



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... This week is National Road Safety Week and all the main school children have been discussing this in our KS1 and KS2 assemblies. Five people are killed every single day on our roads and the devastation to the families of those losing loved ones, and often of those that were responsible, is immeasurable. With this in mind, we encouraged the children to 'Stay Safe and Be Seen' while they are on their journeys to/from school, out and about at the weekends and especially when it is dark. With all our Christmas concerts starting next week for the next three weeks, we will have many more cars around as parents/carers come to watch their children. Can we please encourage anybody driving to school to park considerately away from the school gates and walk the last 200m or so. The safety of all of our children is so much more important than parking as close to school as we can!



Diary dates:

Tues 29 th Nov	Y4 to DEWA Centre, Chester - 8:30 a.m. in school
Wed 30 th Nov	Chat'n'Wrap 9:00 a.m.
Sun 4 th Dec	Light Up a Life Concert 3:00 p.m. Longton Central Hall
Mon 5 th Dec	Chat'n'Wrap 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Mon 5 th Dec	Bingo 6:30 p.m.
Tues 6 th Dec	Senior Citizen's Party watching Y2 Assembly
Wed 7 th Dec	Early Years to Cannock to visit Santa
Wed 7 th Dec	Chat'n'Wrap 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Wed 7 th Dec	KS2 Christingle Service at church - p.m.
Fri 9 th Dec	Christmas Jumper, Dinner and Arts Fayre Day!
Mon 12 th Dec	Y6 Choir Carol Singing at North Staffs Hospital
Mon 12 th Dec	Senior Citizen's Pie and Pea Supper
Fri 16 th Dec	Y6 Choir Carol Singing at Dougie Mac

Christmas Concert Dates

EYFS	Tues 29 th Nov
EYFS	Wed 30 th Nov
Year 1	Wed 7 th Dec
Year 2	Tues 6 th Dec
Year 3	Thurs 1 st Dec
Year 4	Thurs 8 th Dec
Year 5	Tues 13 th Dec
Year 6	Wed 14 th Dec

All concerts will start at approximately 9:15 a.m. once the children are ready.

Youth Club ON tonight for members only

Christmas Arts Fayre & Grotto - Friday 9th December

Our Christmas Fayre this year has an Arts and Crafts theme. All the children throughout the school have created their own masterpieces and at the Fayre there will be an Art Gallery display of all the pictures available for you to look at and buy. Below are just two examples of the treats in store. Pictures will be available to purchase via the Parent Mail Shop for £8 at any time you wish, or can be bought for cash or cheque at the Fayre only. Additional laser framed colour

copies can be ordered on the night. We do hope you can come along and enjoy our Art Gallery at our Christmas Fayre.

ART GALLERY



Grotto tickets - This evening our tickets for Santa's Grotto go on sale in the ParentMail shop. Unfortunately, due to time, there are a limited number of tickets available at a cost of £3 per child. Additional tickets for pre-school siblings can be bought separately, but only once you have a receipt for older brothers or sisters as they will go into the Grotto together.

Can you work out the number of the space the car has parked in?



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Mr Wardle's Maths Challenges

Can you work out the values of the pots and pans?

'Blog of the week' is awarded to Mrs Carney's class who shared their learning from their science investigation to see which type of sugar will dissolve the quickest. I would recommend anyone who drinks tea or coffee to view this post...it could make all the difference to the flavour of your

'Tweet of the Week' is awarded to those of you who replied with an answer to the maths challenge in last week's newsletter – you even solved it when we put in a 'typo' for added difficulty! (Sorry folks!)



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School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.0% which is **below** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	90.7%	Y1/1	94.0%	Y4/1	97.3%
F1/2	94.0%	Y1/2	94.7%	Y4/2	98.8%
F1/3	87.7%	Y2/1	97.4%	Y5/1	97.3%
F1/4	93.3%	Y2/2	100%	Y5/2	96.0%
F2/1	96.7%	Y3/1	100%	Y6/1	90.8%
F2/2	97.0%	Y3/2	97.3%	Y6/2	94.3%

The Tony Hughes Award:

