welcome  
6.30pm

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> January**  
Young Voices trip to  
Sheffield Arena



There will be NO  
after school activity  
clubs the first week  
back except for  
Touch Typing.  
**Kids Club will run  
as normal.**

## Lights, Camel, Action!

Our fabulous Year 3 children performed their Christmas show to packed houses this week. Their "Strictly" themed show gave a new twist to the nativity story as they wowed the audiences with a series of song and dance routines. Well done to all the children for taking part and to the Y3 staff for their patience in ensuring that all the rehearsals paid off!





*May my friends and family  
be blessed.*

*May whoever is feeling weak  
during the festive season be  
given strength.*

*May all of those who are  
carrying heavy burdens this  
Christmas have their load  
lightened.*

*Amen*

### Thank you

Thank you for your kind  
donations for our Christmas  
jumper non uniform day.



**We raised over £170 for  
Overgate Hospice!**

### School Attendance



Whole school attendance  
this term was

**96.1 %**



### Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Royal Armouries last week.

During the trip the children took part in two workshops which helped them to understand what life was like on the home front during WW2. They learnt lots of facts about ARP (Air Precaution) Wardens and why their role was so important. The children learned how to tie bandages safely and securely whilst reassuring each other just like ARP wardens would have done to injured citizens. They took part in their very own air raid and when the siren rang they had to go behind blacked out curtains, stay really quiet and listen for the bell before coming back out. They also took part in a training session lead by a corporal and had to work in teams to show a united front against the German army!



### We keep our children safe...

by monitoring online activity including social media.



Please be vigilant about your child's online activity. Social Media apps are constantly changing and are becoming more readily available to children despite the fact that most of these apps have an age restriction of 13. The advice from Police is that children under this age should delete apps such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Snap Chat and Instagram.