

Atherton St George's C.E. Primary School & Little Dragons' Nursery



Newsletter, 29th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive season has started and Christmas is now officially on its way as this weekend is the first Sunday of Advent. Classes are beginning rehearsals for nativities, music is filling the corridors and the Christmas decorations have all gone up today! The children are very excited and we have lots of magical things in store for them throughout December.

Joining us for the magic this year is Mr Livesley our new Y5/6 teacher who we would like welcome to the St George's family. He has been in school all week getting to know the children and will start as the class teacher on Monday. He can't wait to inspire them with his teaching.

Next week we have our progress meetings where every child in school is discussed and any interventions will be put into place to develop the children even further. Progress meetings really are my favourite time, as the teachers have the chance to speak about every child individually which I think is wonderful.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped or attended the Christmas fair last weekend. It was an amazing turn out, the children sang beautifully and over £720 was raised!! The PTFA have worked tirelessly and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all their hard work.

This week staff have all been observed teaching maths using new strategies which have been introduced and the EYFS and Key Stage One team have been accessing new phonics training which sounds fantastic. The staff are keen to begin implementing their new found knowledge.

The dates for all Christmas events have been sent home and a copy has also been uploaded to the school Facebook page. Tickets for the Christmas nativities are currently on sale at the office, we have limited this to two per family and put on an extra show for KS2 to ensure you all get a chance to come along. Some parents have asked why we don't put on an evening show, we did last year, however it was so poorly attended and few children turned up to perform that we decided not to this year to avoid disappointment.

Last week we had our annual Safeguarding review led by Reverend Reg and Rachel Thomas (who are our Safeguarding Trustee and Governor). They spoke to parents, visited all classrooms, spoke to staff and children about their thoughts, views, training and left feeling extremely empowered. St George's school really do go over and above, particularly with our pastoral care which is something that we are extremely proud of and we are pleased that this was recognised on the day. For those who took the time to speak to them on the playground, thank you so much for input. We have incorporated suggestions and ideas from the discussions on the day into our action plan and we are keen to put these into place.

Have a lovely weekend and I hope you enjoy putting up your Christmas decorations 😊

Kind regards
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