



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... This Christmas period is one of great enjoyment, with special memories made and plenty of excitement! We have very much enjoyed our Y2, Y1 and Y4 Christmas assemblies this week and I am sure family members who joined us would agree that all the children gave us a wonderful prelude to the Christmas festivities. Yesterday we had the impossible task of judging our great Christmas Cake Off (see further down for more details) and today has been a very special, but hectic day with so much going on. The children and staff look super in their Christmassy outfits and nearly 500 of us enjoyed a tasty turkey dinner, with enormous thanks to Mrs Browne and her kitchen team.

As if that wasn't enough, tonight we have our fantastic Christmas Fayre with Art Gallery and Santa's Grotto, starting at 3:30 p.m. and running until 6:30 p.m. See below for some of the activities to look out for. We do hope you can join us.



Diary dates:

- Mon 12th Dec** Y6 Choir Carol Singing at North Staffs Hospital
- Mon 12th Dec** Senior Citizen's Pie and Pea Supper
- Wed 14th Dec** EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties - non uniform
- Thurs 15th Dec** KS2 Christmas Parties - non uniform
- Fri 16th Dec** Y6 Choir Carol Singing at Dougie Mac
- Fri 16th Dec** Last day of term - Merry Christmas!
- Tues 3rd Jan** Term starts for all
- Tues 10th Jan** Open Event for Early Years Prospective Parents 2017
- Fri 17th Feb** Staff Training Day - No children in school
- Mon 20th - 24th Feb** HALF TERM

Christmas Concert Dates

- 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 Fayre Activities

(All the activities will be on the ground floor and in the hall)

- Calendars and Green Screen Photos** near entrance
- Art Gallery** in first 2 downstairs classrooms
- Xmas Shop** } 3rd classroom downstairs
- Guess the weight of the cake** }
- Lollipop Trees** }
- Craft activities** }
- Tuck Shop** } 4th classroom downstairs
- Face Painting** }
- Y4, 5 & 6 craft sale** }
- Y1, 2 & 3 craft sale** }
- Entrance to Secret Shop** }
- Cake stall and Refreshments in the Hall**
- Games in the Hall**
- Ring-a-Reindeer; Bauble jar; Splat-a-Snowman; Chimney Pots

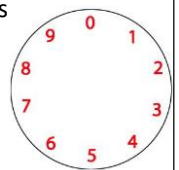
Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 1

Put the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 into the stars of the Christmas tree, so that every side of the tree adds up to the same number.



Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 2

On Annie's 9th birthday, her mum made her a cake, with the numbers 0 to 9 around the edge, instead of candles. Starting from the centre, Annie cut the cake into 3 pieces with 3 cuts so that the numbers on each piece added to the same total. Where were the cuts and what fraction of the whole cake was each piece?



'Blog of the week'

We award the title this week to the children in Y5 who posted 'Magnificent Mountains'. Within the post, the children share their experiences from scaling some of the world's highest peaks. We'd love you to have a look and reply with a comment!

'Tweet of the Week'

Our Tweet of The Week award is presented to those parents who have tweeted about their children's baking experiences in readiness for the Christmas Cake Off. We've really enjoyed viewing them. Thank you.



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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	82.7%	Y1/1	98.7%	Y4/1	97.0%
F1/2	89.3%	Y1/2	99.3%	Y4/2	95.6%
F1/3	87.6%	Y2/1	96.5%	Y5/1	96.0%
F1/4	100%	Y2/2	99.3%	Y5/2	98.7%
F2/1	94.7%	Y3/1	99.3%	Y6/1	95.4%
F2/2	96.0%	Y3/2	97.0%	Y6/2	92.7%

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	Grace Hallam	Y3/1	Joshua Lythgoe
FS1/2	Willow Goodwin	Y3/2	Kayleigh Wootton
FS2/1	Tayla Dediccoat	Y4/1	Emily Lancett
FS2/2	Isabelle Jones	Y4/2	David Moores
Y1/1	Emily Shenton	Y5/1	Lewis Payne
Y1/2	Jessica Miller	Y5/2	Molly McNicol
Y2/1	Alfie Howells	Y6/1	Ethan Bowen
Y2/2	Evie Booth	Y6/2	Emily Hughes

News in Brief

• Enterprise Club go selling

On Tuesday, Miss Gregory took Rhys Hackett and Keira Barker, two members of her Enterprise Club, to Hanley Christmas Market where they were selling their 2017 calendars and Christmas Tree decorations. Although trade was slow, it was a fantastic experience for them and they will be hoping to sell a few more at tonight's Fayre.

• 'Light Up a Life' Service

Thank you and well done to the members of our school choir who performed last Sunday afternoon at the Douglas Macmillan's 'Light up a Life' service. The choir sang 'Away in a Manger' and 'Tell me Why?' beautifully! We were really proud of you! Thank you to all the parents and family members who came to the service too.

