



Audlem St. James C.E. Primary School

*Let your light shine'*

*Matthew 5:16*



11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

This will be my last newsletter for this year. This has been a rollercoaster of a year where we have faced highs and lows as a community but the one thing that has kept us going is being there for one another. I have noticed that the community of Audlem over the last 9 months has become stronger due to the amazing people that live here. I am so proud of all the people associated with the school because when we might have had dark times ahead there has always been a beacon of light from the school. Everyone has always kept the vision of the school at the heart of everything that they have done:



*Let your light shine:*

*The things that we do show others our character. We are all unique.*

*We can all use our abilities to do good things that support and encourage those around us.*

*To do this we need to be active in seeking out the right things to do and following through to complete them.*

*A lighthouse is only useful if it is switched on!*

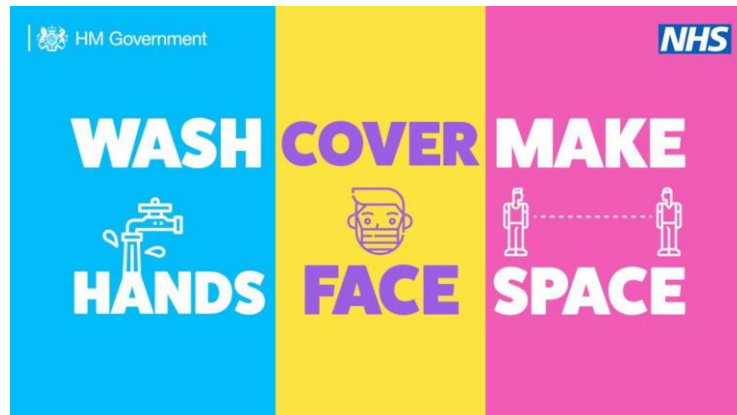
May I say and I have said it before that I am so proud to be the Headteacher of Audlem St James CE Primary and I can't wait for the next year as I know all the children and staff will carry on the philosophy of 'All children Matter' and 'Teachers give children roots to grow and the wings to fly'.



I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you do get time to spend with loved ones by either meeting up or through technology please make sure that you are safe and I look forward to seeing you in January 2021.



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Thought of the Week

I thought this quote was a wonderful reminder:

**Even in a black sky there is light and you have been the light.  
Stars can't shine without darkness.'**



Praise Book Children this week

**Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class:** Noah Jenkinson for trying really hard to read new words.

**Mrs Hayward and Mrs Kemp's class:** Archie Hill for thoughtful contributions during maths lessons this week.

**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class:** Matthew Jones for excellent improvement in his writing, presentation and spelling.



**Mr Davies' class:** Ethan Hughes for making superb progress in his PE and trying very hard during his Amaven session.

**Miss Morris' class:** Freddie Latham for using fronted adverbials in his writing and remembering the commas!

**Mr Blenkiron's class:** Tabitha Brampton for showing a real improvement in her approach to her work over the past couple of weeks - offering great ideas in class, concentrating on her writing and impressing with her reading comprehension skills.

**Mrs Bird's class:** Louis Macbeth - for some great writing in RE about Hinduism.

School

**Amethyst class:** This week in Amethyst Class we have read the Nativity story and Stickman by Julia Donaldson. We have been writing Christmas lists, sequencing the stories and making Christmas cards. In maths, we have been looking at the seasons and months of the year and using timers to measure how long it takes us to complete different activities. We have also been learning our Christmas song "Little Baby," for the school play "Hosanna Rock."



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**Sapphire class:** In Maths, the children have been applying their knowledge of 3D shapes to create quiz booklets. In English, the children have been applying their knowledge of sentence writing to write about different pictures from our class story book 'Lost and found'. In design and technology, the children have been discussing what each part of a fire engine is used for.

**Pearl class:** This week in Pearl we have been learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas. We have retold the Nativity story. We have enjoyed singing songs from Hosanna Rock to celebrate and designing Christmas cards. In English, we have written letters from Tabitha Lumpit to complain about the way she has been treated. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting tens and ones whilst looking for the most efficient methods to calculate.

