



Audlem St. James C.E. Primary School

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1st April 2021

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Happy Easter Everyone

What can I say now twelve months have passed since the first lockdown was put into place? What a twelve months it has been! This time last year we couldn't possibly have envisaged what the next twelve months would look like. I remember thinking when schools closed that it would only be for a couple of weeks and after the Easter holiday we could start to return to normality. How wrong I was! We all hope that we never see another year like the last one but today I have been reflecting on the positive things that have come out of the last year.

I honestly believe we have become a far stronger school than we were before, due to the community spirit and '**togetherness**' which has helped us along the rocky path of the last twelve months. Your support over the last year has been fantastic, and very much appreciated - we would have struggled to manage the situation without this so thank you!!

I've also reflected on the outstanding charity work that some of our pupils have been involved in over the last year - truly inspiring! The development of our IT skills is another major plus point as all staff have discovered. Whilst we never want to return to full time remote learning the staff and pupils have developed skills that will certainly enhance our future provision. I do feel very positive at the moment.

Four weeks ago, we saw all our children return to on-site education and it has been wonderful - attendance has been extremely high so thank you for that too. We are getting excited about the summer term and are hopeful that we can very soon start to plan some of our usual events such as Sports Day. Further information about these things will follow shortly after the Easter break. I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter where you are now able to see friends and family and be together whilst keeping to the guidelines that the government have set out. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th April.

Thought of the Week

God calls us to love our neighbour and we have seen this abundantly through the work of our school, the dedication of staff and the determination of our pupils in wanting to do their bit, to play their part, in supporting and helping others. It has strengthened the bond of our community and has seen our school shining as a beacon of hope and love into these places. God works through us to provide for human needs, He calls each of us to be a blessing to others. As we receive God's unconditional and boundless love through Jesus Christ, we in turn can share this great gift with others. And so, as we look forward to the weeks ahead, perhaps think about the people that surround you, your family and friendships, your colleagues, your neighbourhood and community. Consider how you could be a good neighbour to them over the next few weeks? May we be known by our love!





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At the current time, all we can do is keep to the advice given by the Government that we must wash hands, wear face masks and ensure we give people space.

Covid-19 Test and Trace support payments and informing school

Following on from the details in the Easter letter sent home yesterday, the link to the application forms for both staff and parents is as follows: [Coronavirus financial support \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/coronavirus) Can we also remind you of the need to contact Mr Perry on head@stjamesaudlem.cheshire.sch.uk if your child starts with symptoms or tests positive within 2 days of being in school.

Easter Service at school on Wednesday, 31 March 2021

For the first time this year we were able to be a whole school as we did our Easter Service outside on the field. All children were in their class bubbles and social distancing was put into place. It was lovely as Reception children had never had the opportunity to be in a whole school assembly. I hope that this will be the ray of sunshine that we all need as we enter the Summer Term.

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class - Amelie Smith for being respectful and kind to all the children in the class

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class - George Winter and James Tipper for an excellent effort when designing their topic book front covers on the laptops

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class - Matty Jones and Austin Wright for creating a wonderful painting inspired by the artist Gustav Klimt.

Mr Davies' Class - Evie McColley-Hayward for beautiful singing during our Easter Service

Miss Morris's Class - Eleanor Wood for an outstanding attitude to learning during the return to school and setting a shining example to her class

Mr Blenkiron's Class - Callum Lambie for his thorough explanations of the Easter symbols during our RE session

Mrs Bird's Class - Seren Morgan for writing a fantastic story.

You are all amazing Shining Stars!





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The 5 'R's

As a school we are concentrating on the 5 'R's - **resilience, reflectiveness, responsibility, resourcefulness and readiness to learn**. These are the children who have shown such qualities this week:

Resilience: **Howie Goldrick** for showing resilience when sounding out new words; **Ed Whittaker** for working hard on his writing piece in English; **Finlay Dinsdale** for persevering with his story

Reflectiveness: **Millie Fellows** for thoughtful reflection about the world around her; **Tilly Baxter** for always thinking of her friends so kindly; **Chloe Tew Goodwin** for reflecting on her story and looking for improvements; **James Brennan** for actively listening and providing constructive feedback to other people's stories.

