



Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a wonderful week in school watching the EYFS and KS1 perform the nativity 'Don't be Afraid'. It was a massive task to organise this so we could go ahead in as safe an environment as possible but well worth it to see the enjoyment and excitement on the children's faces, and to finally welcome you back into school after such a long time.

The show told the story of three little rascals, Fear, Panic and Doubt who tried their best to put obstacles in the way of, Jesus being born, and all the people who seek to worship him. There were plenty of laughs along the way and of course, they were unable to put a stop to such an important event. God triumphed as we celebrated the birth of baby Jesus and reflected on the true meaning of Christmas. It never fails to amaze me how many lines, songs and dances the children manage to learn and perform to such a high standard – they are amazing. The staff are also amazing and they worked tremendously hard to produce the nativity in what remains a challenging educational environment. A huge thank you must also go to the parents for all your support in providing wonderful costumes and helping the children at home to learn lines and songs – we could not do it without you!

On Monday the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Jackie Oates and Mrs Christine Lamb came to watch the nativity dress rehearsal and thoroughly enjoyed the show. It was an honour to host them in school and they were very impressed with our lovely children and their achievements.



Later in the afternoon, as is our tradition, Miss Thomas came to lead our annual Christingle service. We listened to a special story about Grandma visiting Jesus. The children then loved talking about the different elements of the Christingle, and its symbolism for Christians, before representatives from each class gathered on the stage as we lit the Christingles and prayed for a joyful and peaceful Christmas. We also enjoyed singing carols in the hall. Thank you so much to Miss Thomas for providing all the Christingles for the children to enjoy and take back to class for their reflection areas.

We have another busy week of Christmas events to look forward to next week. However, due to the recent implementation of additional measures by the DfE, alongside the huge demand for restricted seats, we have decided to host the Christmas Carol service on **Teams** rather than in church as originally planned. This means everybody who would like to attend will be able to do so in a risk free environment. The service will run as planned and the link will be uploaded to Google Classroom early next week. The start time will be 1.45pm. Whole school awards will take place at 9.15am on Thursday morning (16th December), also via **Teams**.

Other events are as follows:

- KS2 Christmas party (Monday) – children may wear party clothes
- KS1 Christmas party (Tuesday) – children may wear party clothes
- School Christmas lunch – children may wear Christmas hats
- Pantomime visit to Manchester Opera House (Aladdin) – please see separate letter with final arrangements

This is the final newsletter of 2021. Thank you very much for your ongoing support; whilst we are able to offer an **almost** normal routine back in school, I am very aware that testing and isolating remains disruptive for families. Likewise we have battled staff shortages this half term and we thank you for your understanding when we have had to arrange cover for classes. Our main aim is to remain open for business as usual and we are committed to this, no matter what challenges are put in our path, so we can continue to offer the children the education and full school experience they deserve.

I wish all of you and your families, a happy and healthy Christmas full of joy and excitement. May peace be with you during the festive season.

Please remember school reopens on **Tuesday 4th January**.

Warm wishes,

C. L. Garner

Guided by God, following in his footsteps

Our vision is theologically centred on Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path

Extra-Curricular Activities

Autumn Term 2021

Please note: Apart from Skiing there will be no after school clubs next week as these have now finished.

Details of the Spring Term activities will be sent home when we return from the Christmas break.

Day	Activity	Year Group
Tues	Skiing	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)

2022 Primary School Applications

If you have a child starting primary school in September 2022 you can apply for their place online at

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place>

You must apply for a place, even if an older brother or sister already attends the school.

The closing date for primary school applications is:
15th January 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SO FAR

Mon 13 th Dec	KS2 Christmas party
Tues 14 th Dec	KS1 Christmas party
Wed 15 th Dec	Whole school Christmas lunch
Thurs 16 th Dec	Whole school awards (9.15am)
Thurs 16 th Dec	Pantomime visit to Manchester Opera House
Fri 17 th Dec	Christmas Service via MS Teams (1.45pm)
Fri 17 th Dec	School closes for Christmas
Tues 4 th Jan	School opens for spring term.
Mon 10 th Jan	Class R Learn to Ride
Tues 11 th Jan	Class R Learn to Ride
Weds 12 th Jan	Class R Learn to Ride
Sat 15 th Jan	Primary school application deadline
Thurs 27 th Jan	Class 4 trip to Eureka!
Thurs 27 th Jan	Class 5 trip to World Museum
w/c Mon 31 st Jan	RE week
Mon 7 th Feb	Young Voices (Singing Club)

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

Thought of the Week

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



STARS OF THE WEEK



Friday 3rd December

Reception Class: Millie Tozer, Hugo Harris

Class 1: Heidi Elmer, Adelia World

Class 2: Tobie Parkinson, Charlotte Giblin

Class 3: Rory Campbell, Harry Morrison

Class 4: Tess Giblin, Lily Dippenaar

Class 5: Stanley Wilcox-Wood, Phoebe Gregson

Class 6: Siena Barker, Erin Dalby

Stars of the week for Friday 10th December will be announced in whole school awards on Thursday 16th December, 9.15am.



Christmas Parties

Children may come in their own clothes on Christmas party day. Please ensure they are wearing sensible footwear and a warm coat for outdoor breaks.

Dinner Money KS2

A reminder that dinner money is due in advance, and the cost for the next half term is £63.80. Alternatively, parents or carers may pay £11 each week.

Please send weekly payments (preferably by cheque) into school on Mondays. Please make all cheques payable to **Lancashire County Council**.

Pantomime Trip Medical Form

A text has been sent to parents of pupils that we have not received the pantomime medical form for. These must be returned by Monday 13th December in order for us to process these prior to the trip on Thursday 16th December.

PTA Calendars

Thank you to everyone who has bought a school calendar.

These are still available (whilst stock lasts) from the school office at a cost of £7 each, or two for £12. Please send cash payment with your child in a labelled envelope.