## St. Andrew's Newsletter

No: 07|| Thursday 7th December 2023

#### Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Term 1 - Monday 04 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023

Term 2 - Monday 30 October 2023 to Wednesday 20 December 2023

Term 3 - Thursday 04 January 2024 to Friday 09 February 2024

Term 4 - Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

Term 5 - Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

Term 6 - Monday 03 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

#### INSET Days for 2023 - 2024

Monday 19 February 2024 Monday 3 June 2024

#### **Dates to Remember:**

Monday 11 December (2:50 pm) - Falcon class worship

Thursday 14 December – Rocksteady Concert

Friday 15 December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 09 January (9:15am) - Coffee Morning - Sleep Workshop

Monday 5 February (2:50pm) - Owl class worship

Monday 25 March (2:50pm) – Kingfisher class worship

Monday 20 May (2:50pm) - Kestrel class worship

Monday 01 July (2:50pm) - Jay class worship

School Website: <u>www.standrewscongresbury.co.uk</u>

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This week we have had the pleasure of watching "Away in a Manager" – a perfect, warming of the heart start to the run up to Christmas festivities. The children were incredible and it was a joy to watch! They were all courageous performing in front of everyone and rose to the occasion: performing songs, actions, acting, impromptu dancing and just simply being very engaging! The smiles on their faces were priceless and so was the reaction of the family members in the audience. We are immensely proud of them all! A huge thank you to the team too for all the hard work and preparation supporting the children to perform in the way they did.

Falcons and Eagles went and performed for nearly 40 Senior citizens yesterday afternoon in the Old School Rooms. Our children sang several Christmas carols to the delight of the audience. It was a wonderful atmosphere and the children thoroughly enjoyed the reaction of all the smiles around the room.

Last Friday, we also opened the doors to our PTA run Christmas fair. Despite the very cold evening, it was very well supported and we would like to thank everyone for their support in raising funds for the school. The PTA worked tirelessly for weeks preparing for the event and there was a team working busily throughout Friday. On behalf of the Governing body and the staff team of St Andrew's I would like to express how appreciative we are of all of the PTA's hard work as well as the parents that also volunteered – THANK YOU!

Working in a school at this time of the year is always very special. Today, we have one of the highlights of St Andrew's school year – Christmas shopping day! Again, the PTA and members of staff have been working hard preparing for the Christmas shopping event. It is a magical experience and the children absolutely love carefully choosing family members' gifts to share on Christmas day (if they can wait that long in giving out their presents!) Thank you again for supporting this event.

Thank you for supporting the Every Child Needs a Christmas charity event. We have had so many generous gifts handed in and they are sure to put a smile on the recipients faces. We will deliver them to the Grand Atlantic Hotel tomorrow.

Next week, we have Experience Christmas at the church for all of our classes to enjoy; our Christmas Rock Steady concert and Year 6 are looking forward to their Fish and Chip disco.

Christmas is a time for joy and a time for love; I hope that you are able to feel these over the festive period. If I am not able to see you before we break up, I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas.

Take care,

Fran Martin

#### **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15th December**

As the Christmas celebrations continue, we would like to remind you that next Friday is School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. Please check if you have already ordered a meal for this day, if not there is still a bit of time to place your order through SELECT as usual. If you decide not to order school lunch please make sure your child brings a packed lunch from home.

We are looking forward to seeing the children wearing their Christmas jumpers. However, please do not buy a jumper just for the day if you do not have one. Your child/ren can wear anything festive they like and they feel comfortable in - after all, it is all about having fun!

#### **Celebration worship 24th November**

Kingfisher Crew	Lila - compassion, Poppy
Jay Crew	Chloe – courage, Robyn
Owl Crew	Courage – Casper, Matilda -
	trust
Kestrel Crew	Codie – courage, Dolly –
	courage, Leela - compassion
Falcon Crew	Hollie-Jayne, Sam G
Eagle Crew	Alex, Archie

#### **Top Table 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Robin Crew	Mabel
Kingfisher Crew	Sebastian
Jay Crew	Josh
Owl Crew	Harry
Kestrel Crew	Leela
Falcon Crew	Evelyn & Hollie-Jayne

#### VIP Monday 27th November

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	54005

#### Celebration worship 1<sup>st</sup> December

Kingfisher Crew	Zach, Evelyn
Jay Crew	James, Eddie
Owl Crew	Harry, Molly
<b>Kestrel Crew</b>	Jessica, Samuel
Falcon Crew	Ella, Martha
Eagle Crew	Shanice, Ili

#### **Tissue donations**

If you have any spare boxes/packs of tissue you could share with us, we would gratefully welcome the donation. It is the season of colds and we are running low on our supplies.

