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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 25th November 2016**

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**Following in Jesus’ footsteps…**

**We pray together**

**We play together**

**We learn together**



[](https://www.yourschoolgames.com/)

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| http://www.educationcommission.org.uk/SiteImages/107.jpgCome and See |
| Our RE Theme for the next few weeks is the Advent topic Loving. Discuss with your children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. You could find out about some Christian symbols for Advent eg. The Advent Wreath and Calendar. The CAFOD website is available for an Advent Calendar. |

**Our School Prayer**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at home,

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at school,

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless all the families

of the world.

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| **Attendance for week ending 18th November 2016** | | |
| **Year** | **Attendance** | **Weeks Won** |
| R\*\* | 99% | 3 |
| 1 | 98.8% | 1 |
| 2 | 94.2% | 2 |
| 3 | 95.3% | 3 |
| 4 | 98.1% | 3 |
| 5 | 98.3% | 1 |
| 6 | 94.8% | 1 |
| **Whole School: 96.9%**  **National average is 96%**  **Well done Reception Class, you are our class of the week. ☺**  **Well done** | | |

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| [Image result for time to shine](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=time+to+shine+pictures&id=5617E7635E9C7DAE9ACC0A860BBEA206FD876DCF&FORM=IQFRBA) | | |
| **Year Group** | **Star of the Week**  **This is awarded to one child in each class who has been identified as showing our value of Patience.** | **Golden Table** |
| Reception | Thomas | Sienna  Erin  Sam |
| Year 1 | Charlie | Tobi  Isobella  Lily |
| Year 2 | Charlie | Alexander  George  Amelia |
| Year 3 | Jacob | Olivia  Ava  Evan |
| Year 4 | Joshua | Tailor  Sophie  Olivia |
| Year 5 | Alex | Lucas  Eva  Harry |
| Year 6 | Joe | Angus  Jessica  Saul |
| **Mathematician of the Week**  Isla – Reception, Lucas – Y1, Alexander – Y2, Annabella – Y3,  Frankie – Y4, Evie – Y5, Christopher – Y6 | **Reader of the Week**  Oliver L – Reception,  Rosabella – Y1, Matthew – Y2, Charlie Bi – Y3, Ben – Y4,  Finlay – Y5, Niamh – Y6 | **Writer of the Week**  Henry – Reception, Freya – Y1, Chloe – Y2, Martha – Y3,  Charlie – Y4, Jessica – Y5,  Nieve – Y6 |
| **Well done to all the children involved.** | | |

