



14th June 2019

Thank
You

Wonderful Work to Support Our School

This week's AGM was a chance to stop and reflect on just how much Friends' fundraising events have achieved again this year. The AGM meeting was testament to the energy and enthusiasm the Friends team give to school and the generosity of parents and the local community.

Friends' Chair, Claire Wright, presented a summary outlining all of the projects and resources the money raised has been used for. This money will be invaluable in supporting planned work, including the EYFS canopy, the new trim trail, new sports tops, gazebos for use at Sports Day and Town Sports and our duckling hatching experience earlier this term. We have sent out a newsletter from Friends outlining some of their work this year; this is also available on our school website via this link: <http://www.audlemstjames.org.uk/friends.html> Friends have raised an amazing £11,500 this year which is a phenomenal amount and a real credit to the drive and enthusiasm of all Friends volunteers and the generosity of our school community. The existing committee members have worked incredibly hard over the last year and I would like to thank them all for their commitment to this important work for school and all of our children. I would particularly like to thank Claire Wright and Pam Jones on behalf of staff, children, parents and Governors as they step down from their roles as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. They have worked tirelessly to organise a wide range of Friends events and their energies and commitment to Friends have been much appreciated. Thank you also to Vicki Ammundsen and Sarah Barnett who have once again agreed to continue their roles as Secretary and Treasurer for another year.

We were delighted to welcome nominations for new committee members at the AGM; thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended and to those who have put themselves forward for committee roles. Erica Brampton joins the committee as Chair and Claire Wright will be Vice Chair for the coming year. I am sure they will enjoy great support from all parents in their new roles. If you follow the link given above you will also find the minutes of the AGM.

We are all looking forward to our Summer Fair after school today - thank you to everyone who has sent in cake donations and entries for the range of competitions to be judged as part of the Fair today.

A reminder that the Fair will run from 3.15pm - 5pm and there will be a range of stalls and refreshments available for everyone to enjoy - please do come along and support this special event if you can.

We have our fingers crossed the rain stays away for long enough for the Fair to be held outside but will bring as many stalls and events inside as possible if it is wet.

Please note - the main entrance and exit for the Fair will be the two side gates by the school hall - the remaining gates on site will be closed at 3.30pm.

Congratulations to Mrs S who won our School Lottery prize this week. Don't forget you can join any time by visiting www.yourschoollottery.co.uk, clicking 'Play now' and searching for 'Audlem'. Thank you for your support with this fundraising scheme and good luck!

Amethyst class thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Mrs Roberts and her dog, Roxy, on Wednesday. She told them all about what it entailed to be a vet and veterinary nurse and they learned how to look after pets and care for animals. They also had the opportunity to listen to Roxy's heartbeat using a stethoscope.

Due to our very busy Keeping Healthy and Safe Week in school last week, we have held two Praise Assemblies this week; one for last week and one for this week:

Last week's Praise Book children were:

- Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class - William Rowe
- Mrs Hayward's Class - Elsie Latham
- Mrs Richardson and Mrs Stoker's Class - Eleanor Wood
- Mr Davies' Class - Emma Kay
- Mr Perry's Class - James Brennan
- Mr Blenkiron's Class - Grace Burton
- Mrs Bird's Class - Will Reade and Rebecca Marshall



Super Spellers of last week were:

- Mrs Hayward's Class - Betsy Hockenhull-Campbell
- Mrs Richardson's and Mrs Stoker's Class - Alice Peake
- Mr Davies' Class - Ava Jones
- Mr Perry's Class - Riley Baxter
- Mr Blenkiron's Class - Jack Fellows
- Mrs Bird's Class - Sophie Binns





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This week's Praise Book children are:



- Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class - Lucy Brennan
- Mrs Hayward's Class - Anna Ammundsen
- Mrs Richardson and Mrs Stoker's Class - Isla Rowe
- Mr Davies' Class - Ollie Binns
- Mr Perry's Class - Isobel Allinson
- Mr Blenkiron's Class - Isabella Woods
- Mrs Bird's Class - Charlie Chibnall

Super Spellers of this week are:



- Mrs Hayward's Class - Freya Jones
 - Mrs Richardson's and Mrs Stoker's Class - Charlie Furber
 - Mr Davies' Class - Emma Kay
 - Mr Perry's Class - Harry Stockton
 - Mr Blenkiron's Class - Holly Hornby
 - Mrs Bird's Class - Jack Ellis
- Congratulations to you all!



School Dinner Menu - We will be serving week 3 menu next week.
 Tidy Team - The winning class this week is Amber Class - well done!
 The winners of our Attendance Cup this week are Sapphire, Pearl and Amber classes - well done!
 Prayers to Share this week - We give thanks for the precious water we have in our lives.

ABC Childcare

ABC have been continuing learning about mini beasts this week. They have had lots of fun counting legs, antennae etc and learning new letters. The children have also been watching the worms and have been finding out all about the world around them.



A reminder that ABC have an open morning on the 2nd of July between 9.30am-10.30 am - everyone is welcome.

ADAS Scarecrow competition

If you have entered this free competition, don't forget that judging will commence on the weekend of Audlem Open Gardens on the 22nd and 23rd June. There is no theme to follow; it can be as funny or scary as you wish. Scarecrows can of course be left in place after judging has finished on the 25th June.

New Starters to School for September

We held our new starters evening for the parents of all of our new Reception children on Monday. Starting school is an exciting and emotional time for parents and children and we recognise it is valuable to be as prepared as possible for this big event. The Families in the Foundation Years website at:

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/school-reception-class/preparing-your-child-for-school/>

has several useful sections such as 'Preparing for the big day'. They outline helpful tips about first day nerves and supporting your child in the first few weeks. I hope parents find this information useful.



Schoolsfest Art Exhibition

A sample of artwork from our recent Arts Week at school will be on display in St Mary's Church in Nantwich as part of our Schoolsfest celebrations next month. The display will be part of an exhibition of work from schools across Nantwich and will run from Tuesday 2nd July to Monday 8th July.

Children and Young People's Out of Hours Advice Line

I would like to remind families of the out of hours advice line run by Cheshire and Wirral NHS Trust. Families residing in Cheshire East can access this service to seek advice about child and adolescent mental health. The line is available Monday to Friday 5pm-10pm and 12pm-8pm at weekends. The number is 01244 397644. The advice line also has a Live Well Page: <https://livewellservices.cheshireeast.gov.uk/Services/4397>



Finally

Many thanks to the parents and carers who attended our Parent Forum meeting on Tuesday afternoon. As always, this was a full and very productive meeting and the minutes from the meeting will be circulated to all families and placed on our school website in due course.

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