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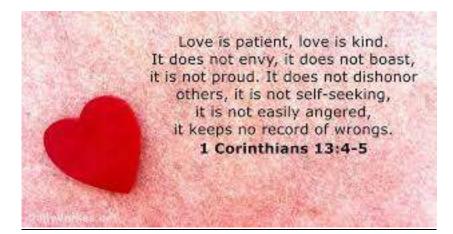
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Change of Seasons

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts for this week. There has been a change in the Seasons as Summer has now disappeared and the Autumnal rain has arrived. What is lovely to see is the way that our children take on board changes in their stride and carry on being the sunshine. Change is something that is part of our daily lives and can make us feel happy or insecure. At Audlem we endeavour to give the children at school all the tools that helps them move forward in their education and lives in our ever-changing world.

Thought of the Week

Love is a Core Christian Value of the school and is key to everything that we all do.



Prayer of the Week

In these times more than ever its important that we look after the environment that we live in.



Harvest Celebrations – 2nd and 5th October

As foundation governors representing both the school and church in our community we would like to invite you to join us for two special events to celebrate the Harvest season.

Firstly, at 11am on Sunday 2nd October, there will be a harvest themed all age worship at St James' Church in the village. All are welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments afterwards.

Secondly you are invited to join us at St James's Church on the morning of Wednesday 5th October for whole school worship. The children have been busily making preparations for a wonderful service of thanks for the Harvest. We



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would be delighted if you would join us in church from 8:40 after school drop off, for tea and coffee before the service as we wait for the children to arrive from school. There will also be complementary refreshments after the service. We look forward to giving you a warm welcome at these events. Best wishes.

Ruth Scott and Sonia Kay - Foundation Governors

Harvest Gifts

This year as in years past we are making our annual charitable collection to support the Nantwich Foodbank. The demands on this local provision have dramatically risen so any donations of the following items would be very gratefully received:

Cartons of long-life milk, fruit juice, biscuits, chocolate & sweet treats, jars of pasta/curry sauce, jam, tinned rice pudding/custard/fruit, shampoo/shower gel.

All donations can be sent into school between Monday 3rd October and Friday 7th October.

School Twitter Page

We now have a brand new Twitter page up and running. Please follow us @AudlemSJ. We hope you enjoy the updates!

Praise Book Children this week

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class: Olivia Smith Mrs Hayward and Mrs Kemp's class: James Pritchard Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Chloe Barnett Mr Davies' class: Caleb Vacara Miss Morris' class: Arabella Hughes Mr Blenkiron's class: Tallulah Woods Mrs Bird's class: Billy Fellows



<u>The 5 'R's</u>

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: George Grieves

Responsibility: Freddy Perry, Lottie Hilling, Emily Bourne-Withey **Readiness to Learn:** Anya Miah, Anna Ammundsen, Tilly Baxter

<u>School</u>

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 will be reading 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy and look at information books about Houses and Homes. We will be looking at inventors of household items, e.g. the telephone. In maths, we have been developing the skill of comparing quantities. We will use language such as 'more than' and 'fewer than' to describe how many objects there are in each set. We will be playing skittles, comparing dice spots and counting Baby Bear's toys. On Thursday, we also enjoyed our first Philosophy for Children session and talked about different jobs that people can do.

Sapphire class: In English this week, we have written a letter to the teacher as the character 'Rocket' in our book "Look Up!". We have also looked at how Rocket felt at different times in the book and written about it. In maths, we have been counting on 1 more and counting back. In geography we drew a map of the playground and decided what symbols to use to represent different items In science, we sequenced the life cycle of a chicken and wrote about the four different stages.

Pearl class: In Year 2 we have been using the word 'and' to link our sentences as well as the word 'because' to justify our statements when making comparisons between Tabitha Lumpit and other children. We have been learning about everyday materials used to build houses. We have discussed the properties which make each material suitable for its purpose. After some careful thinking and deep discussion, the children have written their own 10 commandments.





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Amber class: It has been another busy week in Amber class. In our Forest School session we handled lots of Stone Age artefacts including an atl atl and bow drill. In art we used our foraging knowledge to collect berries to paint with and created cave art of extinct animals. In English we have used our preposition knowledge to create diary entries written in the first person and in maths we are continuing our place value work and solving problems to 1,000.

Emerald class: In Emerald Class we have learned how to compare and order 4-digit numbers and also worked on the skill of finding 1, 10, 100 or 1,000 more or less than a 4-digit number. We have worked on using a number line to 10,000. In English the class wrote their gorilla facts into a final gorilla fact file using alternative nouns for gorilla and prepositions. We introduced the idea of a fronted adverbial telling the reader when, where or how something happened and experimented with moving adverbial phrases to different points in the sentence. In RE we considered the themes of love and forgiveness in the parable of the lost son. The class wrote recounts of their trip to Quarry Bank Mill in History and used watercolour techniques and their knowledge of warm and cool colours to create some stunning woven heart artwork about our school's Christian values.

Ruby class: In maths this week, the children have been working on adding and subtracting powers of 10, and have begun to revise rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. In English, the class drafted letters from Arctic explorer Matthew Henson, using expanded noun phrases to describe the Arctic scenery. They then analysed these letters for our Gateway Keys - the key features that Year 5 should definitely have such as capital letters, paragraphs and adverbs. We have also started to look at famous baseballer, Jackie Robinson and will be planning diary entries from his perspective. In Science, the children compared the weight of objects on Earth to their weight on the moon, and created posters with their knowledge about gravity. In History, we discussed why WW1 began - which countries were the first to join and why Britain entered into the fray. We have begun to learn songs for the Harvest Service including for our own performance - The Bright Ploughshare. In RE, we revised The Big Story (the 8 overarching themes of the Bible) and wrote about our own worldviews on matters such as the existence of God, the afterlife, the purpose of life, vegetarianism and whether we prefer to spend time in groups or alone.

Diamond class: In Year 6 this week, we have been learning about Hinduism and have been comparing the duties which an adult and a child do each day to show good conduct. We have also been writing descriptions and been learning about how light travels in straight lines. In PE, the children have been learning more football skills and the children have been learning more about their wellbeing.

Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.



<u>Attendance</u>

In EYFS/KS1 the best attendance is shared this week between Amethyst and Sapphire. In KS2, Emerald class has the best attendance. Congratulations to all three classes.

Friends AGM

Friends of Audlem School would like to thank the parents who attended a very successful AGM this morning. They were delighted with the turnout but there is always room for more parents to become involved. Minutes will follow shortly.



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<u>Meet the Teacher</u>

The Meet the Teacher events have gone very well this week and the PowerPoints shared at the meeting will shortly be placed on the website.

<u>Parking</u>

Can I ask that parents are mindful of our neighbours and the children at school? I have seen pictures and footage that people are parking on the footpath and in places that means children have to walk on the road. This will be monitored by myself and PC Nick to ensure people are keeping to the highway code.

ABC

We have attached a leaflet from ABC about their holiday activities during half-term.

North West Coaching

We have also attached a leaflet about their holiday clubs. This is the link you need to book places: <u>https://www.sportscoachinggroup.co.uk/holiday-clubs</u>

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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