Responsibility: **Isla Lambie, Anna Ammundsen, Max Bunseedhun, Seth Minshall, Tallulah Woods & Frankie Sherwin** for setting a superb example to Amber Class for our work for the Easter Service; **Katy Entwisle** for learning the lyrics to our Easter song 'Crucify Him!' off by heart; **Lincoln Howell** for taking personal responsibility for completing all of his work.

Resourcefulness: **Calum Wilson** for keeping his group on task by using a bottle to signify when it was someone's turn to speak; **Archie Saunders** for organising his learning and being independent.

Readiness to Learn: **Charlie Stretch, Joe Hassall, Esmae Fellows, Freya Jones & Bella Roberts** for their preparedness for their Phonics lessons all week; **Tom Satchithananda** - for always being ready to listen and learn

School

Amethyst Class This week in Amethyst Class we have read the story 'The Rhyming Rabbit' by Julia Donaldson and continued our work on rhyming words. We have also learnt about The Easter Story. In maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of numbers to ten by finding groups to count from pictures in our favourite stories. We have explored ways to make 9 in a beanbag game and introduced estimation. We have also continued our Read Write Inc phonics lessons and enjoyed making Easter crafts.

Sapphire Class The children have worked really hard this week. In English they have ordered events from our story. In maths they have compared measurements of classroom objects and worked out the difference using subtraction. In R.E the children have been learning about the meaning of Palm Sunday.

Pearl Class This week, Pearl class have been looking at the techniques used by the artist, Gustav Klimt, and creating their own Trees of Life based on his. They have also been testing out their mechanisms outside in the school grounds. Looking back at all the texts the class has studied, the children have chosen their favourites and written book reviews.

Amber Class In Amber Class this week we have been working on book reviews and looking at what is important information to include. We have continued our revision on Fractions and we have been looking into the Easter Story during our RE sessions. As part of this, we put ourselves in the position of Peter and created artwork depicting different aspects of the Easter Story.

Emerald Class This week in Emerald class the children have worked on equivalent fractions, fractions greater than one and how to count in fractions! They know what improper fractions and mixed numbers are. In English, they wrote a setting description of the Pompeii volcano explosion and edited their writing. For History they looked at the twelve Gods from Ancient Greek times and in R.E. they studied the events in the Easter story and wrote speech sandwiches to describe what happened during the resurrection. The children also worked really hard during guided reading where they look at the layout features of an information text and worked on being able to summarise key points.

Ruby Class In Maths this week, Ruby Class have continued to develop their understanding of converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. In English, we have begun our new Pathways book 'The Lost Happy Endings'. We have looked at expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases and have used these to help us write 100-word stories about 'Jub'. In History, the children joined in with Mr Blenkinsop's song all about the Ancient Greek Olympic Games, and took part in our very own "Audlem-pic" games on the school field. In RE, we have been looking at symbols of Easter and why they represent Easter for many Christians around the world. We have also been looking at the Resurrection and identifying whether an argument is in support of it happening the way it happened in the Bible, or against it.



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Diamond Class In Year 6, we have been busy finishing the writing of our wonderful Jemmy Button stories. The children have really surpassed themselves in writing some very effective stories which capture the reader's interest. They have also been writing book reviews so that they can recommend them to others and have been perfecting their brilliant Easter poems and designs. In maths, they have been revising fractions and learning how to compare and order.

Class and Leavers Photographs - Thursday 22 April 2021

Can we remind parents that Academy Photography will be visiting school to take photographs of class groups and leavers as is usual at this time of year, hopefully outside, Please could you ensure that your child is in school uniform on this day. Year 4 and Year 5 children who would normally be wearing PE kit should wear their uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag on this day only. Thank you.

Finally

It is important that our newsletter and all other forms of communication we send out to parents and carers, give you a clear and detailed picture of our work in school, so that you are kept up to date with events in school and our community. If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions about the content of newsletters please get in touch with me.

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