



13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Christmas Is All Around Us!**

We were very proud of all the children in EYFS and KS1 taking part in the Christmas production, 'I'm Gonna Shine!'. Gloria, the brightest star of them all, has a really important job to do - she needs to shine, shine, shine so that the three wise men follow her all the way to Bethlehem. Meanwhile, many others are making their separate journeys towards Bethlehem including a tired young couple, Mary and Joseph, and some shepherds whose 'quiet night out' is interrupted by the dazzling sights and sounds of a heavenly choir! As we journey alongside the various travellers making their way to Bethlehem, we find ourselves drawn into the story of a search for true treasure, which culminates in the gathering at a humble stable where all are welcome to join in the rousing celebrations.

The children's acting, singing and dancing delighted their audiences this week and their performances were filled with lots of reasons to smile. Well done to them all! Many thanks to all of the staff involved in this performance and to the parents and carers for supporting with costumes.

We are looking forward to sharing our special Christmas Service with you all next week on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am. The children have prepared Christmas messages, prayers and songs and I am sure it will be wonderful.

Thank you to all the volunteers who are walking to and from Church with us for this service. Please let the office staff know if you can help with these walks and you have not yet informed them.

We welcomed PCSO Nick into school on Thursday for one of his Lunchtime drop in sessions for the children; as always he was super busy and the children enjoyed talking to him.

Annabel Thornton, who has been running the art club this term, would like to thank everyone who attended the viewing of children's work at the Art Club's Exhibition last Thursday. Every painting was sold and we were delighted to raise £76.50. This will be given to a charity chosen by the art club members.

A very colourful selection of Christmas jumpers was on display in school today, worn by children and staff as we raised money for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

**Goodbye to Mrs McKee**

At the end of the term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs McKee who is leaving us to take up a post in another school. We thank her for everything she has contributed to Audlem St James in the five years she has worked here and send our good wishes as she starts her new role after Christmas.

This week's Praise Book children are:

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Burgess' Class - Ellie Grieves

Mrs Hayward's Class - Maisie Baker

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class - Barney Stockton and Frankie Sherwin

Mr Davies' Class - Emily Bennion

Miss Morris's Class - Violet Springett

Mr Blenkiron's Class - Heidi Woods

Mrs Bird's Class - Oliver Tew-Goodwin

Super Spellers of the week:

Mrs Hayward's Class - Lucy Brennan

Mrs Richardson's and Mrs Smith's Class - Max Bunseedhun

Mr Davies' Class - Barney Goldrick

Miss Morris's Class - Mia Taylor

Mr Blenkiron's Class - Jack Tilley

Mrs Bird's Class - Ruby Felton

Congratulations to you all!



School Dinner Menu - We will be serving week 1 menu next week

Tidy Team - The winning classes this week are Ruby and Diamond - well done!

The winners of our Attendance Cup this week are Amethyst and Diamond classes - well done!



Prayers to Share this week - We give thanks for the special celebrations we have shared in school together this week and pray that we all enjoy a happy, healthy and magical Christmas time with loved ones.

Well done to Rita Rowley who has been awarded our Lunchtime Superstar Award today. She has impressed Mrs Gavin, Miss Brookes and all of our Mid-Day Assistants with her wonderful manners, good appetite, fairness, kindness and politeness at lunchtimes throughout this term.





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Congratulations also go to Barney Goldrick who has been awarded our Fair Play Superstar award today after being nominated by our MDAs for his fairness and kindness in the playground and at lunchtimes.

**Team Reward**

Last week we counted up the final Team Points this term and I am pleased to announce that it was Oak team who have enjoyed their reward this afternoon.

**Friends of Audlem St James**

Our Christmas Fair last Friday was a great success. We were delighted Santa could squeeze our school into his hectic schedule to attend our Fair. Thanks must also go to our wonderful Friends volunteers and staff who worked tirelessly to make it such a special occasion and to all the families who supported the event. It was a wonderful team effort, which raised a fantastic £1,588.85 for school. This money will be used to benefit all of the children in school and is a marvellous achievement. We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated team supporting our school with these events.



**ABC Childcare**

We would like to thank St James for allowing us to use the school hall for our performance. Our children did a fantastic job and have made us all feel very proud. Can we remind you that our term closes on Friday the 13th of December but holiday club will run as normal thereafter. Thank you to all our families for a wonderful term.

**Bug Busting!**

I would like to remind parents of the importance of maintaining regular combing with a 'nit' comb to help detect any lice at an early stage so preventing the spread to other children and family members. As we have highlighted via previous communications regarding this issue, we urge parents to inform school as soon as possible should they detect their child/ren has head lice so we can immediately send out letters to classmates.

Prevention and early detection is key to combating this problem and regular combing is advised both by our School Nurse and Cheshire East Public Health team as the best way to deal with head lice, as some chemical solutions can cause scalp irritations. Thank you for your support with this matter. Head Lice are in all schools and we will never eradicate them entirely, however, to start our new term off well, I would again ask all parents and carers to find time for 'Bug Busting' during the break and ensure that they check their child's hair before we return to school.



**Safer Parking and Routes to School**

The following details appeared in the newsletter two weeks ago but I need to urge you to keep to this system to further help safety at drop off and pick up times. Please ensure that all parents and carers who must drive close to school during these times follow a one way route around school (i.e. travelling down Heathfield Road from Cheshire Street direction - with school on the right hand side - and continue to travel in this direction in a loop around school and back onto Cheshire Street) this would allow better flow of traffic at these times.

Please be aware that this does not mean that Heathfield Road is now officially a 'one way' road so all drivers should be aware that they may still find non-school traffic travel in the opposite direction during these times. Our school buses will be leaving site at approximately 9am and 3.30pm daily and will turn left out of the school car park to ensure safe passing through parked cars near school.

As always, I would urge all carers to consider where and how they park and give themselves additional time to park away from school and walk the final part of the way into school wherever possible so we can work together to ensure the safety of our children.



**Finally**

This will be my last newsletter before our Christmas break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the support you have given to school and myself during this term.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year. I look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

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