**Amber class:** Amber class have been very busy this week with our end of term assessments. When not completing our tests (which we all did very well and should feel proud for our efforts!) we have been completing our Topic work on the Stone Age and getting ready for our festive activities. We have spent time on 'the arts' this week with singing activities and being creative learning to make snowflake cards. We have also continued to read our class book 'Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells and we can't wait to finish this off next week!

**Emerald class:** This week in Emerald class we have used fronted adverbials to move action on in diary writing. In Maths the children have continued work on multiplication and division. They have worked hard on writing fact families and drawing bar models. In RE they learned about the parable of the Good Samaritan where they acted out the story. There have been some beautiful singing practices for the school nativity.

**Ruby class:** This week in Ruby Class we have been focusing on multiplication, particularly the times tables and multiplying by powers of 10 - considering what happens to the digits in a number and how this relates to how many zeros a power of 10 has.

The children have been tackling a reading test paper and we have been going through the answers in class in order to learn from our mistakes. The children have done very well with this and we have learned how we must be more specific and clearer in the way that we write, not assuming that the reader knows exactly what we mean (an important life-skill too).

In History, we have been looking at the Christmas Truce which is alleged to have taken place in No-Man's-Land during World War 1. We listened to and read the first-hand accounts of soldiers who fought in the trenches and decided whether we thought a truce did happen on Christmas Day, whether it is a complete fabrication or whether the facts have been exaggerated (and if so, why?).

The class have also worked hard to learn the songs for Hosanna Rock and have braved numerous takes in order to get the acted parts perfect. We are looking forward to you being able to see what we managed to put together this week. Continuing on the RE theme, the children then discussed the gifts brought by the Three Wise Men to Jesus in the stable. They looked at various depictions of the Magi, learned what the gifts actually were and where they came from, and finally what these gifts are traditionally thought to symbolise. The children also considered what gifts they would take to Jesus and how these could be beneficial or represent his life in some way. These included Sellotape, a Bentley, a Bible, a medical kit, diamonds and many more.

**Diamond class:** This week in Year 6, the children have been practising our times tables on TTRockstars; they hope to earn some certificates, this week! They have also been finding out about the charity 'Kick It Out', which campaigns against racism in football, and have been writing their own web pages for the charity's website. The children have had some thoughtful opinions about discrimination and have enjoyed sharing how they would combat it. They have also been creating snowflakes for our Christmas card to Corbrook Park Care Home, and have been practising their songs for the Christmas Nativity, coming soon!

**Everyone!**

You are all amazing shining stars.



### **Attendance**

This week's attendance has been excellent; Sapphire have had the best attendance in EYFS/KS1 and Ruby have had the best attendance in KS2. Well done to both classes.



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**Poppy Appeal November 2020**

Despite the restrictions of Covid-19, the amount raised by the children's donations to the Poppy Appeal has never been higher. They raised £313.27 which is commendable.

**Reverend Alison Fulford**

We would like to welcome Reverend Alison Fulford to the parish of Audlem and can't wait to work with her over the next few years.

**Friends of Audlem School**

Friends Newsletter 7 and Letter to Santa poster have been sent out alongside this newsletter. We are very grateful for everything they do.

**Hand-crafted Christmas Photos as promised**

Here are examples from every class of the wonderful decorations, many hand-made, which have brightened up the school since the Big Switch-On on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.



Amethyst - coloured paper chains



Sapphire - Christmas hats



Pearl - ceiling lanterns



Amber - let your light shine



Emerald - maypole paper chains



Ruby - paper decorated tree



Diamond - tinsel & bauble pillars



Tree of green painted boxes



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**ABC**

We have been enjoying lots of wonderful Christmas crafts and looking at the meaning of Christmas. We still have lots more excitement to come so please keep an eye on our Facebook page. Bookings for holiday club are still open but spaces are filling up fast. If you need a space please call in.

**Reminder for Reception places for September 2021**

The application process for children who are due to start school for the first time and those who are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2021, started this week. Please apply online at [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk) or alternatively you can request an application form by contacting the Local Authority on 0300 123 5012.

The closing date for primary admissions is 15 January 2021.

If you have friends who are interested in places at our school, could you please make sure they have our telephone number, to register their interest with us.

**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.

*A.Perry*