



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



8 September 2023

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 someone is always with us even if we can't see them. If we reach out they will come to you.

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





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September Supplementary sheet – Uniform, Attendance and School Dinners/Snack

We have placed information on these three areas on a supplementary sheet which we hope you will keep as a reference and have sent it out with this week's newsletter. Please be aware that next week we will be using the Week 2 menu in the school kitchen.

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



Mrs Kemp and Mrs Burgess' Class – Matilda Martin
Mrs Proctor's Class – Mary Durning
Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class – Erin Wynne
Miss Morris' Class – Eve Ahmad
Mrs Bird's Class – Millie Fellows
Mr Trude's Class – Maddie Wood
Mr Blenkiron's Class – Joel Ahmad

You are all amazing Shining Stars!

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: Freddie Thorley

Responsibility: Lottie Hilling; Tiggi Nixon

Readiness to Learn: Jah'Mari Parker O'Connor; Harriet Hollins; Lily Satchithananda; Larnah Murfin

School

Amethyst Class: Amethyst Class have had a great first week together in school. We started our 'Magical Me' topic by reading the stories *You Choose* and *Just Imagine* by Nick Sharratt. The children have been talking about and drawing pictures of their families and pets. We have also been part of Collective Worship with Mr Perry, played circle time games on the school field, had a tour of the school and then finished the week with a yoga session in the hall.

Sapphire Class: We have had an excellent first week back in Year 1. I have been so impressed with the children's eagerness to learn and enthusiasm! So far, we have enjoyed reading some new stories together as a class, we have been practising our number formation and working on our phonics sounds. In the afternoons we have enjoyed doing some singing, exploring our outdoor area and looking at our new topic. We have read the story 'Dear Teacher' which has inspired us when looking at our new topic. This term we are looking at how school has changed since our parents and grandparents went and our local area of Audlem. We are so excited to get going and have some wonderful learning experience this year!





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Pearl Class: The children have had a wonderful first week in Year 2. We have learnt about the benefits of having a growth mindset and how neurones in our brains connect when we learn something new. We have agreed our class rules, talked about what we'd like to achieve this year and discussed the importance of working together. We have started reading 'Troll Swap' by Leigh Hodgkinson and we enjoyed our first PE lesson. We have read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and discussed how the story teaches us about hope. We made beautiful stained-glass butterflies using watercolour to display in our reflection area to symbolise hope.

Amber Class: This week in Amber Class, we have been learning about the place value of 2 digit numbers and been learning how to partition 2 digit numbers in maths. The children have written prayers in English and have started learning about our new book 'Seal Surfer.' The class enjoyed their PE session where they learned about tag rugby and they learned how to organise timelines chronologically in History. The class worked on line drawings in art and enjoyed settling into their new classroom.

Emerald Class: The children have enjoyed a great first week. They have had their first tag rugby lesson with our new PE coach, Mr Bentham, and have begun the rest of their year 4 learning. They have started to use paintings to tell them about the Victorian period, they have started to learn the difference between main-powered and battery-powered appliances and have written their prayers for the term. The children have also created some lovely prayer pebbles. We look forward to our swimming lessons and music lessons next week.

Ruby Class: The first week is nearly done, and what a great week it has been! Everyone has settled in tremendously well and it has been brilliant getting to know all the children. This week, we have been looking at the Ruby Class expectations, and completing a few assessments and baselines to get the measure of where the children currently are, especially after six weeks away. In maths, we have been focusing on place value. The children have been recapping how to read, write, add and subtract Roman numerals as well as using a place value chart to add 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more or less? In English, we have started writing our prayers for our prayer book. Which will be read out by our star of the day. We have also had a refresh of some of the year 3 and 4 words before we move on to the more challenging year 5 and 6 words. The children have had their first music lesson, introducing them to their brass instrument, hopefully, the children's instruments will be coming home with them next week. We have also had our first PE lesson with Mr Benson, where we will be learning the skills and techniques to play tag rugby. We have also started our Doodler's unit in DT. Here's to an even better second week.

Diamond Class: Diamond Class have had a great first week so far, and I am proud to see how they have matured over the summer holidays. We started off this week by leaping into our new History topic 'World War 2'. The class have considered the events that led up to the second world war and how, in many ways, it stemmed from the repercussions of the first world war. Through our writing, we have also discussed some of the harsh realities that the Jewish people faced around that time and have begun to write stories about the effects of conflict on people's lives. We have also been working on place value up to ten million in maths; have designed waistcoats in D&T and have learned about the nature of light in science.





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PE Timetable – Y1 to Y6 – Autumn Term 2023

This has already been sent out on Parentmail but we have included the details below:

Year Group	Days	Times
Y1	Tuesday	2-3 pm
Y2	Tuesday	1-2 pm
Y3	Wednesday	1-2 pm
Y4	Wednesday	2-3 pm
Y5	Thursday	1-2 pm
Y6	Thursday	2-3 pm

These are the sessions with our new sports coach, Mike Bentham. Teachers may organise other sessions but will let you know. Children are asked to wear suitable PE kit on the days of their session.

Allergies in school – reminder

Please can we remind you that we are a nut-free school and also a kiwi fruit-free school, as we have children with both these allergies. Please ensure that nothing you send into school contains these foods. Thank you.

After-school and lunchtime clubs

We have recently sent out information on Parentmail about paid clubs for the Autumn term – Drama, French and Sports Clubs – which all start next week. Further information on free school clubs will be sent out shortly, again by Parentmail.

Attendance

Whole school weekly attendance this week is 97.33%. This is pleasing as the school aim is a weekly figure of at least 97%. In EYFS/KS1, Amethyst have had the highest attendance and in KS2 there is tie between Emerald and Diamond who have both had full attendance this week. Congratulations to all three classes.

Nantwich and Rural Health Care Community – starts this Saturday

We have been sent a poster which we have attached with the newsletter advertising the first of a number of monthly Health and Wellbeing meetings at Audlem Village Hall on the 27th September 2023 from 10.00 to 12.00 am.

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.

