Ardeley St Lawrence Church of England Primary School and Nursery Head Teacher: Mrs. Barbara Young



Autumn Newsletter Number 14 Draft



Dear Parents and Carers,

Tuesday 20th December 2022



Didn't they do well!

What a lovely performance of The Nativity by the children on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you all for joining us at the church for this special performance. The children and staff were so happy that you could make it.



Their smiling faces before and after each performance made it all worth it. We are only sorry that we had to

change the timing because of the weather, thank you for your understanding. A special thanks to all the team at St Lawrence Church and the Village Hall for being so accommodating to the School. It is very much appreciated by us all. Thank you.





Now for News from the classes:

This week all sorts has been happening at school, let's take a look and see...

Greetings from EYFS:

Early Years have worked with their Key Stage Two Buddies to make corn starch snowmen.





In Years 1 & 2



This week Miss Weston and Mrs Elkington would like to say a massive congratulations to Key Stage 1 and all the Ardeley children for their wonderful nativity performance. We were super impressed with your wonderful acting and singing. \bigcirc

This is what the class would like to say about this term

"I really liked being Jospeh and I liked playing bench ball in PE and being the goal keeper"- Isaac

- "I had fun being a narrator and signing all the songs, especially 'it's a long way on a donkey'"- Indie
- "I really liked this term because we learnt brand new sounds in phonics and got to draw Christmas pictures"- Azra
- "I really liked this term because I learnt a lot of new things and I am looking forward to Christmas"- Rogue

"I liked making stories and poems in English"- Annabelle

- " I enjoyed learning about space explorers like Mae Jeminson and Neil Armstrong"- Bradley
- "I liked learning new sports"- Theo

This morning we visited the farm to meet all the animals! The class had a wonderful time and were great at getting involved and feeding the cows and the goats.





Thank you Year 1 and 2 for a fantastic term, I hope you all have a very merry Christmas Miss Weston

In Years 3 & 4

What a strange (and cold) week it has been!

First of all, I would like to say 'Well Done' to all the children for their beautiful singing during Nativity. The music was beautiful, and their behaviour was, as expected, immaculate! I am so proud of all of KS2 for their hard work over the past few weeks.

We have also been busy doing some assessment booklets this week. All the children worked really hard, and I am so, so proud of their effort. They have all had a fantastic term and have worked their socks off. Everyone should be super proud of themselves for all of their achievements so far.

As it is our last newsletter of the year, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe New Year! Year 3 and 4- you have all earned a break!

Have a lovely weekend and a Very Merry Christmas when it arrives! **Miss Sheldon**



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In Years 5 & 6

UKS2 class have been getting philosophical in RE and asking some Big Questions. We've asked ourselves: Do we need to be prepared? Is waiting difficult?

In our last art lesson this term we have created a painting in the style of a great artist who loved to paint tropical flowers and animals. Can you guess who it is? We've learned how Frida Kahlo was proud of her Mexican heritage and celebrated this by including bright flowers and animals in her paintings.







Lastly, can you guess who from UKS2 is wearing their favourite socks to raise money to support those with cancer?







Happy Birthday wishes this week goes to :



Betsy Head, Ella Large, Zach Chumbley, Leon Minson, Poppy Lavery, Bradley Chumbley, Priest Adeniji and Elis Evans



Merits Awards

GREEN

- Y1 & 2 Toby Ballard, Mason Muncer
- Y3 & 4 No awards achieved this week
- Y5 & 6 No awards achieved this week

YELLOW

- Y1 & 2 Arthur Ware, Brodie Muncer, Laceigh-Rose Goldsmith-Wright
- Y3 & 4 Eden Triplow, Ella Brierley, Alice Proctor, Amelie-Rose Hill, Poppy Evans
- Y5 & 6 No awards achieved this week





This is the last Star of the Week Certificate Awards for this term until January 2023.



All of those children who have earnt **Stars of the Week certificates** this week have also received a special **Book Token Voucher** as an additional reward.

We will continue to make these special rewards at the end of every large term. So it will happen again at the end of the Spring Term and then finally, at the end of the Summer Term. If your child has not received one of these special awards today, there will be other opportunities for them to earn them during the rest of the year.











Scarlet Fever alert - We have had some cases in school, it is doing the rounds please be alert to the signs. Thank you.

Signs and Symptoms of Scarlet Fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection. The early symptoms include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present.

Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur. Infections can be spread through direct physical contact with people or surfaces. Children with scarlet fever <u>must</u> remain away from school for <u>24 hours after</u> the start of appropriate antibiotic treatment has started.

What's Going On			
Date	Event	Time	Class
September			
October			
November			
December			
January			
05.01.2023	Panto at school – Oh no it isn't - Oh yes it is!	9:30 – 10: 45	Whole School
05.01.23	No After School Club		Whole School
06.01.23	No After School Club		Whole School
February	Half term 13th -17th		School Closed
March			
April	3 rd – 14 th Easter Holiday		School Closed
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08.05.2023	His Majesty's Coronation Bank Holiday	Closed All DAY	
09.05.2023	SATS Week all week Tuesday to Friday incl.	No holidays permitted please	
June			
July	19th last day of school		Whole School

After School Club – update

We are still trying to find people to staff the After School Club for 5 days a week. If you would like to apply for this position, please enquire at the School Office. There will be NO After School Club on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th January. We hope to resume business for at least 3 days a week. We shall let you know more on 5th January. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Please note the **After School Club Mobile Number** for you to use to contact the Club Leader on when your child is attending. **The number is 07592 730850**





Church of St Lawrence, Ardeley





Dear Everyone

Once again we will be holding our Crib Service here at St Lawrence church on **Christmas Eve at 4pm** We hope you will be able to join us.

This service, which lasts for approximately half an hour, is an exciting way for the children to start Christmas and is especially put together with them in mind. It will be an informal interactive service and **all the children** are invited to take part to place an animal (which we supply) in the stable.

A special part of the service is when Mary, Joseph and the donkey ie the travelling crib, that has been visiting and staying in homes around the area, arrives and they take their place in the stable.

We look forward to welcoming you, your family and your friends and do stay after the service and join us for refreshments including mulled wine and mince pies !

> With best wishes for a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas Wendy Waygood (0771 906622)





If your child or teenager is feeling low, anxious, or generally struggling, there are lots of services available to help them all year round. Please always encourage them to talk and ask for help if they need it.

The services listed on Just Talk's webpage are all free and don't need a professional referral, so they can be contacted directly by young people and/or their parents/carers. Services listed include Hertfordshire's new With YOUth Digital Wellbeing Service for ages 5-18, parents and carers and many more, so please take a look:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungpeople











Wishing you all a very happy holiday filled with good health and happiness for 2023 from all at Ardeley St Lawrence School & Nursery! Mrs Young

