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Dear Parents,

PTA Lantern Parade

Thank you to the PTA who arranged a fantastic Lantern Parade last Friday evening. The weather was great and thank you all for joining in. See below for more news from the PTA.

Spanish evening Thursday 17th November 6.30-8pm in school

Just a reminder about next Thursday's Spanish evening which will launch our new British Council funded project. It will be a fun event for the whole family, with a visit from staff from La Tasca restaurant who will demonstrate how to make paella. There will also be music, quizzes and an introduction to the project and how it will help learning in the school. We hope to see you then.

Forthcoming events

It is coming up to a very busy time of year, so please keep checking the website for news and dates. This **Friday 11th November is Remembrance Day** and Year 5 will be presenting this week's Friday assembly. To be able to observe the silence at 11am, the assembly will be at **10.45am** instead of 9.15am. We do hope that you will still be able to come to this important and moving service.

Next **Friday 18th November is Children in Need day**. We will all be wearing something spotty and children should bring a 50p donation.

St. Andrew's Day will be held this year on Thursday 1st December at 9.15am in church and not on Wednesday 30th November as stated in the events list for the year.

Music tuition

Kathryn Good, the woodwind teacher is in school on Thursdays and has vacancies for extra pupils. Please contact her on 07935260170.

Nits!

The little pests are back! Please be vigilant and treat the whole family to avoid repeat outbreaks. Conditioner and a dust comb work well.

Dogs!

Please do not bring dogs into the school grounds. It is a dog free area and there are signs up indicating this, although I have seen some dogs actually tied to these signs! We have had two recent occasions where children have tracked dog faeces into school on their shoes, so it is a serious health and safety matter.

Parking

We have had several polite requests from neighbours around the school about parking. Please do not block driveways or park very close to junctions. I have passed on concerns to the community police, so they are aware of our problems. In addition please do not use the bus bay as a drop off zone as the buses must be able to park there to allow children to get off safely.

Reception class applications for September 2012

Please note the following advice from the Schools' Admissions Team at the Local Authority:

Reception Starters September 2012 born between 1/9/07 and 31/8/08

Primary application facility opens on 7 November and will close on 15 January 2012 at

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline>

Please remember late applications will not be considered above timely ones where schools are oversubscribed. It is essential that parents are aware and apply on time!

Newsletters

If you would like an electronic version of this letter, please sign up at

newsletter@standrewscofe.co.uk.

I look forward to catching up with you all in the playgrounds and do pop in to see me for a chat or by phone or email if you have any concerns.

With best wishes,



Sarah Pendle

**Fantastic Fun Club
(FFC)**
Vacancies for before and after school care.
Please enquire at school
01822 853153
admin@standrewscofe.co.uk
Vouchers can be used

PTA News

Lantern parade: Thank you to everyone who came along to the magical lantern walk on Friday evening and helped raise £350 for our school. It was a beautifully clear evening and after a bracing walk around the village, we returned to some fantastic hog roast and hot dogs and beautifully decorated firework cakes. Well done and thank you to the PTA catering team for all their hard work and also to Year 6 for such producing all those beautiful cupcakes.

Raffle tickets: The rota for selling raffle tickets in Yelverton is filling up but there are still a few spaces if you have a spare hour on either 19th or 26th November. Please email Mary Lowther for more details mjfhzlowther@aol.com. If you still have some raffle tickets to sell at home – how about taking them into work and selling them to your colleagues – there are some great prizes. The raffle is a really important part of the Christmas Fair fundraising effort – let's see if we can sell all the tickets this year!

Christmas Fair Volunteers: Volunteers needed to help with setting up the infamous Santa's grotto; helping hands also needed on the day of the fair – please return your slip to the office or let a member of the PTA team know. Can't help on the day? How about baking a cake for the cake stall or sorting out some good as new toys for the toy stall? We really do appreciate all offers of help however big or small – just an hour of your time really will make a big difference.

Mufti day: A reminder that there will be a mufti day on Friday December 2nd in exchange for an item for the governors' very successful and popular tombola stall. Please ensure all items are in date.

Most Christmassy cake competition: Have you started planning your entry for the Most Christmassy Cake competition – two categories – KS1 and KS2. This is a family competition so start canvassing ideas off the children and buying those sparkles and sprinkles!

Crafty ideas: Would you like to come into school and help the children to produce some Christmas crafts or some chutneys or jams for sale at the fair? Bring back memories of peppermint creams and clothes peg angels and enjoy getting messy with the children. All ideas and offers of help, very gratefully received.

Next meeting: Monday 14th November 7.45pm at school – come and blind taste the mince pies and mulled wine for 'Carols round the tree' on 5th December. All welcome.

Future news items please contact zoe.moore@mac.com