St. Andrew’s Methodist Primary School

Executive Headteacher’s Newsletter: Winter 2013

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# Introduction

#  Christmas is nearly upon us once more and the staff at St. Andrew’s are working very hard to make sure that it is a very exciting and enjoyable for the children in school. I hope you will find the following dates and information useful.

# Diary Dates

* Y4 are leading family worship on 14th November (Thursday).
* Y3 are leading family worship on 22nd November at 9am.
* There is a Bags 2 School recycling collection on 27th November. Please send in any unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, towels or soft toys in a plastic sack.
* Reception Class “Come and Play Afternoon” is on 18th November.
* Nursery “Come and Play Afternoon” is on 20th November.

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**Parents Evening and Book Fair**

You will shortly receive a letter regarding parents’ evening appointments. The two dates for this are 12th and 14th November. Please use this opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and teaching assistant to review their progress. The Book Fair will be on in the hall, all the week commencing 11th November, immediately after school, and until 6pm on the Thursday.

**Family Learning Workshop**

On 3rd December, at 9am, the teaching assistants are running a Christmas Craft Workshop for families from Year 1 to Year 4. Adults are invited into school to do Christmas craft activities alongside their children. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

# Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the raffle will be available in December from the school office. The prize will be a luxury Christmas hamper donated by the staff. The raffle will be drawn on the evening of the disco.

# Carol Service

The KS2 children are leading the School Carol Service in Walkden Methodist church on 18th December at 9.15am. Please feel free to join us.

# Party Day

Party day will be on Tuesday 17th December for all the children. Class teachers will send out further details nearer the time.



# Christmas Lunch

The kitchen staff will be serving Christmas lunch on 11th December. If your child is on packed lunches, they have the option of buying a Christmas lunch. The office will be sending out forms to book and pay for the lunch in advance. Alternatively, you may wish to make your child’s packed lunch more festive by adding a cracker or mince pie!

**Christmas Production**

This year’s show is called, “The Tale of Two Birthdays” and will feature our Key Stage 2 children from Years 3, 4 and 5. There will be two performances, an evening performance on 11th December at 6.30pm and an afternoon performance on 12th December at 2pm.

**Nursery Nativity**

The Nursery children would like to invite their families and friends to a simple celebration of Christmas on 13th December at 2.30pm.

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**Christmas Choir**

A School Choir will sing festive songs at the Ellesmere Centre in Walkden on 16th December at 2pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

They will also be singing for a group of senior citizens at Walkden Methodist Church on 9th December.

**Disco**

The Christmas Disco is on 16th December from 6-7.30pm. Please note the disco will finish promptly at 7.30pm and ensure you make arrangements for your child to be collected on time.

**Theatre Group**

As an extra treat for the whole school, we have paid for a theatre group to come into school on 10th December to present an interactive version of “A Christmas Carol,” involving some of the children.

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# Finally School breaks up for the Christmas holiday on 18th December at 3.20pm and starts back on Monday 6th January.

Thankyou for your continued support,

Mrs. A. Smith

Executive Headteacher