#### **Interest Clubs Terms 3 and 4**

In **Term 3** we are opening **Library Club**, which we will be running free of charge this year. In **Term 4** we will be offering **Art & Crafts Club** for a charge of £3.50 a session. Please sign up by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December by using the link below. There is a limited number of spaces and they will be secured on first come first served basis. We will send confirmations to confirm if you have manged to secure a space after 15<sup>th</sup> December.

TERM 3 - Thursdays - start on 4<sup>th</sup> January/6 sessions - Library Club - Years 3-6 - no charge

TERM 4 - Tuesdays - start on 20<sup>th</sup> February/6 sessions - Art & Crafts Club - Years 1 & 2 - cost: £21

Please use the below ling to sign up: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/v9hGi1vP0X">https://forms.office.com/e/v9hGi1vP0X</a>

#### 2024 Teaching Awards now open for nominations

Don't miss the opportunity to nominate a special teacher, colleague or friend for the 2024 Teaching Awards. The nominations are free and there are 16 categories to choose from, including individual, team and support staff awards. This is a great way to show someone you appreciate their outstanding work and commitment.

https://www.teachingawards.com/2024-categories/

#### **Attendance for this Academic Year so far:**

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.59%	89.10%	90.92%	89.35%	88.62%	88.04%	88.57%

#### A reminder about not bringing dogs to school grounds

It has been brought to our attention that on several occasions at drop off/pick up times parents have brought their family dogs with them. Although we understand that your pets are like family members to you, please bear in mind it is a school rule that dogs (except for guide dogs) are not allowed on school grounds.





#### **DECEMBER UPDATE**

Thank you for your fantastic support of our events so far this year. Since September, we have

already raised an impressive £3795 for the school. In addition to funding for several

on-going projects, this year the PTA have increased the WOW day budgets for each class. WOW days and experiences help enrich the curriculum and are great fun for your children.

#### Quick Look- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 8th Dec- Christmas shopping event

Wed 20th Dec- Non-uniform day

Friday 2nd Feb- School disco night

Fri 23rd Feb - Bags2School recycled clothes drop

#### **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT**

Friday 8th December



This event is taking place in school tomorrow.

Please send your child into echool with a NAMED carrier bag to carry their presents on the day.

#### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Thank you so much for supporting this event. It looked like everyone had a fantastic time and there was a lovely feative atmosphere throughout the school.

Huge thanks to school staff, parents, students and former students who helped run stalls on the night.

You will be delighted to know that we raised a brilliant

£2593.68



#### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Thanks for getting behind this. Your purchases raised

£207.38.





#### Wednesday 20th December

As always, there will be a non-uniform day on the last day of term. You may wish to wear something festive! Suggested donation £1 per child or donate what you can.



Pop Friday 2nd February in your diaries for the school disco. More details will come out nearer the time.



Please get in touch if you would like to be part of our PTA team.

Many hands make light work, and we would really love more people to join the fun. Most of our meetings are on Zoom- you don't even need to leave the comfort of your own home!

Contact: standrewspta.secretary@gmail.com

#### **Community News:**







## Library News Yatton Library December 2023

#### **Christmas Crafts**

Please come on in and help us decorate some Christmas bunting to hang around the library. We also have a new drawing club Tuesdays 3:15 -4:30pm

#### Storytime & Rhymetimes

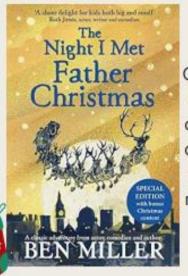
Our Rhymetime and Storytimes for preschoolers will take a festive turn in December. Older siblings are welcome to come along too in the holidays.

