



St Andrew's Nursery Newsletter January 2021



'There are far better things ahead than we leave behind.' C.S. Lewis

Dear parents/carers, although a different festive period, we hope you had a safe and enjoyable Christmas. In response to the First Minister's announcement to keep us safe, it is with a heavy heart that we have had to enter lockdown once more. I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work in keeping our children and each other safe and although we are disappointed that we are not able to see our children, we are working hard to plan ways that we can stay in touch and provide high quality learning experiences for our learners.

Home Learning

This term we will be sharing our home learning via Twitter and the school website. Please be mindful that if you are using a smart phone or tablet that viewing the school website can be tricky. The website can be viewed more easily on a laptop or computer. Information will also be posted on Twitter from **Monday the 11th of January** which can be accessed on any device. Please follow us on Twitter @AndrewNursery

Staff have been working very hard behind the scenes this week to plan home learning opportunities that have a focus on life skills, literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. Keep an eye out on Twitter as staff will be posting videos of stories and other fun activities. Themes we will be focusing on this term will be Early Years Stories.

We would love to hear from you! You can also add photographs and comments on Twitter which will help our staff to plan learning opportunities that are responsive to your child's need.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Mrs Ferrier to the team as a new full time member of staff. Our numbers are increasing and Mrs Ferrier will be adding to our team this year. Although a very different start to her time at St Andrew's, we have enjoyed getting to know Mrs Ferrier and working with her virtually as we plan for the weeks ahead. I'm sure you will see Mrs Ferrier on Twitter very soon.

Communication

If you need to get in contact with us, the quickest method of communication at this time is via email. If you email the school office, your message will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff. You can also phone and leave a message with the school office and a member of staff will get back to as soon as soon as possible.

Twitter: @AndrewNursery

School Website:

<https://standrews.mgfl.net/>

School Email Address:

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School Telephone Number: 0131 271 4670

Nursery Christmas:

Nursery Christmas lunch, Christmas party and of course Santa Zoom call was a huge success and enjoyed by all. We would like to thank the school kitchen for providing us with a lovely meal and for our sweet Christmas treat. Thank you to all the boys and girls for getting into the festive spirit by dressing up, it really gave us all comfort during a very different Christmas period.

Cards and Gifts:

Thank you to all our families that have sent in cards and gifts at the end of term. Although there is no expectation or the need for families to send in gifts we are very grateful for the thoughtful and kind gesture. Thank you to those who have made a donation to a local food bank or charity on our behalf.

We hope your child has enjoyed their gift-wrapped book – courtesy of our Parent Council. We would like to thank them again for their generosity.

*Our staff are missing you all and are very much looking forward to seeing you very soon.
Keep safe and stay in touch.*

Mrs Graham

