



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... This week we have been delighted to welcome parents and family members in on three mornings, to watch the children from the Early Years and Y3 for the first of our Christmas performances. The Early Years children were all superstars, singing the many songs with energy, enthusiasm and wonderful actions; sitting sensibly, when they were not on stage. Very impressive, especially considering our Nursery children, many aged just three, had only been in school for 9 weeks. Our Y3 children also provided a very impressive assembly, with beautiful singing and very poignant messages about the preparations for Christmas. Very many thanks to all the staff, to the parents/carers for supporting and to the children for creating such very special memories. You can watch them again now on our school website under the Children's page. We are looking forward to Y1, Y2 and Y4 with their Christmas assemblies next week.

Diary dates:

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

Christmas Concert Dates

- Year 1 Wed 7th Dec
 - Year 2 Tues 6th Dec
 - Year 4 Thurs 8th Dec
 - Year 5 Tues 13th Dec
 - Year 6 Wed 14th Dec
- All concerts will start at approximately 9:15 a.m. once the children are ready.

There are NO MORE CLUBS this term. New clubs will be organised at the start of next term.

Christmas Cake Off Competition - entries in Thurs 8th Dec

We hope your baking skills are being perfected in creating your entry for our great Christmas Cake Off. Entries need to be brought into class, with a name and class label on Thurs 8th Dec. A prize will be awarded to Early Years, Y1&2, Y3&4 and Y5&6. Good luck everyone!



Mr Wardle's Challenge

This week the challenge is on the attached sheet and is more of a general knowledge test and definitely one for the whole, extended family.

Grotto tickets

Grotto tickets to see Santa have now sold out and will be sent home showing your allocated time early next week.



Calendar Competition

Congratulations to Y3 pupil, **Malwina Jaworska** who designed the front cover to our 2017 calendar. Very well done Malwina! Calendars will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre next Friday or from the ParentMail shop for £4.50 each. All proceeds support the children's activities.



'Light Up a Life' Service

A reminder to choir members who are taking part **on Sunday 4th December** – Please can they meet Mrs Martin, Mrs Brian and Mrs Arnott at **Longton Central Hall at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday in their full school uniform.** Parents/carers – the children will need to be collected at 4:15 p.m. Good luck boys and girls, I am sure you will perform beautifully.

'Blog of the week!' We award our Blog Of The Week to the members of our EYFS team who blogged about their Christmas concert. The blog proved very popular as well as a record number of Facebook likes and comments, it also received a record 43 replies. Thank you everyone.

'Tweet of the Week' This week Madison from Year 6 is the worthy winner of the Tweet Of The Week title. She has already received a special trophy from Apple- The 'iCan' Award, for showing such a positive approach to maths! Have a look on our Twitter feed to see more!



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School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 95.9% which is **below** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	94.7%	Y1/1	97.7%	Y4/1	96.7%
F1/2	98.7%	Y1/2	97.0%	Y4/2	97.8%
F1/3	88.3%	Y2/1	98.7%	Y5/1	96.0%
F1/4	94.7%	Y2/2	96.0%	Y5/2	95.3%
F2/1	94.7%	Y3/1	99.3%	Y6/1	93.5%
F2/2	89.3%	Y3/2	96.7%	Y6/2	94.7%

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	Lucas Williams	Y3/1	Yvie Jones
FS1/2	Lyla-Rai Dyer	Y3/2	Charlotte Bird
FS2/1	Bethan Bloor	Y4/1	Alex Sinclair
FS2/2	Seren Churchill	Y4/2	Evie Wilkes-Price
Y1/1	Marley Cotterill	Y5/1	Sky Williams
Y1/2	Ashton Screen	Y5/2	Lucas Hemmings
Y2/1	Leo Wilson	Y6/1	Eloise Gray
Y2/2	Lacey-J Armstrong	Y6/2	Imogen Bowers

News in Brief

• Y4 trip to DEWA, Chester

On Tuesday the Y4 children visited Chester to help them learn more about the Romans. They took part in 'The Dewa Experience' – drilling around the streets of Chester and then forming very tight Roman formations – just like real soldiers. Afterwards, they travelled back in time to discover what life was like for a Legionary, based in Chester. It was a cold but fun filled day, jam-packed with history and a chance for the children to show off with some of the incredible Roman words which they had learned! The children were superstars throughout the day and you can see a selection of photographs from this visit on our school blog.



