



Audlem St. James C.E. Primary School

*Let your light shine'*

*Matthew 5:16*

21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

### Our School

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts for this week. It is the final week of half term which has flown by and I know that the children and staff are ready for the week to be able to recharge their batteries. The children have been amazing over this half term. This has been evident in the work that they have been producing throughout English, Maths and the foundation subjects.

I hope that you all have a wonderful time over half term and are able to make memories with your loved ones. Just a reminder that Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October is an INSET day at school and we will be open on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### Thought of the Week

You should ALWAYS believe in yourself and remember the words below as this will ensure you can do anything you set your heart on.



### Prayer of the Week

In these times more than ever its important that we keep our faith and stay happy.





21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

**Praise Book and 5Rs children this week**

Because we have two classes away for the Friday assembly, Praise Book and 5Rs children will be receiving their awards a week on Tuesday when we are all back in school and their names will be mentioned in the newsletter on Friday 4 November.

**School**

All the children have enjoyed the different work that they have been learning throughout the week and the classrooms have been buzzing with activity. Here is an overview of what has been happening in every class.

**Amethyst class:** This week in Amethyst Class, we read 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. We wrote invitations for a space party, wrote a list of all the food we would take for a picnic on the Moon and wrote a description of an alien. In maths, we investigated the shapes made by Numberblock Four and made similar arrangements. We also used 2d shapes to make space pictures and used solid 3d shapes to build space rockets. We also enjoyed learning about the different planets.

**Sapphire class:** In English we have started work around a new book "Lost and Found". We have made predictions about the book by looking at different items and we have written what we can hear and see at the seaside. In maths we have used number lines and have started a new unit working with parts and wholes. In

**Pearl class:** Thank you to the Fire Fighters of Audlem Fire Service for a wonderful visit. The children learned about the role of a fire fighter and the protective clothes the fire fighters wear. The children learned about the parts of the fire engine and they thoroughly enjoyed using the fire hoses to squirt water. In class, we drew detailed pictures of the fire engine and labelled the parts. We compared modern fire-fighting equipment to equipment available in 1666 to fight the Great Fire of London. In Forest School we talked about the fire triangle identifying that fire needs fuel, heat and oxygen to burn. In Maths, we added positioned tens and ones on a number line and we wrote Thank you letters in English.

**Amber class:** In our studies this week, we have finished our time with The Sea Book in Guided Reading and Seal Surfer as the inspiration for writing. We have written a letter from the future grand-son of our main protagonist and in Maths we have completed our current module of Place Value, ready to move on to Addition & Subtraction after the half term. We enjoyed our final forest school's session on Monday and have been using the Lego We.Do.2 kits and iPads to develop our coding skills. We created a machine to recreate the impact earthquakes have on buildings to investigate how robust different structures and foundations are.

**Emerald class:** This week Emerald class have used noun phrases, prepositions and fronted adverbials to plan and write their own animal adventure story inspired by 'Gorilla.' In Maths, the class finished their topic on place value and began to work on addition of four-digit numbers. We have practised our singfest songs in music lessons and researched inspirational people in RE. The class completed a DT/Science project where they investigated which materials may be best for blocking out sound. In groups, the children made ear defenders out of a variety of materials. They also tried to make sure that their design was stylish and comfortable. The children have finished their first section of the 'My Happy Mind' programme and have practised happy breathing!

**Ruby and Diamond classes:** Y5 and Y6 have been having an excellent time on their three-day residential visit to Stratford-on-Avon. The Sea Life Centre on the way down was brilliant as the children became "habitat explorers". Yesterday they visited Mary Arden's farm and took part in a workshop on Shakespeare's Macbeth "Will in the World". In the evenings they have enjoyed a cinema night and a disco! Today they are visiting a butterfly farm on the way home. We look forward to hearing about their adventures when they arrive back in school this afternoon.

Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.





**21<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

**Friends of Audlem School**

**Spooky Disco.** This event, which is taking place tonight, has been so popular that there is **no more room left**. If you have paid for a ticket, children can be dropped off at 16.30 and collected at 18.00. We have lots of fun party games planned along with a ghoulish disco. Come dressed in your best costumes as there will be prizes on the night for the best dressed.

**Pumpkin Carving Competition.** We would like to invite the children to indulge in some pumpkin decorating fun during the half term holiday! Once they have completed their creations, simply post a picture to the Facebook page (Search [Friends of St James'](#)).

Please remember to share your child's name and what year they are in. Competition ends on Wednesday 2nd November and the winner will be announced on our Facebook page.

**Brambles Cookshop** in the village are also advertising a pumpkin carving competition - drop off at the shop any time on Saturday 29 October and judging will take place at 6.00. Flyers were sent home yesterday. Why not enter both competitions!

**Cold Weather**

There has been a real chill in the air over recent days and we have had to remind a number of children about the importance of wearing coats and jumpers to keep them warm outside. Please ensure your child/ren have jumpers and coats with them each day so they can enjoy outdoor break times whilst remaining warm.

**Safety at the Beginning and End of the School Day**

I would like to remind all parents and carers that we must be considerate to our neighbours around school when dropping off and picking up as cars are still be parked in front of driveways. All children must be supervised once collected from school staff at the end of the school day and before being dropped off each morning. Children are NOT allowed onto the school field, trim trails or climbing frames before or after school. Thank you for your support in ensuring these safety guidelines are adhered to.

**Reminder for Reception and High Schools places for September 2022**

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 2023, is well on its way. Can we remind you that the closing date for secondary admission is fast approaching. 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.

Closing dates:-

**31 October 2022 for Secondary admissions** (one week left)

15 January 2023 for Primary admissions

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.

**Crewe FC - Club for Y2 and Y3 girls - flyer**

We've attached a flyer alongside today's newsletter advertising a U7 and U8 (Y2 and Y3) girls' football club on Fridays at the Cumberland Arena.

**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*