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| **What’s happened recently?** |
| **Sky Try Festival of Rugby**  Many thanks to Mr Ellison, Mr Walker and Mr Turpinwho accompanied the children to Anfield for a lovely day of Rugby. Unfortunately the result was not a good one for our New Zealand friends but a good day was had by all despite the cold weather.  **School Photographer**  The photographer was in earlier today to take family photographs of the children. We should receive the proofs over the next week or two.  **Christmas TreeReception Workshop and Trip**  Earlier today the Reception Class went to Cronton Garden Centre to choose the school Christmas Tree.They all had a lovely morning taking part in a workshop in class before leaving their wishing stars in the wildlife garden. They all set off for a lovely walk to Pex Hill and stopped off to see Santa. We look forward to seeing the tree in all its glory in the school hall next week.  **Great Photos by Kids**  The photographer came into school earlier this week to work with the Y5 children. They had a lovely two days taking lots of photographs around the school showing our work on British Values.  The photographs will be displayed soon.  **Children’s University**  **cap and gown**Many thanks to everyone who came to the meeting on Thursday. It was lovely to see you all and we hope that you are now clear about how the credits are earned. We look forward to seeing all the children receive their rewards at the ceremony later in the year.  **Play in a Day**  The children in the Y4 class enjoyed a fabulous day on Tuesday working on a play in a day. It was lovely to see them work on this all day and then perform it to you all at the end of the day. The play gave a very important message to all children about bullying and the importance of telling someone if anyone is upsetting or hurting them. Many thanks to everyone who managed to come along. |
| **What’s coming up soon** |
| **Y3 Trip**  The children in the Y3 class will be visiting Chester on Monday 28th November for  Chester Roman Soldier.jpgthe Dewa Roman Experience. Please note that the coach will be leaving **promptly at 8.45am** and all children will need to bring their packed lunches in clearly marked bags. Many thanks for the prompt return of permission slips. I’m sure the children will have a memorable day and we look forward to hearing all about it next week.  **Mrs Mitchell**  We are delighted to inform you that Mr & Mrs Mitchell are expecting a baby at Easter. I am sure you would want to join us in offering them our congratulations on their wonderful news! Mrs Mitchell is hoping to work up until the Easter holiday.  **Morning Playground**  We would be grateful if parents would please be aware that children should line up each morning when the bell is rung. If children enter the classrooms when the doors have been closed they will be marked as late even if they have been on the school grounds. We are becoming more aware of children playing on the apparatus and school fields and not being ready to enter the classes. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.  **Reception Play**  The children in the Reception Class will be performing their Christmas Play on Tuesday 6th December at 9.15am. This will last approximately half an hour. Everyone is welcome.  **Vision Screening**  The school nurse will be coming into school on Wednesday 30th November to carry out vision screening for the children in the Reception Class. Separate letters have been sent home.  **CLC**  On Thursday 1st December a member of staff from Knowsley CLC will be coming into school to work with the children in Y5. I’m sure the children will have a wonderful day.  **Y5 Robinwood**  The children in Y5 will be going to Robinwood in Todmorden in Lancashire from Wednesday 18th January until Friday 20th January for their residential trip this year. A letter giving full details was sent home this week. Mrs Quigley will be holding a meeting after school on Thursday 8th December at 3.30pm. All are welcome to attend to find out lots of information about the trip and the wonderful activities that the children will be taking part in.  **Grandparent Party**  The children in Y2 will be holding a party for their grandparents on Friday 2nd December from 1.45pm – 3pm. I’m sure this will be a lovely afternoon and you will all be well looked after by the children. A separate letter has been sent home tonight.  **Dinner Money – ParentPay**  As you are aware we have now signed up to ParentPay through Knowsley Council for the payment of school meals. In order to make this more efficient we are giving notice that with effect from 28th November we will no longer accept cheques for school meals (KMBC). Everybody has been issued with log in details for their child’s account but if you no longer have access to this please write into the school office and we will ensure that details are sent home again. Please note that this only affects school meals. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.  **Advent**  AdventOn Monday 28th November, Fr Michael will be coming into school to bless the Advent Wreath. On Friday 9th December at 1.45pm the Sisters of Mercy from Seel Street in Liverpool will be talking to the children in Assembly about the Seel Street Christmas Project. Throughout Advent we will be collecting toiletries, hats, coats, scarves and gloves to support the homeless through this project and any support will be gratefully received. Any donations may be handed into the school office or dropped off during the Christmas Concerts and Plays in the boxes provided.  **Sky Try Rugby Tournament**  Yr4 children will take part in a Sky Try Rugby League tournament at Widnes Stadium on Wednesday 7th December. The children will be leaving school at 9.30am and returning at 12pm. A separate letter will be sent home shortly.  **Carol Singing at Widnes Stadium**  The choir have been invited to sing at Widnes Vikings Golden Generation Christmas Party at the Stadium Café on Wednesday 7th December. The children will be taken by coach at 1.00pm and will return by the end of the school day. A separate letter has now been sent home.  **After School Clubs**  Please could you ensure that any outstanding payments for clubs are sent into school by Friday 25th November. All clubs will finish for Christmas on Friday 2nd December. |

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| **Spotlight on Y5**  Last week we were busy all week preparing for Children in Need. We sold cakes all week and on Friday we painted spots on everyone. After school one night for the Open Evening we made bunting and drew pudsey faces and made posters. The other classes did Jump for Pudsey but we had an obstacle course which was good fun. We also did a skipping challenge which Grace won with 45 skips. The money was banked yesterday and we raised £694.25.  This week we learnt how to use Camera’s. The photographer called Colin came into school and spent time with us all. We had seven camera’s and took photographs of different activities and displays around school. We learnt to always take more than one photo and to always check before moving on in case someone has blinked.  Many thanks to Finn and Summer. |