• Enterprise Club go selling

Next Tuesday, two of our Enterprise Club members, accompanied by Miss Gregory will be resident in one of the wooden chalets near Boots, Hanley. They will be selling the calendars produced by the club following their photo competition. We hope they have an enjoyable and successful time making plenty of sales. Our very own apprentices in the making!

Congratulations

- Well done to **Jack Sargeant** on achieving his 50m Stanley certificate. Congratulations Jack!
- Congratulations to **Sebbie Gillie** who has been awarded Red and Yellow belts at Jujitsu. Well done Sebbie!

Sports News

• Congratulations to our Sports Hall Athletes who came fifth out of eight at the finals on Monday night. The children all competed excellently and were a credit to the school. 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**.

And Finally

As we enter the last two weeks of term, all the Christmas preparations are well under way. Very many thanks to the band of helpers that have been in school for our Chat'n'Wrap sessions - still plenty more to do next Monday afternoon! May I also offer a reminder of next Friday's events - non uniform, 'Wear something Christmassy', for a donation to Douglas Macmillan; our Christmas Dinner for those that have pre-ordered it; and our Christmas Fayre, Grotto and Art Gallery from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please remember to park considerately and safely if you are coming to any school event. Thank you.

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	Abigail Covu	Y3/1	Suneyna Ashiq
FS1/2	Jack Cotterill	Y3/2	Connor Sedgwick
FS2/1	Francesca Callaghan	Y4/1	Daniel Lamptey
FS2/2	Anna Dziuba	Y4/2	Evie Wilkes-Price
Y1/1	Joseph Steele	Y5/1	Shay Allen
Y1/2	Caleb Johal	Y5/2	Jesse-Darryl Addai
Y2/1	Rodrigo Gouveia	Y6/1	Lilly Stubbs
Y2/2	James Holder-Boast	Y6/2	Seth Furbur

Notices:

• Residents Association Bingo

The next eyes down is on **Monday 5th December at 6:30 p.m.**

• Longton Messy Sheep Trail

Father Kevin is inviting all the local children to take part in a messy sheep trail around the shops in Longton. Find the sheep in the shops and write down their name. Sheep trail forms available at the front reception.

• Christingle Collection Boxes

Don't forget to send in your candle collection boxes for Christingle by next Tuesday 6th December prior to the Christingle service on Wednesday 7th December.

• Clubs

Clubs (except Choir) have now finished for this term due to the large number of Christmas activities taking place. Options for next terms clubs will be put on ParentMail early next term.

Mr Wardle's Weekly Challenge

This week our maths challenge is a little bit different. We'd like to see if the children and their families can work out the phrases or sayings which are associated with each of the numbers below. Please return your entries to **Mr Walford by Thursday 8th December**. One lucky winner will be drawn out of the hat and will be awarded a selection box as a prize. Good luck everyone!

	Numbers		Write your answers in the space below:
Q.1	365	D in a Y	Days In A Year
Q.2	1000	M in a K	
Q.3	3600	S in an H	
Q.4	13	U for S	
Q.5	3	B M (S H they R)	
Q.6	200	P for P G in a G of M	
Q.7	1001	A N	
Q.8	57	H V	
Q.9	180	T S in D	
Q.10	147	M B in S	
Q.11	90	D in a R A	
Q.12	366	D in a L Y	
Q.13	9	L of a C	
Q.14	10000	G O D of Y's M	
Q.15	360	D in a C	
Q.16	60	M in an H	
Q.17	4	S in a Y	
Q.18	54	C in a D including J	
Q.19	24	D on an A C	
Q.20	12	D of C	

Do as much as you can and then return to Mr Walford by Thursday 8th December. Thank you.

Name of child _____

Class teacher _____