

# Church of the Ascension CE Primary School

*'Learn with love, flourish in faith'*



**Thankfulness Generosity Respect  
Forgiveness Honesty Perseverance**



Autumn Newsletter No. 14 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Family,

I am sure that those of you who were lucky enough to see our Reception Nativity, this week, will agree that it was truly spectacular. I am so proud of how confident our youngest children are. It really was a wonderful way of reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

Thank you to 4J and brass ensemble who treated us to a brilliant brass concert, this morning. I am very impressed by the musical talent that we have in our school!

Christmas lunch was great fun. Thank you to our children for their lovely manners - it was a pleasure to serve them their Brussel Sprouts!

Thank you all for your contributions to our hampers - they look incredible! Thank you to the HSA for their hard work in putting the Hampers together. Good luck for the draw which will take place, of next week.

We very much look forward to next week when both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will be performing to their families.

Our very best wishes go to Miss Charie, who will be leaving, at the end of next week. We are very grateful for all of her hard work and contributions to life at Church of the Ascension and wish her lots of luck for the future.

Mrs L Mason

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We welcomed New Life Church to assembly on Thursday. Children considered that we are waiting for, and preparing for a very special time in Christmas. We always thoroughly enjoy assemblies by New life Church and are very grateful for their visits. Thank you to all those who attended this half term's Celebration Assembly. It was great to have so many certificates and achievements to share.

## CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

Monday – KS2 Choir

Thursday - Worship Leaders (Lunchtime)

### **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

On Wednesday afternoon, the children will be having their Christmas parties in school. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 may come to school in their party clothes and children in Key Stage 2 should bring their clothes with them in a named bag and change after lunch.

Please ensure children are in sensible clothes and shoes; no high heels, crop tops, short skirts or anything else that would be inappropriate.

Children do not need to bring in any food for the parties.

### **CHRISTMAS POSTBOX**

There is a postbox in school that children can post their Christmas cards in if they wish and they will then be distributed during the day. If your child is sending their cards in this way, please ensure the name of the child they are sending it to and class are clearly marked on the envelope.

### **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.

### **HEALTHY SNACKS**

We try to promote healthy eating in school and would ask that when you send in a snack for your child to eat at breaktime, please do not send in sweets, lollipops, large chocolate bars or large bags of crisps. We are also a nut-free school so don not send in anything with nut products in as we have some children with severe nut allergies.

Thank you for your support.

### **CRIB FESTIVAL AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

The crib festival is taking place at the Church of the Ascension on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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>

## PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

\*\*\*CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY\*\*\*

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 they will be due to start primary school in September 2025.

You **MUST** complete an application either online at [www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions) or by completing an application form from your home local authority by 15 January 2025.

The online system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from 1 October 2024 until the closing date for applications on 15 January 2025.

Please note: Even if your child already attends a school nursery or has an older sibling at school please do not assume that your child will automatically gain a place at that school.

*If you do know someone who is considering applying for a place but is unsure if they would be successful due to 'catchment area', we believe it may be a low birth rate this year so please encourage them to apply.*

## PRAISE ASSEMBLY

The following children all received certificates in our praise assemblies this week:

### FOUNDATION & KEY STAGE 1

William C, Max L, Joey T, Amelia L, Leo J – Class RY

Albie G, Alaina W, Theo S, Ella W, Maya W – Class RH

Margot P, Ella P, Hudson S, William C, Gia L – Class 1C

Jaxon K, Kelsey H, Oliver G, Mollie S, Melia K – Class 1/2BC

Niamh W, Ava M, Layla W, Rishika S, Joshua W, Francesca E – Class 2S

### KEY STAGE 2

Thomas R, Oliver G, Millie J, Sophia O, Joseph D – 3N

Harry S, Harry S, Elara M, Grace S, Chloe W – 3/4J

Zachary S, Darcie A, Zeke H, Maisie W, Eleanora W – 4C

Thomas B, Sebastian N, Isabella M, Noah J, Summer R – 5CS

Luke B, Lily P, Ellie W, Isla S, Valia G – 5/6M

Isaac T, Charlotte C, Connor K, Joe H – 6P

The following children all received a certificate for our core value of Generosity :-

Poppy H, Minnie S, Kaiden T, Edie S, Harper F, Grace J, Annabelle S, Morgan L, Lottie E, Caiden A, Olivia R. Well done everyone!



