



Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who attended and supported the Christmas Fair last Saturday. It was a wonderful day with a record number of people through the door! The atmosphere was fantastic and it was so lovely to see and meet so many of our families and friends. Thanks to you, a grand total of £1400 has been raised to provide further resources and experiences for your children here in school. We are very lucky to have such a supportive school community. Thanks also to Singing Club who sang brilliantly to open the fair.

This singing performance was a rehearsal for the Altham Parish Christmas Choir competition which will take place tomorrow in Altham. Miss Greenhalgh and I will be accompanying the children as they compete against choirs from across Lancashire in an attempt to defend their first place title awarded last year. Please join me in wishing the children all the very best at the competition – good luck choir singers!

Singing club will also be visiting Rossendale Hospice on Monday to perform for staff and residents at their annual Christmas Coffee Morning. The children will be singing a range of carols as well as their competition songs. This is always very well received by the hospice team who make us so welcome.

In sporting news, congratulations must go to the Y5 and Y6 athletics team who after winning their heat went through to the Rossendale final on Wednesday. After a tense, closely run contest, the children finished in third place out of sixteen schools – a fantastic achievement.

It is very busy here in school as renovations continue in Key Stage 1. Classes 1 and 2 are having a full refurbishment. After painting and a new ceiling with improved lighting, new flooring will be laid next week and then new furniture is due to arrive any day. We are also transforming the library with new flooring and furniture so we can improve library provision across the school. It is very exciting to see the progress made so far and the children will have wonderful state of the art classrooms to welcome them after the Christmas break. Key Stage 2 classroom improvements will commence during the Easter holidays.

On Thursday, we decorated our beautiful Christmas tree. The children from each class enjoyed hanging their decoration and afterwards the whole school gathered to sing carols around the tree. It was very festive and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. We have also been lighting the candles on our advent wreath. The candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son, Jesus. The first candle represents hope, we shared that hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we looked at the light of the candle, we celebrated the hope we have in Jesus Christ.



There are lots of Christmas occasions to look forward to next week as Key Stage 1 prepares to perform the Nativity – *I'm Gonna Shine*. We will also be enjoying the whole school Christmas lunch, with all the trimmings, on Thursday. The following week will include the parties, pantomime and Carol service. The children have a wonderful two weeks in store and we look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas events.

Warm wishes,

C. L. Garner

Extra-Curricular Activities

Week Commencing 9th December 2019.

Clubs take place from 3.15pm - 4.15pm unless otherwise indicated.

Day	Activity	Year Group
Mon	Dance Competition (Lunchtime Club)	Years 3,4,5 and 6
Mon	Netball	Years 5 and 6
Tues	Tennis	Years 3 and 4
Tues	Skiing (Club finishes at 5pm)	Years 3,4,5 and 6
Wed	Singing Club (Lunchtime Club)	Years 3,4,5 and 6
Wed	Gardening	Years 3,4,5 and 6
Wed	Girls' Football	Years 4,5 and 6
Wed	Judo	Paid for activity (Years 1-6)
Thurs	Digital Leaders (Lunchtime Club)	Years 2,3,4,5 and 6
Thurs	Art Club	Year 2
Thurs	Boys' Football	Years 5 and 6
Thurs	Ethos Committee	Years 2,3,4,5 and 6

Please note: There will be no after school clubs week commencing 16th December.

Christmas Parties

Children may come in their own clothes on Christmas party days. Please ensure they are wearing sensible footwear and a warm coat for outdoor breaks. Juniors who are attending the pantomime in the afternoon will need to bring their uniform to school to change into.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 7 th Dec	Altham Parish School Choir Competition
Mon 9 th Dec	Choir singing at Rossendale Hospice 9.30am
Tues 10 th Dec	Infant nativity performance 1.45pm
Weds 11 th Dec	Infant nativity performance 1.45pm
Thurs 12 th Dec	Whole school Christmas dinner
Thurs 12 th Dec	Polling station
Fri 13 th Dec	Infant nativity performance 1.45pm
Mon 16 th Dec	Infant Christmas party (PM)
Tues 17 th Dec	Junior Christmas party (AM)
Tues 17 th Dec	Pantomime
Wed 18 th Dec	Whole school awards
Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas service in Church (1.30pm)
Thurs 19 th Dec	School closes for autumn term
Mon 6 th Jan	School re-opens
Thurs 9 th Jan	Class 5 swimming starts at Marl Pits
Tues 14 th Jan	Class R Bikeability
Wed 15 th Jan	Class R Bikeability
Thurs 16 th Jan	Class R Bikeability
Wed 29 th Jan	Young Voices 2020
Thurs 30 th Jan	Class 4 trip – Media City
Fri 31 st Jan	Tower Wood 2 nd instalment due

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)



STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 29th November



Reception Class: Carter Hudson, Wilson Worthington

Class 1: Lily Callaghan, Alexis Galbraith

Class 2: Seth McGrory, Lewis Salisbury

Class 3: Rosie Bullen, William Johnston

Class 4: Jasmine Ashton, Harry Blow

Class 5: Finlay Veale, Mya Johnson

Class 6: Amélie Hope, Henry Ellis

Friday 6th December

Reception Class: Jack Thomas Lovick, William Taylor

Class 1: Henry Monaghan, Layla Jones

Class 2: Isabelle Murray, Kayden Barrow

Class 3: Seb Wall, Amie Redfearn

Class 4: Brooklyn Hodgkinson-Gammon, Isla Rose Firth

Class 5: Ruby McAllister, Charlotte Ellis

Class 6: Morgan Bevan, Molly Morris

Infant Nativity – I'M GONNA SHINE!

Tickets are selling fast for our infant nativity. There are still a few tickets left. These can be purchased from the school office on Monday 9th December, 8.45am.

The performance is being filmed and DVD order forms will be sent home next week.

School Calendars

The PTA are selling school calendars, £6 for one or £10 for two. These are available from the school office and will also be on sale at the infant nativity performances next week.

Raffle Prizes – Christmas Fair

We have a number of unclaimed raffle prizes from the Christmas fair. Please contact the school office if you have any of the following tickets:

GREEN TICKETS 161-165

GREEN TICKETS 191-195

PINK TICKETS 501-505

Thank you for your support!

Thought of the Week

Lord, during the first week of Advent we pray for the peace of the world, for peace in our own communities and for peace in our hearts.