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Dear parents/carers,

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News

It has been a very busy fortnight! Following the Remembrance service in the Village, Year 6 led their own Remembrance Worship for parents. They all spoke with great passion and emotion about the horrors of war and the importance of never forgetting those men and women who were injured or killed in conflicts around the world. We were extremely pleased with how well they all presented and I am sure you were as proud of them as we were. Da iawn Blwyddyn 6.

Year 5 have been going swimming every day for the last 2 weeks and they have all worked extremely hard to develop their swimming and life saving skills. We are so impressed with how the confidence of some pupils who were non-swimmers has come on. Mr Trigg and Mrs Brown have told me that they have all tried so hard and we are very proud of you all. Arddechog Blwyddyn 5!

Thank you so much for all those who donated to Children in Need last week. The children really dressed for the occasion and we were delighted to send off £200 to this very worthy cause.

There has been a lot of work going on in classes around anti-bullying and a particularly lovely activity took place last Friday when classes swapped letters of positivity and ideas about how to deal with bullying in order to spread joy throughout our school.

On Sunday, Year 3 were the first class in over 3 years to contribute to the family service at St Peter's. They spoke about our focus value 'Trust' as well as sharing some poems, readings, superb artwork and entertaining us with a song. It really was a fabulous contribution and I have received many positive comments from members of the congregation. Bendigedig Blwyddyn 3! Diolch yn fawr to Mr Mason and Mr Walters for preparing the children so well too!



Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 8th December 2022 will be Save the Children's 11th Christmas Jumper Day! As a school, we have often supported this charity and would like to do so this year. However, we are very mindful of the financial challenges facing families and as in previous years suggest that you do not need to go out and purchase a jumper. A t-shirt, hat, Christmas socks or simply a headband would do – anything to add to the festive sparkle! Please also see a linked message from the PTA below.

Message from the PTA

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>

Volunteers

Thank you to all those who have responded to the survey about volunteering at the school. There was a huge response, so we will not be able to invite everyone in at the moment. Mrs Green will be in touch as and when we need volunteers and also to arrange the DBS checks.

Christmas Concert costumes

Rehearsals are now in full swing for the Christmas concerts and in the coming days, the children will be coming home with requests for costumes. Staff have tried to keep things as simple as possible but if you have any problems with this, please do speak to us as we may be able to help.

Christmas Concert Arrangements (repeated)

Numbers in the hall for the Nativity are restricted due to Health and Safety and are as follows:
Nursery – for parents who only have children in Nursery, you will be allocated 2 tickets according to your child/children's session.

For all other pupils, each family are allowed up to a total of 3 tickets. You could have 2 for 1 performance and then 1 for the other or 3 for the same performance.

Tickets for the Junior Carol Service will also be restricted to 2 per family (of Junior pupils only).

CONFIRMED DATES (New dates in red)

7th & 13th Dec – PTA Wreath making workshops

Thurs 8th Dec - 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day

Tues 13th Dec – Infant Nativity at 1:30pm

Weds 14th Dec – Infant Nativity at 9:30am

Weds 14th Dec – Junior Carol Service at 1:30pm (St Peter's)

Weds 21st Dec – Last Day of Term

Our Value this half term is **'TRUST'** which we will be discussing in worship and in class.
Our linked UNC Children's Right for this period will be Article 3 **'All adults should always do what is best for you.'**

Good luck to the Wales football team tomorrow and wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher



Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3: 5-6)