

Friday 2nd November 2018

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends of St Andrew's

Open Day

Year 6 tour guides showed all our annual **Open Day** visitors around the school yesterday. They were great ambassadors for the school. They enjoyed talking to friends, parents and visitors.

Thank you Year 6 you were a credit to the school.

Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Friday 9th November. They will take individual photographs and sibling groups – please complete the photograph letter with any preferences.

Packed Lunches

We are encouraging all children on packed lunches to bring home what they haven't eaten. This is due to the amount of items being thrown away from children's lunch boxes. You will then be aware of what they have eaten.

**Children in Need**

On Friday 16th November Year 6 fundraising leaders are organising a sponsored read for Children in Need. Half the donations will go to Children in Need and the other half to the mayor's charity. Look out for the sponsor forms!

**Poppy Appeal**

Poppies are available at school for a donation of 50p.

**★ Diary Dates.....★**

Tuesday 6 th November 2018	Year 2 trip to Chester Zoo
Tuesday 6 th November 2018	IPLCN Archery Festival at Greenbank
Tuesday 6 th November 2018	Reception parents' phonic workshop
Wednesday 7 th November 2018	IPLCN Student Council day at Ashfield Valley
Wednesday 7 th November 2018	Reception Diwali Day
Thursday 8 th November 2018	Parents' Focus Group at 6pm
Thursday 8 th November 2018	St Andrew's Governing Board meeting
Friday 9 th November 2018	Individual school photographs
Friday 9 th November 2018	Year 4 music workshop in Manchester
Saturday 10 th November 2018	St Andrew's Church Fair at 11am (choir to open)
Tuesday 13 th November 2018	Reception parents' phonic workshop
WK 19 th November 2018	Reception parents' Let's Learn sessions
Thursday 22 nd November 2018	IPLCN Dance Festival

Parents' Focus Group

On Thursday 8th November Mr Alletson and Miss Morris will hold the next 'Parents' Focus Group' meeting at 6pm in school.

They plan to discuss

- Children in Need
- SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) to set up a working group
- Online safety

Please pass on any agenda items to Mr Alletson, Miss Smith, Miss Morris or via the office email office@standrewce.rochdale.sch.uk

'We Are One' Film Premier

St Andrew's Ethos team represented school at the premier of a short film 'We Are One'. Pupils from 12 Church of England Primary Schools in Rochdale (including two children from St Andrew's) worked together to produce a short film called 'We Are One'. Over 200 people joined us at the Odeon cinema at Sandbrook Park to see local children make their big screen debut.

The short film, 'We Are One', stars 24 local pupils and was created with the aim of exploring equality, regardless of faith or ethnicity. The award winning local creative director Parvez Qadir and Nick Farrimond from Breaking Barriers developed the theme through a range of situations exploring unity, good morals and celebrating diversity. The children involved enjoyed the experience of working together, acting and being part of the film development process.

Gail Hopper, Director of Children's Services, said: "This is such a powerful film I was so impressed with how the 12 schools and children came together to create a product that can be widely shared across and beyond the Rochdale borough. The enthusiasm in the cinema was infectious and the children clearly had fun whilst working on a serious issue that is important to all communities."

Rev Rachel Battershell, Vicar of St Andrew's joined other faith leaders to commemorate the event. The short film can be viewed on youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBsM9K6Llfc>

Regards *Mrs J Rainford and all St Andrew's staff*