#### Joke Corner

Q: Why is a foot a good Christmas present? A: Because it makes a good stocking filler!

#### Book of the month

Jackson knows practically everything about Father Christmas except how he became Father Christmas. Then one Christmas eve Jackson actually meets him and finds out his origin story!



A beautiful retelling of A Christmas Carol. Great for older children to read or to read aloud to the younger members of the

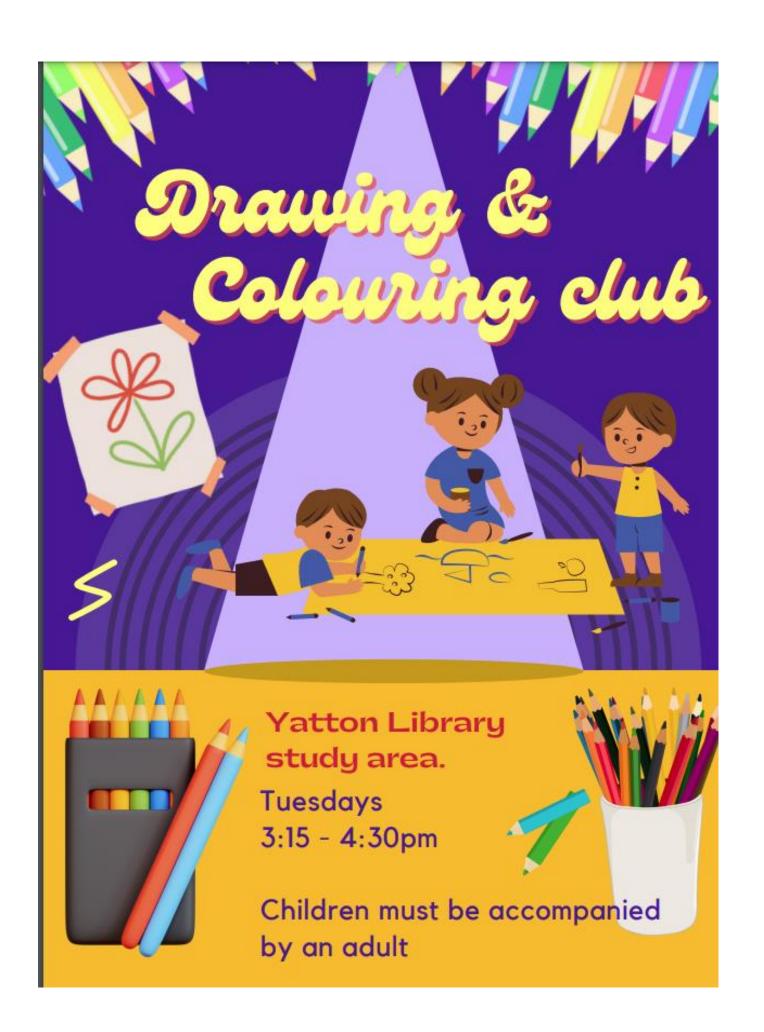


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### **MINECRAFT CLUB**



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### **Coding in Minecraft**

Coding in Minecraft club: learn how to program mini-games, automate builds, and change gameplay behaviour in Minecraft with code.

The club is suitable for children aged 8 – 12 years old.

#### WHERE

Yatton Library BS49 4HJ

#### WHEN

Saturday 16th December 2023 From 9:45am – 12:45pm

## codingbug.co.uk

Email: info@codingbug.co.uk or call 07909226520

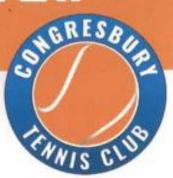




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## NEW SATURDAY PAY & PLAY COACHING CLASSES at GRES

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AGES 4 to 8 - 9AM



AGES 8 to 10 - 10AM



AGES 11 to 18 - 11AM





FIRST CLASS 50% OFF WITH CODE: SATP&P

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/congresburyltc/Coaching





# Congresbury Community Library

Xmas Story Time



Friday 22 December between 2 and 4 pm

Come and listen to stories in the library All welcome!



Managed by Volunteers and Congresbury Parish Council Station Road, Congresbury, Bristol BS49 5DX

