

Church Aston Infant School

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Autumn Term

fun care safe respect learn

HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear parents

Well, this seems to be the week of the elves! I have heard that lots of them have been visiting our children at home. There have been some very excited chats about where the elves have been found. Some have sat at the breakfast table, some near the advent calendar and some hiding in children's bedrooms. I think there is going to be a lot more fun involving elves in the coming weeks.

Our children are busy preparing for the Christmas performance, thank you for sending in their costumes, they are keen to say their words and sing the songs along with a little bit of acting. Please join us in the church hall after the performance for our Friends of School Christmas Fayre. The tombola gifts that you have given are lovely so thank you for those. I look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday afternoon.

Dr Janet Bennett our Chair of Governors came into visit this week, she was catching up with all that has been happening in school but with a particular focus on writing. Speaking to some of our children she was able to get a picture of how they are learning to write, from Reception through to Year 2. Some children showed their writing of initial sounds, some of early words and sentences and then others who were able to explain how they get their ideas for writing, books that inspire their writing, the different types of writing that they do and how they write in a range of subjects. It is always a pleasure to hear our children talking so , enthusiastically about their learning. Thank you to Dr Bennet for taking the time to come into school, her interest in our school is always much appreciated.

Reception should receive their book from the Book Trust Time to Read campaign. Mrs Bundy and I were on a course during the week where there was a lot of emphasis put on reading aloud to children. We know that reading together has a positive impact on children's imagination, language, and emotional wellbeing. Reading together regularly as a family will also create a fun, safe space for children to express themselves. I hope you enjoy sharing their new book with them.

Have a great weekend, especially if you will be busy putting up your Christmas tree and decorations.

Best wishes

Jenny Griffiths



This week's winning team is Green Team.

GREEN TEAM



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 7th December – ‘Baarmy Bethlehem’ Christmas Performance at 2pm St Andrew’s Church. This will be followed by a Friends of School craft fair event in the Church Hall from 3.15pm – please see the attached poster.

Friday 9th December – Christmas Party from 3pm to 5pm at the Village Hall – please see that attached poster that was also sent home this week. Please send in your RSVP’s by Monday 5th if you would like to attend, thank you.

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Lunch day in school – please note that the **sandwich bar will not be available on this date**, only hot dinners will be available to order.

Friday 16th December – last day of the Autumn Term

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – PD day

Wednesday 4th January – back to school, first day of Spring Term

SWIMMING

We have received confirmation of our swimming lesson dates for 2023. Class 2 will be swimming every Wednesday from 11th January to 8th February, the first four weeks will be swimming lessons with the final session being a Class 2 sponsored swim. Class 1 will be swimming every Wednesday from 15th February to 22nd March, again the first four weeks will be swimming lessons and the final session will be a Class 1 sponsored swim. Letters will be sent home on Monday for Class 2 and letters for Class 1 will follow in February.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS
ON EARNING YOUR
STAGE 2 SWIMMING
BADGE

WELL DONE!



Data Check Sheets – Year One and Year Two parents only

Please can we ask that all data check sheets are returned by Friday 9th December, if you need another copy please just let us know. Thank you to everyone who has already returned theirs.

ADMISSIONS REMINDER

If you have a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they are due to start primary school in September 2023. You can apply for a reception class place until 15 January 2023.

You will need to apply to the Local Authority in which you live, but you can apply to schools outside of your Local Authority area should you wish.

For more information and to apply, please visit Telford & Wrekin Council’s School Admissions website - https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/3247/applying_for_a_school_place

If you have questions, please email the Council’s Admissions Team on Admissions@telford.gov.uk

LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE SEPTEMBER 2023?

The online admissions application process is now available at www.telford.gov.uk/admissions.

The following deadlines apply this year:

- Applying for Reception Year school places to start in September 2023 (starting school for the first time) - **closing date 15 January 2023**
- Applying for Infant to Junior school (Year 2 into Year 3) places to start in September 2023 (current Year 2 pupils) - **closing date 15 January 2023**
- If a child has an Education, Health & Care Plan the closing date is **31st October 2022 for all applications.**

Friends of School - tombola donations

Friends of School are currently collecting donations for a tombola as part of their craft fair after the Christmas Performance on the 7th December – please see the ‘dates’ section of the newsletter and the attached poster for more information. **If you have anything at home that you are able to donate please bring it in** to school by Monday 5th December and it will be gratefully received, thank you.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

We would like to offer children the opportunity to give and receive Christmas cards from friends if they would like to. We will have a red post box in school from next week so that the children can put their cards straight in to it. The deadline for putting cards in the box will be **Monday 12th December**, we won't be able to take any cards after this date. Thank you

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SPRING TERM



When we return to school in January it will be the start of the Spring Term and new booking forms and payment will be needed for the 3pm to 4pm After School Clubs. Registration forms are attached to this email, please complete one for any club you would like your child to attend next term and return it, with payment, to one of the class letterboxes. Please can we ask that all children attending an After School club (3pm to 4pm) have a completed booking form and payment sent in to school by Friday 6th January at the latest, if we have not received a booking form and payment it will not be possible for your child to attend the club. Thank you.





