

## Message from Headteacher

#### Christmas

A huge thank you to the Parent Teacher Association for organsing the festive events at school over the last two weeks. Thank to everyone who attended the events and helped to man stalls or make sure children had a good time.

The Santa Social was an enjoyable evening with superb entertainment provided by our Choir and the Recorder Group. Thank you to the children and adults involved in this. Special thanks to Katherine Lacy and Chantel Proctor for their work with our Recorder Club. It is wonderful to see how the children's skills and confidence are progressing.

The school discos were also a huge success. Thank you to DJ Cookie for a brilliant evening of music which certainly got everyone moving! DJ Cookie provided her services free of charge and I am so grateful for her professionalism and good humour at the discos.

Father Christmas took five minutes out of his busy schedule on Monday to ring me to say how much he enjoyed coming to the Santa Social I have been working on my Headteacher's report to Father Christmas and I have added hundreds of names of children in our school family who need to be visited on Christmas Eve. Please let your children know that I have to send my report next Friday – I hope that everyone is behaving well at home as well as in school!

We have got so much to look forward to next week, with our Christmas services at All Saints' Church and the Christmas parties. I hope to welcome you to All Saints' and to get to wish you all a merry Christmas in person. The dates for parties and the services are included towards the back of this newsletter.

Please may I respectfully ask all families to stick to two family members only, attending the Church Services. There is limited space at the church. We really do want to be fair to everyone and make sure that parents/carers have the opportunity to see their children shine.

The school closes for Christmas next Friday at the end of the school day. Children return to school on Tuesday 6th January.

#### Gifts and cards

My staff and I feel privileged to work with your children and to serve you. We appreciate that the cost of everything has gone up. We are all just as happy with a hand-made card or picture.









We were so excited to sing our socks off at the Santa Social last Friday! We were watched by so many smiling faces of parents and visitors enjoying the performance! Thank you all for coming and help raise funds for our school.



On Saturday, along with others who braved the cold and wet weather, we sang at the Christmas Charity Day at the Piper Pub in Hoole. We were invited to sing during the day to support the team at the Piper to fundraise for a wonderful organisation, Cash for Kids. We sang a variety of Christmas songs to the huge audience that supported us! There were smiles all around which encouraged us throughout. What a fantastic event for a fantastic cause!



Last month, we received a very special invitation to sing with Bishops High School at their annual Christmas Service at Chester Cathedral. After lunch, we made our way to Chester Cathedral, walking along the beautiful canal and along the city walls. Our breaths were taken away as we entered the Cathedral and saw the incredible paintings, sculptures and stained-glass windows.

We sang along merrily to the many songs, joining in with the Bishops choir and watched drama performances from the year 7 theatre group along with talented soloists and dancers. It was a fantastic afternoon!



What a magical and musical afternoon we spent in the school hall with our visitors from Cedar Care Home and our parents and carers for our Intergenerational Choir event on Thursday. Our recorder group performed as well! The performance was followed by tea and cake and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are all feeling so festive!











Our Year 5/6 Girls' football team took part in a tournament at Christleton High School last Friday. Despite being placed in a tough group, the girls finished a very creditable third.

They displayed some admirable skills, shooting, goal keeping and teamwork and can be very proud of their efforts. Well done team!



#### **Festive Make and Take**





#### **Cheshire Phoenix Season Ticket**

We have been very kindly gifted a school season ticket for Cheshire Phoenix Basketball matches.

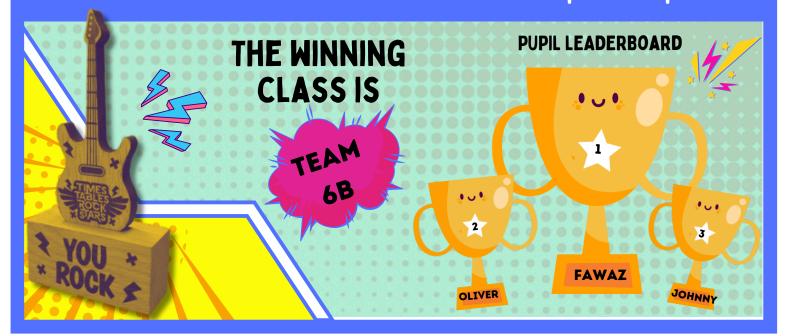


We have been very kindly gifted a school season ticket for Cheshire Phoenix Basketball matches!

If you would like to loan the ticket to get admission free for your family into one the Phoenix home matches at the Ellesmere Port Sports Village, please contact the School Office to check for any dates the ticket has available for this season.



