

# Audlem St. James C.E. Primary School

Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16



# 26th November 2021

As always, the children have been amazing and I am so proud of how every child has been able to cope with the stress and turmoil of the last year with a smile on their faces. I know that I speak for very teacher in the country this is why we love our job is to see the children happy and learning. I have seen how important it is for the children to be in school and how they flourish due to be able to interact with each other progress with their learning which is lovely to see.

However, we are still in very uncertain times as we have an increase in different variants in the Cheshire East area and also positive cases in our school. This means that over the past few weeks we have been reviewing what we can offer to parents regarding coming into school to watch different activities e.g. KS1 Christmas Play and assemblies. I know that this will be disappointing but I must ensure the safety of the children, staff, parents and local community. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

## Thought of the Week



#### Praise Book Children this week

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class: Isaac Swailes Mrs Hayward and Mrs Kemp's class: Freddie Fellows Mrs Richardson and Miss Ratcliffe class: Severn Leonard

> Mr Davies' class: Alyssa Welch-Harding Miss Morris' class: Seth Minshall Mr Blenkiron's class: Billy Fellows Mrs Bird's class: Harrison Farmer

5Rs

Readiness: Theo Jones; Megan Chesters;

Resilience: Phoebe Phillips; Isaac Carter; Elizabeth Ellis

Responsibility: Charlie Stretch Resourcefulness: Jessica Baddeley

# <u>School</u>

Amethyst class: This week in Amethyst Class, we read 'Flashlight' by Lizi Boyd. We identified the hidden animals, made pictoral representations and labelled our drawings with the sounds we could hear in the words using our 'Fred Fingers.' In maths, we explored the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts'. We cut up fruit, completed jigsaws and identified parts of our bodies. We also enjoyed reading Funnybones and talking about ways to keep our bones and teeth healthy.

Sapphire class: Another busy week in Sapphire class. The children have been learning about the bar model in maths. In English the children have been constructing sentences about our pathways story Lost and Found. In Design and technology, the children have been researching models of climbing frames. In history the children have been comparing our classroom with a Victorian classroom.



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Pearl class: This week we have learnt about the abstract artist Piet Mondrian and how he composes his pictures. We used the 2Paint software to create our own artwork using Mondrian's techniques - we called this artwork 'Fire'. In Geography we explored the terms locality and settlement and we identified 3 settlements: towns, villages and cities. We investigated human features of the town of Nantwich. In English this week we have been creating our own characters to write our own story and planned the beginning, middle and end of our narrative. In Maths, we have developed our understanding of 'greater than' and 'less than' in Week 7 of Mastering Number and we have also been counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. We have also started our learning on addition and subtraction. In Science, we have continued to learn about the four seasons, the months of the year and special celebrations in different months - including our birthdays! In Religious Education we have learnt about the story of John the Baptist and why Jesus' baptism is important for Christians. We have also done lots of wonderful singing practising our songs for the Christmas play.

Amber class: This week in Amber Class, we have been expanding our vocabulary by looking at new words and phrases found in the two books we are using to support our reading & writing in class. In Maths, we have been continuing to use the column method to add and have started to look at how we can use the strategy to subtract. We have enjoyed our last recorder lesson of the term and we have completed our 'Lego Challenge' that we started last week.

Emerald class: This week Emerald class have finished and edited their mysterious shop stories. They have also started to look at using a variety of conjunctions in their work. In maths, they have looked at efficient subtraction and checking strategies. The children enjoyed completing their ear defenders in DT/Science and testing them to see which ones worked the best for soundproofing. They also gave points for style as the ear defenders were very creatively designed! The children looked at the importance of staying safe on the internet and learnt about the effects of the railways on Victorian culture. We also practised our Christmas songs for The Big Switch On.

**Ruby class:** This week in maths, Ruby Class have been further developing their knowledge of line graphs and how to interpret the data presented on them.

In English, we have been using our knowledge of figurative language to write engaging and imaginative descriptions of settings as well as characters.

Our spelling focus this week has been words with the silent T, and Mr Blenkiron has been helped out in these sessions by his trusty sidekick 'Silent Tea'...

In RE, we have started to look at why it is important to Christians for God to have come to Earth as a human. We have acted out some important scenes from Jesus' life and discussed how some Jewish prophecies may relate to Him. In PE, we have continued to develop our football skills, particularly dribbling.

In History, we will begin to look at the contribution animals made during the war and consider the ethical issue of using animals this way in the first place. In Science, we will be thinking about what would happen to the Earth if our moon suddenly disappeared!

Diamond class: This week in Diamond Class, Year 6 have been building on their gymnastics skills even further; learning how to begin a routine, how to travel across a space using different techniques and learning how to dismount using different jumps. In English, the children have been writing newspaper reports based on a story of a Jewish girl in occupied France during WW2. In Science, we have been learning how to make a rainbow and trying to understand how we see different colours. In Forest Schools, amongst other things, the class have created some wonderful nature art.

# Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.



#### Friends of Audlem School

Today is the day to send in any old Christmas jumpers for re-sale. An email was sent out yesterday with an encouraging poster. Friends will be holding a sale on the playground on Friday 3rd December.



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If you would like a beautiful Christmas Wreath for your home, Friends have you covered. We will start making our wonderful creations next week. You can pre-order these at <a href="https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofaudlemschool">www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofaudlemschool</a> or keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

Save the Date! Friends will be holding a **Santa Stroll** from the village on Sunday 12th December at 10:30. Join us for some Santa hats, fresh air and fun. Further details to follow.

# Christmas Lunch - Thursday 9th December

An invitation has been sent out today to book your child's Christmas dinner. Please order as soon as possible, Thank you.

#### Big Switch-On Tonight - School Choir

We have had an amazing response to our request for KS2 choir members, so thank you for your support. We are looking forward to some excellent singing tonight. Children need to meet staff at the front of the church by 6.15pm.

#### St James Church, Christingle, Sunday 28th Nov at 4pm

St James Church have contacted us to let our parents know that the annual Christingle service will be held on the above date and at the above time.

All are welcome! The church requests that people wear masks.

#### Reminder for Reception 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 2022, started this week. Please apply online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk or alternatively you can request an application form by contacting the Local Authority on 0300 123 5012. The closing date for primary admissions is 15 January 2022.

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.

#### 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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