

*Warriors of learning and challenge***ANDERTON PARK NEWSLETTER****Issue No. 14****0121 464 1581****12th December 2018****www.andertonparkschool.org.uk, Twitter: @AndertonPark****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 at all regarding payments or would like to request a Paypoint card.

Nursery & Reception Nativity - Tuesday 18th December

Nursery & Reception children will perform their nativity next Tuesday in the Large Hall. Parents are invited to come and watch. The children have practised so much and have done so well. There will be two performances -

9.30am Nursery am & Reception, Large Hall
1.30pm Nursery pm & Reception, Large Hall

School Photographs

If you wish to purchase your child's school photographs, please ensure you give payment to the school office by Friday 14th December.

Music Concert - Thursday 13th December, 2.00pm

Tomorrow afternoon Year 4 children will be performing in the annual music concert here in school. Parents please come and watch. It will be a great opportunity to see the children's musical achievements.

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.

Break up for Christmas holidays

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

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

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

APS bake sale, tombola & raffle - Friday 14th December, 3.45pm

As you are aware, after school this Friday we will be having a bake sale, a raffle (for a homemade Christmas cake) and a tombola (which will have a prize for every go!).

On Friday 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.

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 will be shared between Birmingham Children's Hospital and APS. Wear normal school trousers or skirt with your most shiny, glitzy Christmas jumper!

Christmas lunch and class celebrations - Thursday 20th December

There a few spaces left if your child would like to have a Christmas lunch next Thursday! Fill in the form overleaf and return to the school office either with the money or having paid on ParentPay. Remember if your child is FSM or normally has paid school meals, they will automatically receive a Christmas lunch. However if your child normally has a packed lunch or goes home, this is a great opportunity for them to have a lovely school meal. Also on Thursday afternoon next week, classes will have Christmas celebrations. Parents please don't give children extra food to bring in as this will be an afternoon of games.

Art Competition - Banksy

Thank you to all who entered into the art competition posted on last week's Family Homework. Your entries were outstanding. There were three main winners and three runners up who received certificates and prizes in today's assemblies. We will have an art competition every month so watch out for the next one in January.

Quotes from staff

We asked staff for their favourite quotes so each week we will give you one of them. This week we have...Mr Whattoff whose favourite quote is " *We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give*" - Winston Churchill.

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 **11.00am on Friday 14th December**, in the Sports Hall.