## LUNCH MENU



### WEEK 1

<u>MONDAY</u>	<p>Oven Baked Pork Sausage  (V) Vegetable Sausage  Served with Mashed Potato, Garden Peas, Carrots  Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese  Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam  Freshly Baked Cookie</p>
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<p>(V) Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza  Served with Rice &amp; Broccoli  Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese  Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam  Strawberry Ice-cream</p>
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<p>Roast Chicken  (V) Mac n Cheese  Served with Roast Potatoes, Cabbage &amp; Peas, Green Beans  Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese  Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam  Easiyo Fruit Mousse</p>
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<p>Chicken Curry  (V) Sweet &amp; Sour Vegetables  Served with Rice, Mixed Salad, Sweetcorn  Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese  Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam  Strawberry Jelly</p>
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<p>Fish Fingers  (V) Veggie Nuggets  Served with Oven Baked Chips, Garden Peas, Baked Beans  Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese  Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam  Chocolate Cornflake Slice</p>

Daily Items also available during lunch service:-

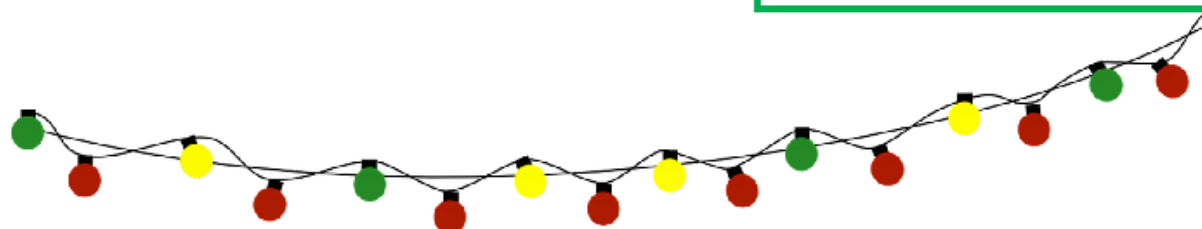
Meals served with a choice of seasonal vegetables.

Choice of salad and choice of dessert available.

Water available.

# LIBRARY NOTICE

*Festive and New Year  
Crafts and activities*



## AT KINGSWINFORD LIBRARY

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Penguin craft-10am-12pm

Lego Spike-11.00-12.00 (booking essential)



**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Rattle & Rhyme Christmas special

10:00-10:30am (booking essential)

Christmas bookmark craft-10-12pm

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

Make a 2025 calendar craft -10am-12pm



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

Snowman Craft-10am-12pm



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Star door hanger craft- 10am-12pm

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Winter hat craft-10am-12pm

Lego Spike-11.00-12.00 (booking essential)

→ **Santa hunt around the library all Christmas** ←

(LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

**ALL CRAFTS AVAILABLE FROM 10AM-12PM AND ARE DROP IN SESSIONS  
SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 3+**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF OR TELEPHONE KINGSWINFORD LIBRARY ON 01384 812740

# LIBRARY NOTICE

## Wordsley Library

### Winter Crafts at Wordsley Library

**\*Booking Essential - Please contact Wordsley Library to book your FREE place!**



#### MAKE A DINOSAUR SANTA

Monday 23rd December

10.30am - 11.30am

(Suitable for children aged 4+years)

#### MAKE A WINTER SNOWMAN

Thursday 2nd January

10.30am-11.30am

(Suitable for children aged 4+years)



#### MAKE A POLAR BEAR

Friday 3rd January

10.30am-11.30am

(Suitable for children aged 4+years)



**BETTER**

Contact Wordsley Library on 01384 812765  
or email [wordsley.library@gll.org](mailto:wordsley.library@gll.org)

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