# Times Tables Rockstar Championship



# Friday Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to Friday Assembly when their child's class is presenting. Please arrive at 2.25pm for a 2.30pm start. If you are able to join us, please refrain from parking in the visitors car park as the gates will close during the assembly.

Date	Class
16th January	Team 3EI
23rd January	Team 2K
30th January	Team 1H
6th February	Team 6B
13th February	Team 6M
6th March	Team RM

# **Reception Christmas party**







# Year 3 Visit to Wesley Church









Year three walked into Chester last Friday and enjoyed a morning at the Wesley Methodist Centre. They took part in a magical Christmas adventure where shepherds, Mary, a wise man and even an angel told different parts of the Nativity story. It made us all feel incredibly Christmassy! The children proudly represented our school, and we were so proud of them all.

### **Christmas Events**



**Christmas Events Explained** 

Our **Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Christmas Services** will take place at All Saints' Church on Hoole Road.

The Year 1 and 2 service is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

The Year 3 and 4 service is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

The Year 5 and 6 service is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Families are welcome to join us.

Doors will open at 1.40pm for parents and carers and the services will start at 1.45pm. The services will end at approximately 2.30pm and children will walk back to school. All children will return to school and we are unable to accommodate requests to take children home directly from the church. All children will have been left a Christmas treat by Santa's Elves! This will be waiting for them back at school. On returning to school, children will collect their belongings and leave school from the usual gate.

#### **Class Christmas Parties**

Children can come to school in party clothes but will need sensible footwear and a coat for playtimes. School will provide sweet treats and dietary requirements will be catered for. Parents do not need to send any party food in to school.

The parties are on the following days:

Reception 12<sup>th</sup> December (PM)

Year 115<sup>th</sup> December (PM)

Year 2 15<sup>th</sup> December (AM)

Year 3 18<sup>th</sup> December (PM)

Year 4 19th December (AM)

Year 5 17th December (PM)

Year 6 19th December (PM)



Our wonderful Catering Team will be cooking up a festive storm on Wednesday 17th December. Preorders are now closed as they have to order the turkey in advance.

Sandwiches will also be available to order as an alternative to Christmas Dinner on the day. Unfortunately, our Catering Team will not be offering jacket potatoes due to oven capacity.

## Next Week's School Dinner Menu

Provided by Edsential

# WEEK 1 LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thin & Crispy Margherita Pizza (V) served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Seasonal Vegetables or Coleslaw	Pork Sausage or Quorn Pattie Brunch served with Hash Browns & Baked Beans		Tomato & Mascarpone Cheese Pasta (V) served with Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Battered Fish or Veggie Fingers served with Chips, Baked Beans or Peas
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Christmas	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Tomato & Herb Pasta Pot	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta Pot	Lunch	Hot Cheese & Tomato Baguette	Cheesy Bean Pasta Pot
Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich		Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich
Fruit and vanilla ice cream	Shortbread		Melon Medley or Biscuit	Melting Moment



## **Birthdays**





Chris plays football for Chester Nomads and was made Man of the Match this week!

Leia was Swimmer of the Week!

Hettie achieved her level 1 award in acrobatics & participated in a ballet show!

India-Gray was awarded a Player of the Day trophy at Upton Junior Football Team!

Finn created a fabulous owl out of material scraps!

George plays football for Saughall and won Man of the Match!

Honey was made Player of the Match after scoring a goal when she was promoted to the Under 10's team at Upton Juniors!

Billy took Milo, the Reception Bear, on a charity walk to raise money for mental health!

#### Let's Celebrate

Harper S W	The following children received a class honour for letting their light shine this week!	
Lexi T	Ziggy B	
Lucy H	Roman B-E	
Sophia D	Dylan H	
Dolly M	Alice H	
Aadya V	Jita N	
Thomas A	Billy S	

# **Key Dates**

15th December	Year 1 Christmas Party
15th December	Year 2 Christmas Party
16th December	Y1-2 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church 1.45pm
17th December	Christmas Dinner
17th December	Y3-4 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church 1.45pm
17th December	Year 5 Christmas Party
18th December	Y5-6 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church 1.45pm
18th December	Year 3 Christmas Party
19th December	Year 6 Christmas Party
19th December	Year 4 Christmas Party
20th December - 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School Holidays
5th January	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
8th January	Early Help Navigator outside from 8.40am
15th January	Hot Dog Day (Change to usual dinner menu)

# **Contact us**



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