

Church of the Ascension CE Primary School

'Learn with love, flourish in faith'



**Thankfulness Generosity Respect
Forgiveness Honesty Perseverance**



Autumn Newsletter No. 15 20th December 2024

Dear Family,

Wow! What a couple of weeks we have had. It has been an absolute joy to see every child in our school take part in one of our performances. I am incredibly proud of how well the children have participated and as always, the singing has been breathtaking. Thank you to all of the staff for putting together such incredible events. Thank you also to all of those of you who have come along to watch the performances - I hope that you have enjoyed the incredibly talented actors, singers, dancers and performers as much as I have!

Well done to our choir, who took part in the Mayor's Christmas Concert, yesterday evening. It was a wonderful evening and our choir participated brilliantly. The children had a lot of fun and really enjoyed the experience.

Today has been particularly busy with Foundation, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 visiting the church for a wonderful service that was led beautifully by our Worship Leaders. The whole school then came together in the hall to join with Dudley Performing Arts via their live feed to sing Christmas songs – getting everyone into the festive spirit! After lunch there was more singing in the form of the annual Christmas House Challenge where each house gathers on the playground and led by their House Captains, compete to sing the best Christmas song!

On behalf of all the staff I would like to say thank you for your generosity for all the lovely, cards, gifts and best wishes we have received.

Thank you to the HSA for all of their support over the term and in particular over the last couple of weeks. We are very grateful for the movie nights and discos that so many children have enjoyed. The Christmas hampers looked amazing - congratulations to all of the winners!

On a personal note, thank you for the warm welcome that I have received to the school community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term at Church of the Ascension.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas. I hope that you have a lovely couple of weeks and that the mischievous elves that I have been hearing so much about recently, do not cause too much more chaos! I look forward to seeing you all on the 6th January.

Mrs L Mason

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we completed our Advent wreath, thinking about what the significance is of each candle, leading up to Christmas day. Children have been very thoughtful in their responses regarding how Christians prepare for this very special time.

CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL (WEEK BEGINNING 6TH JANUARY)

Tuesday – Yrs 5 & 6 Netball

Thursday - Yrs 5 & 6 Netball

Worship Leaders (Lunchtime)

Friday - Sportshall Athletics

SHOEBOX APPEAL



We would like to thank parents and the church community for their generous donations for the shoebox appeal. Well done to the wellbeing buddies who did a sterling job selecting appropriate gifts and packing them up. It was lovely to hear one of our buddies commenting "It's making me feel good doing this for someone else."

WALL HEATH PARKS COMMITTEE

We would like to say a big thank you to Wall Heath Parks Committee who have very kindly donated £223.60 to our H.S.A.

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 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.



LUNCH MENU



WEEK 2

<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>Roast Chicken (V) Cheesy Pasta Bake Served with Roast Potatoes, Broccoli Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam Raspberry Jelly</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.