

St. Andrew's Newsletter

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Happy Birthday to Kaylah Martin and Jack Pankhurst

The Autumn term publication of the St Andrew's Newspaper, from the Newspaper Club, is now on sale at the school office for 25p. There are competitions with prizes so don't forget to buy your copy asap. Prizes will be awarded on the last day of term. Thank you to the Newspaper Club for efforts in producing the paper.

FOOTBALLERS OF THE WEEK: TRAVIS NICHOLS AND JAMES TARBIN

The Rotary Club of Halstead are launching a Young Photographer Competition which is open to anyone aged 5 to 11 years old with two separate age categories i.e. KS1 and KS2. There is a choice of two themes, 'Christmas Fun' or 'Winter Fun'. Entrants are required to submit a single photographic print, either colour or black and white, no smaller than 7" x 5" and no larger than A4 in size. So get snapping over the Christmas holidays! Entry forms are available from the school office.

There are a few places available in the Singing Club (Wed) and Newspaper Club (Wed), for the Spring term. If your child is interested please let the school office know - thank you! The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The Young Yeldham Yarnies (Knitting Club) are in need of wool, particularly blues and greens. They are making a 'Noah's Ark' wall hanging for St. Andrew's Church. If you have any spare wool, it can be left at the school office.

We will be having a PTA Toy Sale on Tuesday, 31st January, so please keep your unwanted toys, puzzles, games etc. We are happy to store them in School, so please send them in asap. Thank you! Funds from the Toy Sale, organised by De Vere Class, will contribute towards a new swimming pool liner.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Keith Rulten, our new caretaker, who has been with us for a number of weeks. We hope he enjoys working at St. Andrew's.

School Dinner Money

From January, if your child would like a school dinner, payment must be made on the day or in advance. Please do not expect the school to make any exception to this policy. We thank you for your co-operation. As it is coming to the end of term all outstanding dinner money together with Christmas dinner money MUST be received by Wednesday, 14th December

Christingle Service in St. Andrew's Church - Saturday, 17th December at 5.30pm
Don't forget 'Carols round the Tree' on Friday, 16th December at 2.00pm. Come and join us for this informal and relaxed end to the Autumn term as we enjoy singing Carols together. I hope our mince pies, mulled wine and lovely children's singing will tempt you to come along and enjoy this special time.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13 th December 12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
Wed, 14 th Dec & Thurs 15 th Dec 1.30pm	'Bethlehem's Buzzin'
Friday, 16 th December 2.00pm	Carols round the Tree - School Hall
Wednesday, 4 th January 2012	Start of Spring Term
Monday, 9 th January 9.30am	P.T.A. Meeting in the Reading Rooms

Attached to the newsletter is the head teacher's response to the Parents' Forum meeting held on the 16th November. The agenda and minutes are available on the school website in the *parents* link.

WOODPECKERS ARE THE TEAM TROPHY WINNERS THIS WEEK!!!