



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



6 September 2024

New Year at Audlem St James CE Primary School

It is lovely to see all the children back at school this week with beaming smiles as they entered the school. I could feel the beating heart of the school is now back as the children flooded the classrooms after 6 weeks away.

Our school is made of hearts not bricks and I know all teachers have been working hard to ensure the lessons are inspiring so that young minds can soak up all the amazing facts and the classrooms are showing how we want to inspire the children to be able to achieve anything. I know that all teachers, governors and myself are so proud to have you all back and can't wait to help the children flourish again throughout the next academic year.

I would also like to welcome all the new reception children and parents to Audlem St James and being part of our school community.



My final thought for you all is: **The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.**

Thought of the Week

We must remember that God is always with us even if we can't see him. If we reach out he will come to us.

Prayer to Share this week – We pray for all the families in our local community.

Uniform

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school, engenders a feeling of community and belonging, is practical and smart, identifies the children with the school, is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be), makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance, is regarded as suitable and good value for money by most parents, has been designed with health and safety in mind. Our colours are navy blue, grey/black and white. Navy school sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces, reversible jackets and white polo shirts with the school logo are available from our suppliers, 'School's In' who offer an online service www.schoolsinuniform.co.uk or email





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sales@schoolsuniform.co.uk and have a shop in Nantwich. Their contact number is 01270 618957. Although we would like children to wear a sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo, all other items can be logo-free.

We have attached the full school uniform list including items for P.E. **Please name everything.** In this way lost clothing can be returned to your child. Please also be aware that Friends of Audlem School offer a re-sale service for second-hand uniform. We will be sending out an updated list shortly. This is an excellent way of obtaining good quality items cheaply.

Operation Encompass

We have attached a letter to parents/carers from the Operation Encompass team – a scheme which operates jointly between schools and police forces. Information posters have also been put up around school to alert you to the scheme.

Attendance letter – reminder

Last term a letter was sent out to everyone with full details of the school's expectations for attendance. We have attached a slightly updated version of this letter again for those new to school and as a reminder for all our parents/carers. This is of huge importance at the beginning of a new school year and I will be fulfilling my promise to check up on any children whose attendance is causing me concern.

Attendance this week

Whole school weekly attendance this week is 99.52% which is an excellent first-week-back result and well above our aim of above 97% for weekly attendance. In EYFS/KS1, Pearl class has had full attendance this week and in KS2, Diamond class has had the highest attendance. Congratulations to both classes.

Newsletters from school

We are sending out this newsletter to mark the beginning of the academic school year full of necessary information but as we move through the term we are intending to reduce the newsletters to **once a month**. You can expect the next newsletter on Friday 27 September.

New Before and After school care is going well.

Sports Coaching Group before and after school care held within school has been popular this week and has gone well. The club is available to every year group including Reception. A reminder was sent out to everyone on Wednesday via Parentmail.

After School Clubs

Information was sent out last term concerning Music Squad on Wednesdays and this week there has been information about SCG sports clubs for Y1 upwards which start next week. If you have not had this information and your child wishes to join, please contact school. You will be informed about clubs run by staff within the next few weeks.

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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