



# Stanley St Andrew's

Church of England Primary School

Christmas 2022 Newsletter



Another year ends, and again, there have been many challenges with the health and well-being of our children and staff.

Thank you for the support that we have received from so many parents and grandparents throughout this year. It is always brilliant to see the gestures of goodwill from helping to get children to events, physically maintaining areas within school and for supporting the events put on. It has been great this year to be able to have parents, grandparents, and our school families back inside the building to see our children perform and to have a Christmas fair.

## Thank You

My thanks go to all the staff who have worked so very hard to continue with high quality teaching, wearing many different hats in our small setting but also for showing dedication, teamwork, and happiness in all that they have done this term.

## Staffing

We welcome Hayley Varty to our school team. Hayley will be working alongside Sam in the office during her training period and then will be returning to a job share. Hayley comes with a wealth of finance experience which will be a real asset in working in partnership with Sam to maintain the high standards set.

## Safeguarding

All staff will be having a well deserved break please may I remind you that any safeguarding issues over the Christmas holiday are reported to: Call Derbyshire if you live in Derbyshire 01629533190 or Derby City 01332 641172.

## Thank you Team FOSS

Thank you to FOSS over this last year to ensure that we have been able to get back to some sort of normality. It has been great being able to fund raise for the extra items for school. The team has really come together to make lots of things happen in school. Thank you for all your hard work and it has been wonderful to see the new members joining in. Please contact the school if you would like to be part of the team as everyone is welcome. So far this year we have raised over £1k and this money will be used towards purchasing extra items for children.

## Season's Greetings

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our children and families a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

## The academic year so far.....

Since the start of this academic year, we have packed so many different events into school life. We continue to work with our children on living out the school values both in school and at home.

### September

We welcomed our seven new reception children into school. This little group have settled very quickly into the Rosa Parks class and have learnt the school rules very quickly along with living out our school values.

### October

We had our OFSTED inspection which left us with a great result and some actions which we are working on.

Mrs Stanley-Wainwright was voted by shoppers at Morrisons in Ilkeston as a positive black role model in the community. Faye from Morrisons came and presented Mrs Stanley-Wainwright with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.



The school designed a well dressing this year to link in with our eco commitment. The well dressing was on display in West Hallam, and we collected £12:00 from the fund box which was donated to Sight Support Derbyshire.

### November

We had a wonderful service in school where our children came together to remember those who have fought in wars and sacrificed their lives. Mrs Daykin joined us for this service, and she read a letter that was written over 100 years ago which was very moving. Mrs Daykin said 'she was overwhelmed with how our children contributed to the service including the time of silence.' Our head boy wreath and contributed to the St Andrew's receive an email from a member of the praise for the four children living out our a positive way. Our thanks go to Lily, and girl along with their deputies laid our school service on remembrance Sunday. It was lovely to Parish Council expressing their gratitude and school values and representing the school in such George, Joshua and Betsy.



Our Poppy appeal raised £204.75, and the district total was £850.00 so as a school our contribution was significant! Thank you to all who purchased items.

Children in Need appeal in school raised £103.04! Again, thank you to all those who supported this great appeal. The children had a wonderful event and took the time to think about others and how their actions can impact upon the lives of other children.

## December

Our head boy and girl did bible readings in St Andrew's during the service held by the Bishop of Repton. This was a great opportunity for our children to shine as part of the Diocese dedication to including the community.

### Christmas Productions

It has been great getting the stage out and seeing our children perform for the first time in a good few years. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and friends from the community turn out to support the children. I know from comments that the children have made and seeing so many happy faces, that they have loved performing.

Christingle service in church was lovely the children enjoyed the service led by Rev Jan. We asked the children to decorate an envelope with the theme of world religions. Together we raised £49.78 for Christingle.

## Dum Dum

We continue to keep a close link with Ranu and the children in Dum Dum. The children are benefitting from the nutrition project that we are supporting, please see the website. It's always great to receive photographs from our link school and to have updates on how the children and staff are doing. We have worked with our children in school to ensure that they know that our children in Dum Dum are safe, happy, and loving life to the fullest. In addition to this the information and links that we use on our website are shared with Ranu for her to use within her teaching. Dum Dum does not have Wi-Fi link, however all Cathedral school staff have been issued with mobile phones and data so they can communicate easier. The school reports that the school building requires some significant repairs/ building works therefore, in the new year the children will need to be moved into a nearby building to keep them safe. I continue to monitor this situation and will update once I have more information. In the meanwhile, although our staff are not able to visit there will be several Derby University students who will be going out to visit in February 2023.

Remember if you want any additional information about the Cathedral schools in Kolkata follow the link on twitter **@crsukfriend**

## WhatsApp

There are several WhatsApp groups that have been set up by parents for children. Please may I remind you that WhatsApp is for children aged 16 years and over. The age restriction is to keep children safe. Over the past week we have been dealing with more issues with children falling out. As we know many children and, indeed adults, use this as a method to communicate, however children do not always realise that what they type or say online can have significant consequences to the wellbeing of others. It is essential that if you have set up your child an account that it is closely monitored and that your child knows who they are talking to and that they think about what they share. There have been incidents where children have not thought about what they have shared, where videos have been left running in busy households for everyone to see and where messages have been inappropriate. We are working with our Rashford class to give them the skills to know the difference between innocent chat and where inappropriate chat is not acceptable. As parents, if you have decided to set up accounts against the age recommendations, we ask that you make it a priority to check what your child is doing to safeguard them. Anything that the school deems to be inappropriate and that is shared with us will be reported to Safeguarding.

## Stay away from frozen water

If you have children in your family, please talk to them about the dangers of venturing onto frozen water. We're backing Derbyshire's firefighters and Derbyshire Water Safety Partnership in appealing to people to keep off and away from areas of frozen water – no matter how safe they look.



Falling into icy water can lead to cold water shock-causing muscle cramps making it impossible to swim, difficulty breathing, panic, a rise in blood pressure as your body tries to keep warm and even cardiac arrest. No matter what the circumstances, if a person or animal is in difficulty – do not attempt to enter the water to rescue them-call 999 immediately.

## Class Topics for next term

Rosa Parks	<i>What makes a good superhero?</i>
Nelson Mandela	<i>How has our local area changed?</i>
Maya Angelou	<i>What countries can you visit in Europe?</i>
Marcus Rashford	<i>Why are mountains so magnificent?</i>

Reading continues to be a focus for all children.

## Primary School Places

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 you need to get your primary school application in by Sunday 15 January 2023.

Applying online is quick and easy and allows you to make changes to your application at any point up to the closing date. You'll be asked to list, in order of preference, the three schools you'd most like your child to go to. You'll get an email to confirm your application's been received.

Applications can be made at....

[Apply for a school place - Derbyshire County Council](#)

[School admissions - Derby City Council](#)



## Dates for your Diary in 2023

### Spring term 1

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

*Half term Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February*

INSET Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

### Spring term 2

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March

*Easter Holiday Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April*

### Summer term 1

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

*Bank Holiday 1<sup>st</sup> May*

*Bank Holiday 8<sup>th</sup> May*

*Half term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June*

INSET Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

### Summer term 2

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July



We send most communications via the Parent Hub app. Please check this regularly. If you are having any problems with it, let us know.



ParentPay is the payment method wherever possible. If you do have any issues with this, please let the office know.

### **School Website**

Please check the school website before emailing for information as the calendar is up to date with all the latest information.

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