



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



22 December 2023

Final Newsletter of the Year

As always, the children have been amazing this year by showing how to Shine in everything that they do. I know that I speak for very teacher in the school; we love our job when we see the children happy and learning. I have seen how important it is for the children to be in school and this is why attendance is so important as they flourish due to being able to interact with each other and progress with their learning which is lovely to see. This is fundamental to everything that we do in school. I know that we will carry on ensuring we look after the whole child and make sure their wellbeing is at the heart of our school.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in January.

Thought of the Week



Christmas Service

We had our Christmas Service this morning in Church celebrating Christmas with you and I would like to say it was lovely to have a Church packed to the rafters with family and friends. The whole school community came together and the children were able to shine brightly as they brought creativity to Christmas story. What a year we have had with many high and lows over the last 12 months but the children have always been our beacons of light throughout and amazed me with their resilience and readiness to face any challenge in life.

Big Little Nativity – EYFS and KS1 Performance

Last Friday the children performed their nativity for the rest of the school, the children from ABC and invited members of the Audlem community. Early this week they performed twice for a very enthusiastic audience of parents, grandparents and family members. The singers and those with speaking parts were wonderful and the whole event was a marvellous preparation for Christmas. I would like to thank our excellent staff for their skill and hard work, our parents for helping with costumes but especially I would like to thank the children who performed wholeheartedly. *(photograph below)*.

I would like us all to remember the amazing celebrations we have had over the past year at home and in school.





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Christmas Cards to Corbrook

On Tuesday I took Tallulah Woods and Max Bunseedhun (Head Girl and Head Boy) to Corbrook Grange to hand out Christmas cards. We had some fascinating conversations with the residents who really appreciated the cards. They had been made by children in Y4 on behalf of the NEP (Nantwich Education Partnership).

New Year - new start – water bottles and uniform

In January, I intend to emphasise the importance of water bottles in school. We are all aware of the importance of drinking water during the day. As the term has worn on, some children have regularly forgotten their water bottles and have had to be provided with cups from the school kitchen. Please ensure that your child has a working water bottle at the start of the new year.

I will also continue to insist that children wear uniform in school, particularly school shoes NOT trainers, except for the day they have P.E. On P.E. days, I will also be expecting children to wear suitable clothing; navy or dark blue hoodies/sweatshirts or, if you do not have these, their school sweatshirts, alongside dark blue, navy or black leggings or jogging bottoms. Logoed hoodies/sweatshirts are not acceptable. Thank you for your support with this.

Praise Book and 5R Children – Praise Assembly is going to be very busy today so names have been retained until the New Year.

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 'The Jolly Christmas Postman.' We drew a picture of our favourite storybook character and wrote their name and labelled toys. In maths, we recapped the counting sequence to 10, used our fingers to represent quantities 10 and matched different representations of quantities with amounts shown on our fingers. We sung number songs, played a bean bag throwing game and built towers with cubes and wooden blocks. We also had great fun performing the Nativity to our families.





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Sapphire class: This week Sapphire Class have enjoyed doing two amazing performances of their nativity - they did such an amazing job. They loved singing the songs and being excellent actors. The children have also enjoyed learning about the Christian story of Christmas and recognising the characters they played in the bible story.

Pearl class: The children in Pearl Class enjoyed making Christmas cards and hats for the party. In Design and Technology, they put the finishing touches to their pouches and in History, they wrote a recount of their visit to Nantwich Museum. The children all 'let their light shine' in our Christmas production 'The BIG Little Nativity. 'We enjoyed our class party on Thursday where we played party games and threw some shapes on the dancefloor! On Friday we took part in the Christmas church service and enjoyed performing in our first whole-school Christmas singing competition. We performed our song 'Rocking around the Christmas tree'. The children in Year 2 have been an absolute pleasure to teach this term and we hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.

Amber class: This week the children have been practising direct speech in English and practising addition and subtraction in maths. The children drew out some wonderful iron age broaches and finished their pneumatic toys in DT. We had a brilliant trip to see Cinderella at the Crewe Lyceum, an amazing Key Stage 2 Christmas party and the children really enjoyed learning our songs to sing at church.

Emerald class: This week, Emerald Class have been learning how to compose their own still-life paintings. They have arranged a collection of objects which mean something to them and have then sketched them onto large paper. They are looking forward to painting them using different techniques to create texture and shadow. The class have also been learning about what makes a good friend and about friendship 'builders' and 'blockers' through short stories using child-friendly characters. We shall be continuing with this work to help the children know how to build good friendships.

Ruby class: This week in Ruby class, the children have been practicing both Sparkle and Shine and Last Christmas ready to perform both on Friday. During English, the children have been upscaling their recount from Mrs Kings visit, trying to improve their vocabulary and correcting their spellings. During Maths, we continued looking at fraction specifically focusing on converting improper fraction to mixed numbers. Towards the end of the week the children participated in several Christmas activities and had great fun at the class parties.

Diamond class: It's been a Christmassy week in Diamond Class! The children had a fantastic time seeing Cinderella at the Lyceum Theatre; enjoyed their KS2 party in the hall; played a Christmas Quiz; made Christmas Cards on Purple Mash; rehearsed for the Christmas Service at church and the inter-class Christmas Song competition; and drew elf-portraits! The class are all looking forward to receiving their Secret Santa gifts on Friday, and getting to watch a Christmassy film in the afternoon.

Attendance: Whole school weekly attendance this week is 93.82%. This is slightly lower than last week and is well below our school aim of at least 97%. It is worth noting, however, that every week during this term there have been children absent due to chicken-pox – almost 40 children throughout the school have caught the disease – and this has had an overall effect upon attendance.

In EYFS/KS1, Sapphire class has the highest attendance. In KS2, Amber class has had the best attendance this week. Congratulations to both classes.





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Audlem pantomime – Princess and the Pea – 31 January to 3 February 2024

Many pupils from our school are involved in the panto this year and tickets will sell fast!! We've been asked to attach a poster and here is the link to purchase tickets too...

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/audlem-theatre-company?fbclid=IwAR1GRzsAUOP0idPLxieSXVcP1_NWLHObLHwnmRktXLVqPvHe85g3-OZKmlQ

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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