

*Warriors of learning and challenge***ANDERTON PARK NEWSLETTER****Issue No. 15****0121 464 1581****19th December 2018****www.andertonparkschool.org.uk, Twitter: @AndertonPark****A great autumn term**

A big THANK YOU & well done to all children, staff & families for a great autumn term. Everyone's worked so hard!

APS Festive Fun last Friday

The total amount raised from the bake sale, festive games and Christmas Jumper Day was a whopping **£501!** This will be split in half between our school fund and Birmingham Children's Hospital. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success.

Anderton Park School app

The new and exciting APS app has been launched and is ready for you to download - see overleaf for instructions. Thanks Mrs Evans for sorting this.

What a delightful Nativity play from our young children!

A huge thank you to the children, staff and families in Nursery & Reception for their stunning 'Shine star, shine' Nativity play. They reminded us all about the important things from the Christmas story - family, love, kindness, peace, laughter and good will.

Consideration & kindness towards our neighbours on Dennis Road

Please think carefully about driving and parking when we don't *really* need to on Dennis Road. There are residents with babies, toddlers and disabled family members who often find they cannot park outside their own house. Please show thoughtfulness and kindness.

Our great Breakfast Club

Please note that our Breakfast Club is currently full. Should you wish for your child to join Breakfast Club, please speak to Mr Harris or Mrs Bi who can put your child's name on the waiting list. It's an incredible club where children can play games, choose from a variety of breakfast foods & do their homework. If you have a place, don't take it for granted.

Quotes from staff

We asked staff for their favourite quotes so each week we will give you one of them. This week we have...Ms Wiseman whose favourite quote is "*Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in another time*".

Celebration assemblies

Assemblies for Y1 - 6 take place on Wednesdays at 1.45pm:

Y5 & 6 Large Hall

Y3 & 4 Small Hall

Y1 & 2 Sports Hall

Nursery and Reception will go back to having 11.00am or 1.30pm assemblies on Fridays, alternating each week. **This week** the Nursery and Reception assembly will be at **1.30pm on Friday 21st December**, in the Sports Hall.

Christmas parties in classes

Tomorrow afternoon children will be having Christmas parties in classes - relax and enjoy! If you feel more relaxed in non-uniform clothes, please come to school in either party clothes or chill out clothes. You can wear uniform if you want to.

Christmas lunch

Tomorrow is the day for the children's Christmas lunch. If your child is FSM, paid school meals or normally sandwiches or home dinners but you have paid for them to have a lunch tomorrow, they will get a lovely festive lunch with vegetables, stuffing and dessert!

Break up for Christmas holidays

We break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 21st December at 3.30pm. Children are back to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019 due to an INSET day for staff on Monday 7th January.

Thank you Miss O'Driscoll

Miss O'Driscoll will sadly be leaving Anderton Park at the end of this term. She is off to do some exciting things... please come back and visit us soon Miss O'Driscoll!

ParentPay, Paypoint & cash payments to the school office

Most parents are aware that for the last two years we have used online payments for dinner and trip money. More recently we have also started using Paypoint. This has been a resounding success and we are really grateful to parents & families who have supported us.

We do have a small number of families who are not yet using either facility. We would like if at all possible to achieve 100% usage of non-cash payments and are eager to support all families in this. As most parents are already making dinner money payments online using ParentPay and Paypoint our aim is for school trips to also be paid for in this way.

Mrs Aris, in the main school office, is happy to help parents make this adjustment and will be contacting you if you still make cash payments. In the meantime, please contact the school office if you have any queries regarding payments or would like to request a Paypoint card.

Let's help each other...

We are aware that for some families the holidays are a difficult time to feed everyone. We are looking at ways to help support these families. Please let us know if you would like this kind of support by speaking to a member of staff in school. This information will be treated with respect and confidence.

Reverse Advent Calendar success

Thank you to everyone who has collected items in for the reverse advent. It is going brilliantly and we are overwhelmed with your generosity.