

# 'Do Everything In Love' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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Dear Parents

I hope that this letter finds you all well. I am just writing with a few reminders for events happening before the Christmas holiday.

### **Friends of St Andrew's Online Baking Classes (starting Thursday 3 December)**

If you would like to take part in the series of 3 baking classes planned on Thursday evenings by the Friends of St Andrew's, please pay online by Monday 30 November (12noon). A list of ingredients will be sent to participants before each session.

### **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11 December**

Children can wear Christmas Jumpers to school on Friday 11 December in return for a donation towards the Save the Children appeal.

### **Zoom Christmas Disco – now on Friday 11 December**

We have had to change the date of our Zoom Disco to Friday 11 December (6pm- 7pm) as "Disco Dion" is not available to host the event on 17 December. If your child wishes to take part, please pay on SIMS Pay by Tuesday 8 December. Zoom invitations will be sent to everyone who has signed up after the closing date.

### **Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16 December**

We are busy planning our Christmas lunch and parties which will take part in the classrooms this year. The Governors met recently and decided that in this very different year, they would like to offer the Christmas meal free of charge to all children who have ordered it (not just Years R-2 who always have free meals). We are very grateful to them for this decision. If your child is in Year 3-6 and you have already ordered and paid for a school meal on 16 December, we will roll this credit forward on your account to next term. If you would prefer a refund then please email the school office.

If you've not already done so, please could you help Father Christmas out by bringing in a **token** present (named and wrapped), up to the value of £5, and give it secretly to any member of staff in the playground. We would appreciate it if all presents could be with us by Monday 7 December so that staff do not have to spend time during the week chasing these up. Unfortunately, as we have to "quarantine" anything that is brought into school, we will not be able to accept any presents received after Friday 11 December. Please try to stay within the £5 limit with your present, as each year we have some children who find it hard to understand why Santa has brought their friend an expensive Lego set!

As the Christmas lunch is being followed by the party this year, children may wear their own party clothes all day.

*We know that God loves us; We show it by being loving, honest and respectful.*

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### **Last Day of Term – Thursday 17 December**

The last day of term will be a Wear What You Like "Sparkle" Day, with donations gratefully received for the Stars Appeal.

### **Primary School Applications for September 2020 Admissions**

A reminder that applications for entry to Reception for September 2021 should be made online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). **The deadline is 15 January 2021.**

### **Change of Date for Teacher Training Day**

I have had to change the Teacher Training Day planned for Friday 28 May 2021 as the trainer can no longer make that date. This Training Day will now take place on Thursday 1 April 2021 immediately before the Easter holiday, and Friday 28 May will now be a normal school day. An updated list of term dates is available on the website (Key Dates – Important Dates).

### **Reading Books**

Please can parents and children take care with the reading books that are sent home from school? Since September, we have had to throw away 5 brand new books that were bought over the summer because they were returned to school in such a poor condition. We have also had to repair several other new books. One of the main issues seems to be water damage – please can books be kept separate from leaky water bottles. Unfortunately, I may have to charge parents for books that are returned in an unusable condition in the future, as we cannot afford to keep replacing them.

### **Home Run App**

As part of the Laverstock Schools' Travel Plan, St Andrew's has signed up to the Home Run App. I am attaching information about how your family can sign up to this App and help collect information on making school journeys more sustainable in the future.

Sincerely

**Mrs K J Walker**

Headteacher