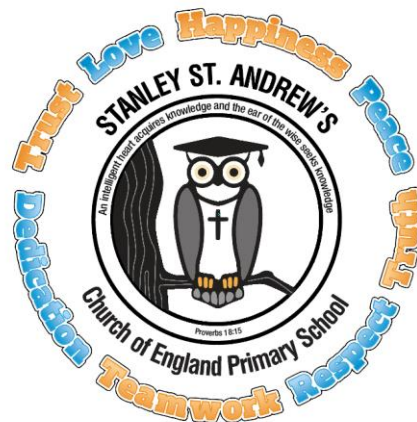


# Stanley St Andrew's

Church of England Primary School



Happy New Year! Time seems to be ticking by very quickly, and at present we appear to be lucky with the weather.

It seems like such a long time ago when I applied to go to India with the Diocese and suddenly Friday is here. The school that I am making a link with is in Kolkata and is called Dumdum. It is an infant school from what I can gather. I will be teaching for a couple of days and then doing some staff training, with a number of teachers, from the Cathedral schools in Kolkata along with my colleagues from Derby Diocese.

If you recall, the children raised £200 to go towards the fund and we also have an additional £80, which I will be taking to buy resources locally. My teaching is going to be based around Hansel and Gretel to link the fact that our money was raised by our tuck shop and also to promote healthy eating along with dental hygiene. My thanks to Kay and her team of knitting friends who have knitted me the characters from the story, along with a beautiful cottage.

The training element that I will be focusing in on is based around children learning by demonstration. This is a new concept within Indian schools, where generally children tend to copy from books and learn by rote.

We have been able to create a plaque to be presented to the school which has been commissioned by Edwards (the undertakers) in Derby; my thanks to Nicky Wood for sorting this for us.

I am very grateful for all the support that both staff and parents have given me in this exciting project. I am confident that during my time in India, school will operate smoothly. Please feel free to speak to your class teacher if there is an issue or concern regarding your child.

Liz Jackson, our chair of governors, is in school on a daily basis and is always happy to help and support parents. Also Rev Ingrid has regular contact with school and will be available if required.

## Start of the Summer Term

### Upcoming Events

**10<sup>th</sup> February**

Break up for half term

**20<sup>th</sup> February**

School closed INSET Day



### Website

The new school website is now live, please go on and have a tour, at our new look. My thanks go to Miss Perrins and Mr Hodson for being amazing sponsors for this fantastic resource. We will continue to add new content as policies and information get updated. You will notice in the next few days that the text messaging service will move from the current provider to link in with our new website provider Primary Site.

This website allows you to view from a tablet, smartphone and desktop. It is my intention that we will move away from paper newsletters and parents will access information via the website, which will help save paper and the cost of printing.

I am hoping, if Wi-Fi in India allows, that I will be able to send you regular photographs and videos which will be uploaded to the website under the tab 'children' video resource Centre and the 'About us' tab under the Kolkata link. Also I will try to maintain a regular tweet for those of you who follow us on Twitter. If all main communication fails, I will message the office to send out a text.

**[WWW.st-andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://WWW.st-andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk)**

### Breakfast Club & After School Club

We are still receiving phone calls for last minute bookings for after school club until 6pm. Please can I stress, that we require at least 24hrs notice in order to ensure that the staffing is in place for a late finish. Please do not phone up on the day requesting a 6pm pick up. Please can you clearly write on your payments when the session is for, how long and your child's name/class.

***Cheques for this please make payable to Stanley St Andrew's***

### **Easy fundraising**

Don't forget if you have shopping to do join easy fundraising. It is a really easy app to download and will help to raise money for the school.

Currently we have raised £272 let's see how much we can raise.

### **Parking**

We still have a few issues with parking. A number of parents are concerned about the children in the carpark unsupervised whilst parents are getting younger children out of the car. Please ensure all children remain in the car until babies and toddlers are safely put into prams/strollers to ensure the safety of the older children. This will avoid any potential accidents.

### **Reading**

Continue to hear children read on a daily basis as it helps to promote their understanding of the world. Regardless of your child's reading ability it is essential that an adult signs the reading record so that we are able to monitor.