

## St. Andrew's Primary School November 2015

Welcome to our rather soggy November newsletter. Luckily everything inside the school is warming up nicely for Advent and Christmas as the weather outside gets wetter and colder. As usual, we've all been busy and it's not easing up!

### St. Andrew's Day

**The whole school will be walking to St. Andrew's Church on Monday to celebrate St. Andrew's Day (weather permitting). Mass will begin at 1.30pm. If the weather is too bad we will have mass in the school hall.**

**Parents and carers are welcome to join us at Church but we cannot accommodate anyone extra in the hall.**

**A text message will be sent out if we are staying at school.**

### Christmas Shows

Rehearsals for this year's shows are progressing very well. Ticket letters have been sent out. The times for the shows are:

**Primary 7 & 6 pupils – Peace Child**

**Primary 3, 4 & 5 pupils – A Dancing Christmas Party**

**Primary 1 & 2 pupils - Jesus in the Manger**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm – pupils should be at school for 6pm to get changed and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm (an early lunch will be arranged.)

You will receive a special letter about costumes later this week.

Please remember if you have any questions or problems getting costumes to let the school know as soon as you can.



### PoppyScotland Fundraising

Our recent 'Wear Red' day for PoppyScotland raised the great sum of £197.20. We are waiting to hear how much our can collection amounted to but thank you all for your support.

### The Daily Mile

We have been finding out new ways to develop and improve the Health and Wellbeing of staff and pupils. One popular, easy and fun way is for every class to walk or run 1 mile every day. This is something we aim to introduce in St. Andrew's (as soon as the torrential rain stops). Pupils will walk/run in most weather and DO NOT need any additional kit – coats and shoes will be fine.

**Please make sure your child has a suitable coat to wear outside.**

## Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be held on the following days. Pupils should come to school dressed ready for their party on the day.



**Primary 1, 2/1 and 2**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Primary 3, 4/3 and 4**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Primary 5 & 6**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Primary 6/7 and 7**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

My contact at the North Pole has requested our friend's attendance on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> so, if he's making good progress, he should be dropping by.

## Getting It Right For Every Child – Survey results

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned our survey. If you still have not done so please ask at the school office or send a note in with your child and I will get a survey to you. I will let you know the results as soon as I can.

## School Handbook – Parental Engagement

I would like to invite you to join me on **Wednesday morning, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, to share your ideas about our school handbook. This is something that is published on our website and given to parents when they register their child for Primary 1 in January. There are certain sections which legislation states must be included and I would like to hear your ideas too.

**If you are interested please come in to school at 9am on Wednesday or at 2.30pm on Wednesday afternoon.**



Alternatively, if you have any ideas but can't make it along feel free to send them in to me or email on the school address.

## Website

**Remember our website. Keep checking for updates.**

**<http://st-andrews.inverclyde.sch.uk/>**

**If you have any suggestions for what you would like to see on the website please let us know.**

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## Dates for Your Diary

### November

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

**St. Andrew's Day – mass at 1.30pm**  
**Primary 2 will perform some Scottish songs for Larkfield Children's Centre @ 10am**  
**Visit from new Corporate Director – Wilma Bain**

### December

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

P1 and P7 Dental Inspections

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

School handbook – Parental engagement

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mobile Digital Showcase for P7 and 7/6 a.m. in school

**Christmas Concerts 6.30pm**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Canteen Christmas Dinner – letter has been sent home**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Concerts – 1pm**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Primary 1, 2/1 and 2 Christmas party**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Wonderland – Doors open at 1.30pm**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Visit from Angela Edwards – Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Joint Carol Concert for P4 - 7 with Aileymill Primary in St. Andrew's Church, 11am**

**School Closes for Christmas Holidays at 2.30pm**

### January 2016

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**School Re-opens for Staff and Pupils**

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