• Christmas Quiz

Many thanks to everyone who entered our Christmas Quiz. We had an excellent response to this and so we decided to award two prizes instead of one! We'd like to say a massive "Well Done!" to the following children who handed in their quiz entries: **Joshua Viggars, Ryan Colley, Poppy Johal, Lauren Dugdale, Evie Booth, Alana McLean-Inglis, Finley Jackson, Charlotte Beard, Amie-Mae Callaghan, Feroz Masood, Oliver Colclough, Emily Hughes, Cerys Shields, Maddie Hallam, Eloise Gray, Ethan Bowen, Yvie Jones, William Buckley, Jasmine Chahal, Callum Clowes, Dominic Majocha, Natalia Iwanska, Janet Booth, Keira Barker, Charlie Bradbury, Sebbie Gillie, Janice Gillie, Poppy Curl, Freyja Jones, Madison Lowe, Abbi-Mae Hibbert, Ruby Landon, Lucy Inch, Ruby Booth, Evie-Mae Chetwynd, Isaac Latham, Tinotenda Nyamayaro, Takudzwa Nyamayaro, Oliver Chetwynd, Holly Malpass, Ryan Highfield, Tyler Edge, Shay Allen, Lacie McGraw, Mackenzie Hambleton, Niamh Bradshaw, Lucas Campbell, Imogen Bowers, Lacey Clunn, Lucy Greslow, Jimmy Rushton, Isabelle Yeomans, Jack Buckley, Tyler Thompson, Ellie Yeomans, Molly McNicol, Kinga Iwanska, Macy Latham, Lilli Foster, Ruby Foster, Teigan Eveson, Anace Chapman, Summer Walker, Lillie-Mae Wild, River Powis, Autumn Powis, Cayne Powis, Oliver James and Gabrielle Moores.** All of the entries were put into the hat and the lucky winners, drawn out of the hat were **Natalia Iwanska** and **Maddie Hallam** and they have been presented with a selection box as their prize.

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	Molly Burton	Y3/1	Aiden Smith
FS1/2	Max Wild	Y3/2	Lilly Cartlidge
FS2/1	Isaac Latham	Y4/1	Grace Simpson
FS2/2	Rae Bowman	Y4/2	Lewis Myatt
Y1/1	Kelsie Walker	Y5/1	Abbi-Mae Hibbert
Y1/2	Tyler Cartwright	Y5/2	Tyler Edge
Y2/1	Lily-Mae Davies	Y6/1	Maddie Hallam
Y2/2	Eli Hallam	Y6/2	Holly Malpass

Notices:

• Children's Christmas Parties

On the days of the children parties: Wednesday for Early Years and KS1; Thursday for KS2, the children are invited to come to school in their own party clothes.

• Coffee Morning

You are warmly invited to come along to a coffee morning in the community room next Friday 16th December at 9:00 a.m., where representatives from housing and the police will be available for a chat.

• 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.



For those of you who have asked, here are the correct answers to the numbers:

- 365** Days In A Year,
- 1,000** Metres In A Kilometre
- 3600** Seconds In An Hour
- 13** Unlucky For Some
- 3** Blind Mice (See How They Run),
- 200** Pounds For Passing Go On A Game Of Monopoly
- 1,001** Arabian Nights
- 57** Heinz Varieties
- 180** Top Score In Dart
- 147** Maximum Break In Snooker
- 90** Degrees In A Right Angle
- 366** Days In A Leap Year
- 9** Lives Of A Cat
- 10,000** Grand Old Duke Of York's Men
- 360** Degrees In A Circle
- 60** Minutes In An Hour
- 4** Seasons In A Year
- 54** Cards In A Deck
- 24** Doors On an Advent Calendar
- 12** Days of Christmas

• **Christmas Cake Off Competition**

A huge well done and a very big thank you to all the children who entered our Christmas Cake Off. It was really an impossible job selecting a winner for each of the 4 phase groups as all the children made such an effort and so many were really outstanding. Below are a list of all the children that took part and a few photos of the wonderful cakes made.

Y5/6	Y3/4	Y1/2	Early Years
Joshua Bickerton	Max Sutton	Isabelle Yeomans	Daniel Inch
Lucy Inch	Gabrielle Moores	Sian Smith	Lucas Campbell
Eloise Gray	Bradley Whitfield	Evie Booth	Bessie Ryan
Ellie Yeomans	Kasey Leese	Emily Shenton	James Masterson
Abbi-Mae Hibbert	Lacey Clunn	Isobel Shenton	Oscar Stevenson
Felicity Wall	Joshua Lythgoe	Gracie-Mae Coleman	Summer Wright
Alfie Davis	Jimmy Rushton	Callum Williams	
Sophia Keates	Delilah Wall	Tamzin Pitt	
Shay Allen	Finnley Playford		
Rhys Downes	Libbie Gorton		
Lacey Pitt	Ryan Hibbert		
Kodi-Leigh Reynolds			



And Finally

This Tuesday afternoon we were delighted to welcome a hall-full of our local residents and residents of the Grocott Centre to the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. During the afternoon our visitors were entertained by Year 2 children with a wonderful performance of 'The Grinch'. They also received a party tea served by School Council members and staff, followed by a game of Bingo. It was a wonderful early celebration of Christmas and was greatly enjoyed by all. We'd like to say an extra special thank-you to the Year 2 children and also to the members of our School Council, who worked really hard to make the afternoon as enjoyable as possible for all. Our thanks also go to Mrs Brennan and her helpers for lots of hard work behind the scenes in preparing for the Christmas Party. Thank you everyone and well done for providing such an enjoyable afternoon.

Best wishes a pleasant weekend.

Mr Wardle