

# Church of the Ascension CE Primary School

*'Learn with love, flourish in faith'*



**Thankfulness Generosity Respect  
Forgiveness Honesty Perseverance**



Autumn Newsletter No. 7 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Family,

The team from the Black Country Foodbank came to pick up your very generous contributions to our Harvest Festival collections on Tuesday. We collected 185kg of produce!

A reminder that flu vaccinations will be carried out for all year groups on Monday 21st October. If anyone has not consented but would like to, the link will re-open on Monday when the team are here carrying out the vaccinations.

Mrs L Mason

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we have continued our theme of miracles and learnt about Jesus Claiming the Storm. We learnt that Jesus was not afraid and encouraged his disciples to have faith in him.

## DPA DIRECT LESSONS

Enrolments are now closed for lessons in the Autumn term for DPA Direct lessons. They will open again after October half term for lessons to start in January for the Spring term.

## CLUBS THIS WEEK

Monday - Key Stage 2 Choir  
Tuesday - Year 6 Tag Rugby  
Church Club  
Wednesday - Science Club(pre-booked & paid)  
Thursday - Year 5 Football  
Worship Leaders (Lunchtime)  
Friday - Year 6 Football & Girls Football  
- Ace Coaching Multi Sports (pre-booked & paid)

## PRAISE ASSEMBLY

The following children received a certificate in Praise Assembly today:-

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| 1C – Felicity | 5CS – Summer        |
| 1/2BC – Keira | 5/6M – Rosa         |
| 2S – Harper   | 6P – Aadi           |
| 3N – Scarlett |                     |
| 3/4J – Teddy  | Well done everyone! |
| 4C – Mia      |                     |

## BOOKING LUNCHES

Can we remind parents that school lunches need to be booked at least 24 hours in advance. Also, when making bookings, please ensure you complete the checkout process and ensure the basket is empty because it is only at this point that the booking comes through to us. Thank you.

## SICKNESS

We are currently experiencing an increase in the number of children who have sickness and/or upset stomachs. Can we remind parents that children must not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. If your child is away from school due to illness, you must contact the school office and leave a message detailing the nature of their illness; sickness, high temperature etc.

## POPPIES

Poppies will be on sale in school next week at a suggested donation of 20p.

There will also be a few other items available to buy as follows:

Toggle Bracelet £1

Reflector £1

Wristband £1

Snap Band £1.50

Items will be sold at break times. If your child would like to purchase anything, please send in money in a named envelope/purse.

We hope you can help us support this worthwhile cause.

## H.S.A SCHOOL DISCOS

Our school discos will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October:

**Reception disco – 3:20-4:15pm please see the separate email sent to Reception parents about this event. The link to book tickets for Reception Disco ONLY is below:**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/church-of-the-ascension-primary-school-hsa>

Key Stage 1 disco – 5:30 – 6:25pm £3 entrance to be paid on arrival (price includes sweets & unlimited drinks)

Key Stage 2 disco – 6:30 – 7:30pm £2.50 to be paid on arrival. (price includes unlimited drinks) Tuck shop will be open for purchasing sweets.

There will be a stall with goodies to buy on the evening (fidget toys, light-up toys etc.) and glitter tattoos will also be available to buy.

Please note: children will need to be dropped off at reception at the start time and collected from the hall doors at the end.

Mobile phones will not be permitted at the school disco. A mobile phone drop-off point will be available upon entry.



## CHOICE MENUS



### WEEK 2

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| <u>MONDAY</u>    | <p>(V) Mac and Squash Cheese<br/>(V) Mixed Bean Enchiladas<br/>JacketPotato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw<br/>Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo<br/>Orange Shortbread</p>   |
| <u>TUESDAY</u>   | <p>Sausage and Mash with Gravy<br/>(V) Veggie Sausage Traybake with Mash<br/>(V) Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce<br/>Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo<br/>CarrotCake</p>  |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | <p>RoastChicken with RoastPotatoes &amp; Gravy<br/>(V) Spiced Quorn with RoastPotatoes or Wedges<br/>JacketPotato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw<br/>Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo<br/>FruitJelly Crunch Pot</p> |
| <u>THURSDAY</u>  | <p>Garlic and Lem on Chicken with Rice<br/>(V) Thai Veggie Fried Rice<br/>Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce<br/>Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo<br/>CoconutBerry Vegan Cake</p>  |
| <u>FRIDAY</u>    | <p>Crispy Baked Fish with Chips<br/>(V) Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza with Chips<br/>JacketPotato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw<br/>Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo<br/>Crispy Cake</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.

# DLD DAY

## Friday 18th October 2024



DLD day is being supported by the Children's Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) team at Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, who work with children, young people, their families and education staff across the Dudley borough to support Speech, Language and Communication Needs. Speech and Language Therapists assess children and young people's speech, language and communication skills before a plan is agreed to support the child or young person's communication skills.

Recommendations will be made, while working very closely with parents, carers, nursery and school staff and anyone else closely involved with the child, to ensure the child's needs are understood and supported in their education setting and at home. To mark the day, the SLT team will be raising awareness from Monday 14th October, by handing out stickers and colouring pages at all SLT appointments and sharing information in Children and Young People's waiting rooms across the Trust. Family Hubs across the Dudley borough will be joining in, raising awareness by hosting purple themed fun activities throughout the week.

There's lots of ways you can get involved... Why not:

- Wear something purple
- Paint and hide rocks around the local area
- Think of fun purple themes activities and games
- Visit the DLD light up events
- Hold a bake sale



### LOCAL LIGHT UP EVENTS

On Friday 18th October 2024, the historic glass cone in Wordsley and Merry Hill Shopping Centre in Brierley Hill will light up purple to raise awareness of Developmental Language Disorder (DLD), to mark international DLD Day. Developmental Language Disorder Day (#DLDday), now in its eighth year, is celebrated annually around the world with more than 40 countries involved. In 2023, a record breaking 108 global landmarks lit up in purple and yellow. The theme for DLD Day 2024 is "Speak Up for DLD", calling on the community to speak up for the needs of people with DLD within education, within wider community settings, and later within the workplace. By raising awareness of DLD, we can aim to create supportive and safe environments, where the needs of people with DLD are accepted, understood and supported.



Bethan Wilkes, Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist at the service, said: "Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is a hidden but common neuro-disability that affects 1 in 14 people or 2 in every class of 30. It is more common than Autism yet not many people have heard of it! A diagnosis of DLD can only be given by Speech and Language Therapists to people over the age of 5 who have ongoing difficulties understanding and/or using language that cannot be attributed to difficulties associated with another biomedical condition (e.g. Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndromes etc.). Difficulties may be lifelong and are often misunderstood, leaving those affected isolated, vulnerable and frustrated. It is vital that we raise awareness and understanding of DLD."

# COMMUNITY NATIVITY

We are looking for children to take part in our community nativity.  
'Shine Star Shine.'

Rehearsals Thursdays 4.15pm - 5.15pm  
Starting 7th November  
St Mary's Church, Kingswinford



Nativity Thursday 19th December  
6.15pm

For more information or to register your interest, please contact Sian  
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