

## St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### News

Year 5 recently took part in a music workshop with The Arts Active Trust. They used music to raise awareness of climate change and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Last week, Year 1 to Year 6 attended a lovely Advent service with Father Andrew at St Peters. It was so great to be in church with so many classes and the children all behaved and sang brilliantly. Da iawn pawb. Thank you to the volunteers who were able to assist us in walking the children down. Thank you for supporting our #ChristmasJumperDay yesterday. We are delighted to be able to send £180 to Save the Children. This is very impressive given how many children are off with illnesses at the moment. We have also received a note to say we contributed £181 to this year's poppy appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

A huge thank you to the staff for running the after school clubs this term. Clubs have now finished and we will look at running more clubs next term.

Yesterday, the school choir took part in a festive concert at The Paget rooms in Penarth. Mrs Green and Mrs Miller were extremely proud of the children who took part and said their behaviour and enthusiasm was exemplary.



### Christmas Concert Arrangements for next week

The infant nativity concerts take place in the hall. For safeguarding reasons, we ask that all adults queue at the gate. After morning drop off on Wednesday morning, parents will need to leave the playground after saying goodbye to the children - there will be no queuing on the playground. At

the end of Tuesday afternoon's performance, please do not ask to take children home early. Also, please remember your tickets as we use these to count how many are in the hall. Please note – for safeguarding reasons, there is strictly no photography or filming during the concert. Staff will be taking photos of all the children in their costumes on stage.

The juniors will be walking to church on Tuesday morning for their concert practice and then again on Wednesday afternoon for the concert. Please make sure they have a warm coat – a school fleece is not sufficient. We are asking the children to wear their school uniform but if they wish, they can replace their school jumper with a Christmas one for the concert on Wednesday. Parents will need to queue outside the church until the children are ready. Please note, although we are following the permitted numbers for the church, there is usually not quite enough seating and some parents stand. Please can I ask that we are considerate of those who may be more in need of a seat than others.

We don't feel it appropriate to charge for the church service, but we will be taking a collection during the service to split between the church and charity. Please remember your tickets.

Please note, there will be no Well-being days in any classes next week due to concerts etc.

### **Lunch changes / Christmas lunch**

On Wednesday the Juniors will need to leave school by 12.45 in order to walk to church. They will need to eat their lunch in classrooms due to the infants being in the hall. As a result, the kitchen will only be providing baguettes. Alternatively, your child can bring a packed lunch.

#### **Christmas Lunch:**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Reception to Year 2 will be having their Christmas lunch. Juniors will be offered sausage baguettes (or the usual cold baguettes) with a pudding.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Juniors will be having their Christmas lunch. Infants will be offered a sub (softer than the baguettes) with sausage, cheese, tuna or ham and a pudding. Please ensure your child knows what they want. We are looking into offering sub rolls to infants in the new year so this will be an opportunity to try it out.

### **Christmas Parties**

School provides the food and treats. All you need to provide are your children dressed in their party gear (although please remember they still go outside so need to be warm and have sensible shoes and a coat). The parties will be as follows:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery to Year 2 (All Nursery to attend one session – 12:40 – 3:10)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 3 to Year 6

### **Big Wrap/Foodbank**

Again this year, we would like to support the Vale Foodbank. Please do not feel obliged, but if you would like to send in a selection box or box of chocolates, we will then pass them on. Please do not send them in before Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> as we will not be able to store them in the foyer until the concerts have finished.

## Message from the PTA (Repeated)

### Christmas market

Please check out the PTA virtual Christmas market on Facebook for your Christmas shopping. We also have space for more stalls if anyone wants to sell their products.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/standrewsptavirtualchristmasmarket/?ref=share>

### Christmas jumpers

Last year the PTA collected Christmas jumpers to pass on again this year. Jumpers are all listed on the SAMS uniform recycling page on Facebook and can be collected for a donation to the PTA. This helps the environment by reusing jumpers as well as supporting the PTA to support the children's education. If this is a success, we will be collecting Christmas jumpers again in the new year.



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100034760062164>

## CONFIRMED DATES

CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Infant Nativity at 1:30pm

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Infant Nativity at 9:30am

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Junior Carol Service at 1:30pm (St Peter's)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Infant Christmas Lunch

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Junior Christmas Lunch

**Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Last Day of Term

Yours faithfully,

Gen Hallett  
Headteacher



“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” **Micah 5:2**