CLASS 1



We have had a lovely week continuing our learning about India.

We have been learning about Mumbai and how it is very different to Church Aston! In science we have been looking at the changes in the weather now that we are heading into Winter. The weather is one of the biggest differences between Mumbai and Church Aston, that's for sure!

Our focus text this week has been Pattan's Pumpkin which is a Bengali folk tale. We predicted what might happen in the story and also drew and wrote about Pattan and the animals who hid inside the giant pumpkin to escape the floods.

We have started set 2 sounds this week, we now know the sounds ay, ee, igh and ow. (blow the snow)

In maths, reception have been matching objects and actions to numeral cards and year one have been ordering numbers to 10 and finding out what is 1 more and 1 less than a number.

The Christmas play is looking and sounding great! We can't wait for you all to see it next week!



STAR OF THE WEEK

**Rewarded for
always putting 100%
effort into
everything she does.**



CLASS 2



There's a lot of excitement in the classroom at the moment with talk of naughty elves and advent calendars!

In year 2 maths we have started our geometry topic and we are exploring 2d shapes.

I'm thinking of a 2-D shape with more than 3 sides.

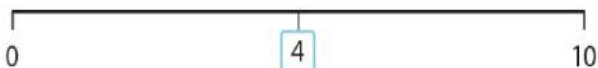


I wonder if she is thinking of a pentagon?

What shape could Whitney be thinking of?
Are there any other shapes it could be?
What shape is Whitney definitely not thinking about? How do you know?

In year 1 the children have been positioning numbers on a number line and explaining their reasoning.

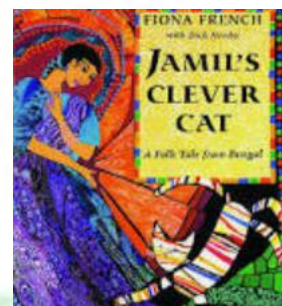
Why is this incorrect?



I think it should be 5 in the middle of 0 and 10.

In English the class have started to look at a story called Jamil's Clever Cat by Fiona French. They have compared the story setting to Mumbai and discussed new language for example: sauntered, retinue and esteem.

The children have described Jamil using adjectives in expanded noun phrases.



Rewarded for working hard in all his writing lessons.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Celebrating Success

REWARDS OF THE WEEK

Well done to all the children that received an award for Marvellous Mathematician, Wonderful writer, hand writer of the week, Reader of the week or Breakfast Club Superstar. Keep up the hard work.



Class 1



Class 2

Celebrating Success

MATHLETICS

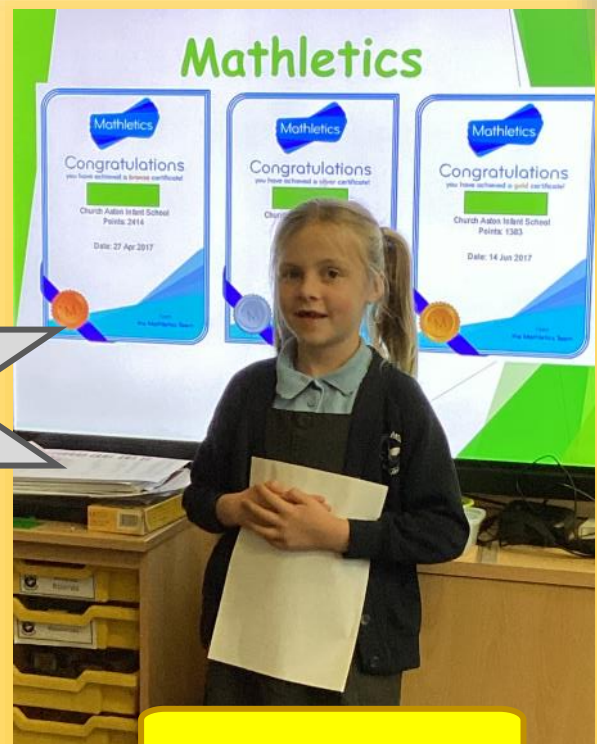


BRONZE



SILVER

*Well
Done!*



GOLD