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| **School Council**  The School Council would like to thank everyone who donated chocolate, biscuits and mince pies for the Halton Food Bank.  This year the Foodbank has a Christmas Appeal so each week we will be collecting an item from their Christmas shopping list.  This week we will be continuing to collect Christmas Puddings.  These can be left in the box at the front of the school. Thank you for your support.  www.widnesfoodbank.org.uk  IMG_5983 |

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| **PTFA** |
| **Christmas Discos**  The PTFA disco for children in the Reception Class, Y1 and Y2 classes will take place on Tuesday 6th December from  4-5.30pm.  The PTFA disco for children in the Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 classes will take place on Wednesday 7th December from 4-5.30pm.  Further information has now been sent home.  Tickets for this event will cost £2.50 per person and will be sent home. All children must be accompanied by an adult as this is a family event. If any siblings from Key Stage 2 would like to attend with younger siblings this will be fine but all must hold a ticket. Father Christmas will make an appearance and the children will all receive a small gift from him.  If you would like to purchase tickets for this event please send money in an envelope marked PTFA Disco with your child’s name on the front and the amount of tickets you would like. |

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| **Additional Information** |
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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **November** | |
| Wednesday 30th | Reception Vision Screening |
| **December** | |
| Thursday 1st | Y5 Computer Day |
| Friday 2nd | Y2 Grandparent Party 1.45pm – 3.00pm |
| Tuesday 6th | Reception Play 9.15-9.45am |
| Tuesday 6th | PTFA Disco Reception, Y1 & Y2 4pm - 5.30pm |
| Wednesday 7th | Yr4 Sky Try Tournament Widnes Stadium 9.30am -12pm |
| Wednesday 7th | Choir - carol singing at The Golden Generation Christmas Party at Widnes Stadium. |
| Wednesday 7th | PTFA Disco Y3 – Y6 4pm – 5.30pm |
| Thursday 8th | Y5 Meeting re Robinwood @ 3.30pm |
| Friday 9th | Sisters of Mercy @ 1.45pm – Seel Street Project |
| Monday 12th | Y3 – Y5 Christmas Concert @ 4pm – 5pm |
| Tuesday 13th | Ecumenical Service in Church |
| Tuesday 13th | Y3-Y5 Christmas Concert @ 4pm – 5pm |
| Wednesday 14th | Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert @ 4pm – 5pm |
| Thursday 15th | Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert @ 4pm – 5pm |
| Friday 16th | Y6 Carol Singing Asda and Widnes Stadium Dementia Café 2.30pm-3.00pm |
| Monday 19th | Whole School Pantomime @ The Brindley |
| Wednesday 21st | Break Up @ 2pm |
| **January 2017** | |
| Tuesday 3rd | Return to school – Bell at 8.55am |

**After School Clubs**

**Please note that next week is the last week for all after school clubs until the New Year.**

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| **Day** | **Activity/Club** | **Year** | **Time** |
| Monday | Vikings Rugby  Tween Yoga    Guitar | Year 5 & 6  Year 4 & 5  Year 5 & 6 | 3.20-4.15  3.20-4.15  3.20-4.00 |
| Tuesday | Gardening Club  Netball  Football  Football  Tween Yoga | Year 3, 4, 5 & 6  Year 5 & 6  Year 3 & 4  Year 5 & 6  Year 1 & 2 | 3.20- 4.00  3.20-4.00  3.20-4.15  3.20-4.15  3.15-4.15 |
| Wednesday | Rise & Shine Dance  iPad Club  Cookery  Multisports | Year 1 - 6  Year 5 & 6  Year 1  Year 3 & 4 | 8.30am-9am  3.20-4.15  3.20-4.15  3.15-4.15 |
| Thursday | Choir  Enrich Multi-sports | Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6  Year 1 & 2 | 3.15-4.00  3.20-4.15 |
| Friday | Rugby-Mr Walker  Film club | Year 1 & 2  Year 1 & 2 | 3.15-4.00  3.20-4.15 |

**And finally…**

The school value we will be focusing on next week will be

Loving

Speak to your children about the importance

of loving one another.



We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Hannah