

*Warriors of learning and challenge***ANDERTON PARK NEWSLETTER****Issue No. 13****0121 464 1581****5th December 2018****www.andertonparkschool.org.uk, Twitter: @AndertonPark****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.

DfE 'The questions parents should ask'

The DfE have released guidance for parents on questions they should ask at organisations their children may go to outside of school e.g. sports clubs, mosque schools, Sunday school etc. Have you asked any of these before?

- Have staff and volunteers undertaken DBS checks? How recent were the checks?
- Will any adults besides the instructor be present at the venue while my child is there? If so, will they be there on a regular basis?
- What training have staff had?
- May I have a copy of your child protection policy?
- Who is your designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and what training have they had? How recent was this training?
- My child has Special Educational Needs and / or a disability (SEND). What steps will you take to accommodate this?
- My child needs help with: using the toilet; changing; feeding; their medication, etc. How will these personal care needs be addressed?
- How are you securely storing the information you hold on my child? Who has access to it and are you giving it to anyone else?
- Is my child allowed to access the internet unsupervised?
- Do you have filtering and monitoring systems in place? What are they?

Y5 visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (BMAG)

On Friday this week Y5 classes will be visiting BMAG. They will get to see wonderful artwork throughout history. Parents talk to children afterwards about which piece of artwork was their favourite.

Y6 visit to Stratford Upon-Avon, SBT

On Friday, Y6 children will be visiting Stratford Upon-Avon for an 'immersive day' at Shakespeare's birthplace. They'll learn some amazing things about him and his work.

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 Matthews - "The time is always right to do what is right" - Martin Luther King Jr.

APS Bake Sale - Friday 14th December, 3.45pm

Some children have asked staff whether they can raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital and for our school. We have agreed to hold a bake sale with a few other stalls, including a raffle for a homemade Christmas cake (for which tickets will be on sale for 50p each at lunchtimes in the shared area, from next Monday onwards!). The bake sale will take place on Friday 14th December at 3.45pm. On this day we will also be wearing Christmas jumpers for Christmas Jumper Day. The money collected from the bake sale and CJD will be shared between Birmingham Children's Hospital and Anderton Park School.

The group of children who are organising have asked staff & families to make & bring in cakes that can be sold, so a big thank you to all those who have said to the children that they would make some cakes. There will be more details to follow. The children have made a great start!

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14th December

As mentioned, as well as our bake sale on Friday 14th December we are also having Christmas Jumper Day. This year we are asking you to donate 50p or more which we will be sharing between Birmingham Children's Hospital and APS. Wear normal school trousers or skirt with your most shiny, glitzy Christmas jumper!

Reverse Advent Calendar

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

New cones!

The new cones have arrived! What do you think? They certainly make us all think there might be a child (or adult) at risk of harm. Thank you to so many parents who are walking to school or dropping off a bit further away to avoid the Dennis Road

Christmas lunch

See overleaf for details of this year's Christmas lunch.

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 7th December**, in the Sports Hall.