



Autumn Term

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## HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear parents

It was lovely to see so many of you and your families at our Christmas performance this week. It had a real sense of occasion about it and the staff were so pleased with how the children performed. Super reading, speaking, acting and dancing all joined up with beautiful singing. We couldn't ask for more. Well done to all our young performers, they should feel very proud of themselves.

A big thank you to our Friends of School for setting up refreshments and Christmas activities in the Church Hall, it was good to see everyone catching up with each other and supporting our school. The Friends of School will also be ensuring the children have a fabulous Christmas party later today.

Our preloved school uniform was available, we just ask for a donation. If anyone needs anymore uniform, then please contact someone from Friends of School.

We held our Full Governors Meeting this week, it is always helpful for our Governors to meet and discuss all that has happened recently in school and make decisions for the coming terms. Thank you to all our Governors for their time and commitment to our school.

I think we can safely say Christmas has begun.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Jenny Griffiths



**This Week's  
Winning  
Team is**



**BLUE  
TEAM**

# IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 12 December – Christmas film at the Village Hall in the afternoon

Monday 12 December—final day to send Christmas Cards in to school

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – last day of the Autumn Term

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – PD day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – back to school, first day of Spring Term

## Christmas Jumper Day

Come to school wearing your festive Christmas Jumper on **Wednesday 14th December**



Good news for next year! The Newport Youth Theatre (NYT) 2<sup>nd</sup> project launches in January 2023.

*'Highly recommend Newport Youth Theatre – ideal for all abilities of children. No previous acting ability required!! All welcome! Good for budding drama pupils or children who just want to try out. Helps children to improve self-esteem and build confidence.'*

Following its happy start this year, the Newport Youth Theatre is to continue its important work building confidence, collaboration, comradery and joyful play amongst our children in 2023.

The 'Folktales of the Shire' project is for 7-14 year olds and kick starts with FREE taster sessions on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at St Nicholas' Church Parish Rooms, Newport. To book go to <https://moonstruckastronaut.com/projects>. Volunteers are also vital to nurturing the children the Youth Theatre unites – if you'd like to get involved please email [hannah@moonstruckastronaut.com](mailto:hannah@moonstruckastronaut.com). A prestigious grant from the Arts Council has been awarded to help fund this valuable youth theatre project.

## **LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE SEPTEMBER 2023?**

The online admissions application process is now available at [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://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.**



# Baarmy Bethlehem!





# CLASS 1

Well, what a fantastic week we have had! It's been super icy and cold but we are sure you were all warmed by our brilliant Christmas nativity production in church on Wednesday! The children made us all so proud as I'm sure they did you also!

We have continued using Pattan's Pumpkin as our focus text this week. The children have been describing and writing about the storm and the sunny day that Pattan, Kanni and the animals live through in the story.

In phonics we have learned the sounds oo (zoo), oo (book), ar, or and air.

In maths reception have been looking at two and three object or colour repeating patterns. Year one have been learning about odd and even numbers, even numbers have special friends but odd numbers don't!

In art this week we have continued our learning about clay and used the coiling technique to make a snail!

Have a lovely, cosy weekend and we'll see you next week for the last week of term!



**STAR OF THE WEEK**



**Rewarded for coping very well with a last minute role change in our Christmas play!**



# CLASS 2



What a wonderful nativity performance Church Aston Infants School! It was fantastic to see the children enjoying themselves, singing at the top of their voices dancing to the tunes and playing their parts so well! I can't get the song Baa Baa Boogie out of my head!

The children have made me so proud practising their parts and still working hard in their lessons. In maths the year 2 children have been exploring shape.

They have been investigating the properties of shapes and using this to reason.

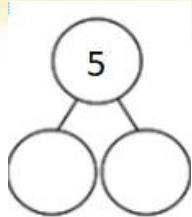
Amir says:

My shape has half the number of vertices as an octagon.



What shape could he have?

In year 1 the children are focusing on odd and even numbers and what happens when they are partitioned into two parts.



When I partition an odd number, I will get two even numbers. Am I correct? How do you know?

In art we have been creating our coil pots. We had to roll the clay into long tube shapes and layer them onto the base. We used hatching to mark the clay and slip to help it stick together.



**STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Rewarded for working hard in all his lessons!**

# *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**