

Church of the Ascension CE Primary School

'Learn with love, flourish in faith'



**Thankfulness Generosity Respect
Forgiveness Honesty Perseverance**



Autumn Newsletter No. 13 6th December 2024

Dear Family,

A huge thank you to our HSA - we are very grateful to the HSA for the events and fundraising that have been organised for the end of what has been a very busy term. Thank you also to all of our families, for all of the contributions to the hampers. Please don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets!

2025 Calendars have now arrived, in school. They will be on sale at the reception nativities, Key Stage 1 performances and Key Stage 2 carol concert. They are also available to purchase from the school office at just £5 each.

Just a quick reminder of the events in school over the coming weeks:

Monday 9th December 09.30 – Reception Nativity

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Wednesday 11th December – Christmas lunch (please ensure that this is pre-ordered). **As in previous years, children are permitted to wear a Christmas jumper, with their uniform on this day.**

Wednesday 11th December - There will also be a Christmas Pocket Money Sale, after school, on the playground. There will be a variety of items available for the children to purchase. Pupils at our After School Club who wish to attend the sale, will be escorted there by school staff.

Tuesday 17th December 1.30pm and 6.30pm – Key Stage 1 Performance

Thursday 19th December 9.15 am – Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert

Mrs L Mason

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Collective Worship this week has focused on the messages that Mary and Joseph received from the Angel Gabriel about the birth of Jesus. Each message began with, 'Do not be afraid'. We have considered how Mary and Joseph must have felt to receive such special news. Children used words such as flabbergasted, shocked, frightened and blessed. We were very impressed by the children's thoughtful responses.

CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

Monday – KS2 Choir

Tuesday – Year 6 Netball

Wednesday - Science Club (pre-booked & paid)

Thursday - Year 5 & 6 Netball

Worship Leaders (Lunchtime)

Friday - Year 5 & 6 Netball

Ace Coaching Multi Sports (pre-booked & paid)

CHRISTMAS DINNER

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Roast Chicken & Chipolata (or Roasted Quorn Fillet (V)) served with Roast Potatoes, Garden Peas, Carrots, Sprouts and Gravy. Freshly Made Christmas Cookie for dessert.

If your child would like a Christmas dinner, please ensure you pre-order on Eduspot. **This will be the only option on Wednesday 11th December** so if your child does not want a dinner, please send them with a packed lunch.

Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school on this day along with their usual grey trousers/skirt. No donations are necessary.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The flu vaccination team are in school on Monday afternoon to give the vaccination to any children who missed the previous session in October.

If you still haven't given permission and would like your child to have the vaccination on Monday, please complete the online form by following the link below:-

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/dudley>

2025 SCHOOL CALENDARS

This year we have had a slight change with our school calendars and rather than photographs, the children have drawn a self-portrait. Some of them have also drawn portraits of the school staff!

This makes for a very unique calendar this year so if you would like to purchase one they will be on sale for £5 each. They can be bought at one of the upcoming events in school or from the school office with money raised directly benefitting the children.

Thank you for your support.

CAR PARK/PARKING

Just a reminder – the school car park is for staff use only, can we please ask parents not to park on there at the beginning and end of the school day.

We appreciate your support in parking sensibly around school and please be mindful of our neighbours by not parking across drives/garages or on grassed areas in the surrounding streets which causes damage to the grass, particularly in winter.

H.S.A RAFFLE TICKETS

Thanks to your wonderful donations on Thursday, the H.S.A have now been able to put together some fabulous hampers to be won in our Christmas raffle. Please ensure you return your raffle tickets to school in an envelope with the correct money by Friday 13th December. Raffle tickets will be on sale from the gazebo on KS1 playground after school from Monday. If you would like any more raffle tickets to sell, please ask at the school office. The winners will receive their prizes during the last week of school before the Christmas break.
Thank you again for your support.

POPPY APPEAL

We would like to thank everyone who again supported the Poppy Appeal this year. We raised an amazing £425.64 for this wonderful, worthwhile cause.

CRIB FESTIVAL AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Have you made a model, painted or drawn a nativity scene, or written a story or poem?

Either have a go at home or come along to our craft morning on Saturday 7th December 10am-1pm in the church hall, lunch provided.

Please bring your creation into school next **Wednesday 11th December**, clearly marked with your name, age, school and a contact phone number which can be removed but kept for return (we will not display phone numbers)

They will be taken to church for display on Saturday 14th December: please bring your family along to see the beautiful artwork, between 10am and 3pm. Mike Wood MP will be judging entries in the age groups 2-4, 5-7, 8-11, 12-16 years. Our school choir will be singing at 10:30am, so that will be a treat too! Free tea and cake, and one station for the village Santa trail in our garden.

See you there!

H.S.A SCHOOL LOTTERY

Have you got your ticket yet? Tickets are only £1 so to be in with a chance of winning go to <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/church-of-the-ascension-c-of-e-primary-school>



LUNCH MENU



WEEK 2

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| <u>MONDAY</u> | <p>Beef Pasta Bolognese (V) Roasted Tomato Pasta Bake with a Wholemeal Crumb Topping Served with Sweetcorn Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam Freshly Baked Cookie</p> |
| <u>TUESDAY</u> | <p>(V) Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Mixed Salad & Green Beans Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam Fruit & Yoghurt</p> |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | <p>CHRISTMAS DINNER Roast Chicken & Chipolata Served with Roast Potatoes, Garden Peas, Carrots, Sprouts & gravy Christmas Cookie</p> <p>***THIS IS THE ONLY OPTION***</p> |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | <p>Chicken Burger in a Bun (V) Mixed Bean Fajita Wrap Served with Freshly Made Coleslaw, Sweetcorn Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam Strawberry Ice Cream</p> |
| <u>FRIDAY</u> | <p>Fish Fingers (V) Quorn Dippers & Salsa Served with Oven Baked Chips, Garden Peas, Baked Beans Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam Berry Flapjack</p> |

Daily Items also available during lunch service:-

Meals served with a choice of seasonal vegetables.

Choice of salad and choice of dessert available.

Water available.

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FOOD

Breakfast / T-Time

Eating food,
making friends,
exploring the bible,
and worshipping
—all ages, all together

TUESDAYS

5:00pm @Church of the Ascension

OCT 1st, 15th, 29th

NOV 12th, 26th

DEC 10th

SUNDAYS

8:45am @St Mary's Church

OCT 20th

NOV 3rd, 17th

DEC 1st, 15th

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