This medallion is presented each week, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, to a child from each class who has shown 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Zeen Aziz	Y3/1	Imogen Emery
FS1/2	Oliver Mckittrick	Y3/2	Lillie-Mae Wild
FS2/1	Emelia Brindley-Swire	Y4/1	Sophia Kelemes
FS2/2	Georgia Brownsword	Y4/2	Caitlin Cooper
Y1/1	Isabelle Bradbury	Y5/1	Charlie Bradbury
Y1/2	Adena Perry	Y5/2	Lauren Dugdale
Y2/1	Kyla Austin	Y6/1	Taylor Holland
Y2/2	River Powis	Y6/2	Zuhera Nadeem

News in Brief

• Douglas MacMillan visit

Yesterday morning we presented John and Jenny from Douglas Macmillan with a cheque for £484 from our 'Bring a £1 to School Day'. They told the children about the work of Douglas Macmillan and how it relies on donations to run. They said it costs £20 per minute to run the hospice!

• Accelerated Reader

Our Y6 children are trialling a new programme called accelerated reader which encourages the children to read and provides quizzes once a book has been read. In the 9 days since the children have started, Y6 have read 137 books with a total of one million, ninety-nine thousand, eight hundred and fifty three words!

• Parents' Phonics Session

Again, this Wednesday morning, we welcomed many parents/carers into school to watch the children in a reception class phonics lesson. We hope you found the session and resources useful, and thank you so much for your support.

• Christmas Performance videos

This year we are proposing to add the videos of each year group on our website, rather than sell copies of DVDs. We will send out a link in a ParentMail when they are uploaded. If you would still like to buy a DVD copy, then they will be available from the ParentMail shop.

Sports News

• Congratulations to our Sports Hall Athletes who won the first round of the competition beating four other schools. The children will now take part in the final at Trentham High School next Monday 28th November. Well done to **Libby Barwise, Jak Kelsall, Tinashe Zinyemba, Kaddi Kassama, Isobell Martin, Connor Wild, Jack Sutton, Olivia Harford, Josh Bickerton, Quaid Smith, Taylor Holland, Maddison Bowers, Ryan Bridgett, Nathan Coxon, Charlie Bradbury, Deelan Ibrahim, Tegan Day and Madison Lowe.**

• Well done also to our three Dodgeball teams in their competition at Fenton Manor on Thursday. Our B team, made up of **Jak Kelsall, Gray Bradbeer, Jack Sutton and Lewis Leese-Spencer**, finished 2nd out of 20 teams and received a runners up trophy. Many congratulations to them and to **Libby Barwise, Jack Buckley, Jesse Addai, Connor Wild, Josh Bickerton, Charlie Bradbury, Tegan Day and Mitchell Lavery.**

And Finally

Dare I say it, but Christmas appears to have arrived! With the term ending so early this year, preparations are well under way and we are looking forward to our first Early Years performance next Tuesday 29th November. The hall is rarely without a class busy rehearsing and the sound of Christmas Carols being practised is a joy. Many thanks in advance to all the staff for the enormous amount of work that makes this such a special time of year for the children and their parents/carers.

Best wishes a pleasant weekend.

Mr Wardle

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Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations are sent to the following children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for their hard work, attitude and/or progress.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Ellie-Mae Gething	Y3/1	Manni Reynolds
FS1/2	Briley Simm	Y3/2	Malwina Jaworska
FS2/1	Olivia Morton	Y4/1	Francesca Cummings
FS2/2	Dominic Majocho	Y4/2	Lauchlan Sullivan
Y1/1	Emily Shenton	Y5/1	Lewis Payne
Y1/2	Jessica Miller	Y5/2	Joel Walton
Y2/1	Aaron Smith	Y6/1	Nathan Coxon
Y2/2	Ethan Budd	Y6/2	Teigan Eveson

Notices:

• Photos of Christmas Performances

We currently allow parents/carers to take photos during our Christmas performances on the understanding that these are for personal use only. However, as some parents do not want their child's picture published in any way, can we politely remind that pictures containing children other than your own, **should not be posted** on social media. Thank you for your understanding with this, as we do not want to have to stop photos being taken.

• Christingle Collection Boxes

A reminder that the candle collection boxes for Christingle need to be brought into school by Tuesday 6th December prior to the Christingle service on Wednesday 7th December.

