

St. Andrew's C.E Aided Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Industrial Action Wednesday 30th November 2011

We will let you know as soon as possible how the school will be affected by the proposed industrial action.

Spanish Family Learning 1st December

Following the successful launch of our British Council funded Regio project last week, we will start our family and community Spanish Club on Thursday 1st December, between 6.30-7.30pm. It will be a fun, social session, with the opportunity to learn Spanish alongside your children, with a Christmas theme, with games, songs and refreshments. If you have any inner tubes from foil or kitchen rolls, please send them into school to be used at the club. All families welcome - Hasta luego!

St. Andrew's Day Thursday 1st December at 9.30am at St. Andrew's church

You are all invited to join us for this whole school church service. We have a fish and chip lunch on that day, so please send your payment into the office on Monday. In addition, we would like to invite members of our 'senior' community for lunch, so if you are a grandparent and you would like to come for lunch, please phone in. The cost will be £2.05 for pupils and £4.50 for seniors.

PTA Christmas Fair Saturday 3rd December 2-4pm

It's time to kick off the Christmas season! The raffle tickets have gone out; there are some fabulous prizes to be won so please send tickets, with the money, back into school. On **Friday 2nd December there is a mufti day** for the children, in return for items for the tombola. Please send high quality, in date items that you would be happy to receive. You will shortly get a paper plate and the PTA would be very grateful if this could be sent back filled with goodies for refreshments. There will also be the traditional competition for cakes decorated by the children. See below for more information from the PTA.

Carols Round the Tree Monday 5th December 6-7pm

We are holding this favourite family event in the school. The PTA will very kindly be providing mince pies and mulled wine. It's an interactive evening, so be ready for lots of singing!

Nativity plays:

We have three plays going on this year, due to the full Reception class intake.

Reception class:

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December, both days at 2pm in Reception classroom.

KS1:

Rehearsal (younger siblings welcome): Wednesday 7th December 2pm

Performances: Thursday 8th December 2pm and 6pm. All in school.

KS2:

Rehearsal (younger siblings welcome): Tuesday 13th December 1.30pm

Performances: Wednesday 14th December 1.30pm and 6.30pm. All in church.

Clubs

To allow for all this Christmas activity, after school clubs will be stopping at the end of the week beginning 28th November (next week).

Children in Need

Thank you for Spotty Day - £197.87 was raised.

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,



Fantastic Fun Club (FFC)

Vacancies for before and after school care.
Christmas Club 19th & 20th December.

Please enquire at school

01822 853153

admin@standrewscofe.co.uk

Vouchers can be used

PTA News

Christmas Fair Raffle tickets: 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.

Don't forget the school when you are doing your Christmas shopping online – just do it via the easyfundraising website.