

# Church of the Ascension CE Primary School

*'Learn with love, flourish in faith'*



**Thankfulness Generosity Respect  
Forgiveness Honesty Perseverance**



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Dear Family,

Thank you all for your support on what has been a challenging week, weather wise.

Year 1 and 2 had a fabulous time at Cadbury World, this week. Staff leading the tours were very impressed by how much the children knew about working life in Victorian Britain. We also received lots of compliments regarding our children's manners. Thank you, year 1 and 2 for representing our school so well.

We look forward to hearing all about year 5's visit to Worcester Cathedral, which has taken place today.

We are collecting donations of items that could be used for focused play during social times. If you have any action figures, Lego or Duplo that you would like to donate to school, we would be very grateful for any donations.

For safety reasons, we need to lock our school gates once the children have lined up and are under the supervision of the teachers. We will lock the Foundry Road and New Street gates first so if you need to leave the school site via these exits, please make your way out as soon as the bell goes. For the safety of the children, it is really important that we secure the school site as quickly as we can. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Mrs L Mason

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

"Learn with Love, Flourish in Faith"  
Our School Vision  
Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:14)

As an inclusive Christian school, Church of the Ascension C.E Primary School aims to create a loving, caring and respectful community, where individuals can flourish spiritually, socially and academically as children of God in a rich learning environment. Our vision is to inspire lifelong learning, whilst encouraging resilience, independence, aspiration and an appreciation of God's wonderful world.

Our Collective Worship theme this week has been the theme in our School Vision on independence. We have considered what it means to be independent – our strengths and our struggles. Children have spent time considering what makes them unique and an inherently valuable person. We have considered what independence might look like in our classrooms.

We are very much looking forward to Father Chris leading us in our termly Eucharist Service, on Monday 25th November. Members of the church community have been invited to join us in taking communion. If any of our parents/ families who would ordinarily take communion or receive a blessing, would like to join us, you are very welcome. The assembly will start at 9am.

### CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

Monday – KS2 Choir

Tuesday – Year 6 Netball

Wednesday - Science Club (pre-booked & paid)

Thursday - Year 6 Mixed Football Competition at Wombourne High School

Worship Leaders (Lunchtime)

Friday - Year 6 Netball

Ace Coaching Multi Sports (pre-booked & paid)

### BOOK FAIR

There will be a book fair after school in the Key Stage 2 library next week, Monday-Thursday. We will only be able to accept payment by debit or credit card and purchases will be processed via an online payment system. Unfortunately, there will be no option to pay by cash. Commission received from purchases will be used to buy books for the children in school. We hope you can come along and see what's available!

### HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS CARDS

Your child may bring home a paper Christmas card to decorate. These are to send to the hospital for patients who are in hospital on Christmas Day to hopefully bring them a little bit of cheer. If they do bring one home, can they colour it in, put 'Dear Friend' in the card and send them back into school by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support.

### MUSIC LESSONS WITH DPA

If your child would like to learn to play an instrument or sing with Dudley Performing Arts, parents can sign up for DPA Direct lessons for the Spring term, starting January, by clicking on the below link.

<https://live.paritor.com/p/13>

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We are pleased to say that we will have a Christmas tree representing our school as part of the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Mary's church over the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1st December which will feature decorations made by some of the children. We hope you can visit and have a look!

### SHOEBOXES

We are looking for donations of shoeboxes if anyone has any spare that they can send in. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT

The H.S.A are holding a Christmas Film Night for children in Reception to Year 2 on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 5:00pm-6:45pm. Children can come in their pj's, bring a teddy to cuddle and watch a lovely Christmas film! The ticket will include a hot chocolate, a cookie and a small gift and cost £5 each (plus a 39p booking fee). Tickets for this event must be pre-booked and can be bought online by following the link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/church-of-the-ascension-primary-school-hsa/ks1-christmas-film-night/2024-11-28/17:00/t-rporanj>

### MUFTI DAY THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

For this year's Christmas raffle, the H.S.A would like to create some Christmas hampers with a difference!

On Mufti Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, all children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for items to go in one of the Christmas hampers which will be made to represent the four colours of each house.

Therefore, on the day, can your child please bring in something to represent their house colour, some examples are below:

Titanic (Green)- After Eights, Matchmakers, Mint Aero, Simple Products, Sour Patch, PG Tips  
Lion (Red)- Skittles, Maltesers, KitKat, Candy Canes, Jam, Lindor, Christmas Puddings, Yorkshire Tea  
Sunbeam (Yellow)- M&Ms, Toblerone, Crunchie, Honey, Lipton Tea,  
Crystal (Blue)- Boost, Milkyway, Terry's, Wagon Wheel, Tetley

Or any other food or drink items or bath/beauty items – use your imagination!

Thank you for your support.

### KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS DISCO

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6pm-7pm

H.S.A are holding a Christmas disco for children in Key Stage 2.

£2.50 to be paid on entrance which includes unlimited drinks.

Sweets, snacks, goodies and glitter tattoos will be available to buy on the evening.

### H.S.A RAFFLE TICKETS

Your child will be bringing home raffle tickets for you to sell. Prizes will be made up of hampers put together with your donations made on Mufti Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please can all sold raffle tickets be returned in an envelope along with the correct money by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Extra raffle tickets can be collected from the school office. We will then get prizes sent home with pupils on the last week of school before the Christmas break.

All money raised from the raffle and all of the other H.S.A events over Christmas will be used to directly benefit the children.

Thank you again for your support.



If you're a parent or carer and want to join forces with others to have your say on services for children and young people in Dudley borough then why not join Dudley Family Voices?

There's lots of ways to get involved, come along to their next workshop on Wed 27 Nov, 10.30am - noon at the local family hub in Brierley Hill. Everyone is welcome, book by calling 01384 813322 or emailing [childfriendly@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:childfriendly@dudley.gov.uk). More at [www.dudley.gov.uk/dfv](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/dfv)



## LUNCH MENU



### WEEK 2

<u>MONDAY</u>	<p><b>Beef Pasta Bolognese</b>  <b>(V) Roasted Tomato Pasta Bake with a Wholemeal Crumb Topping</b>  <b>Served with Sweetcorn</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese</b>  <b>Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam</b>  <b>Freshly Baked Cookie</b></p>
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<p><b>(V) Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza</b>  <b>(V) Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza</b>  <b>Served with Mixed Salad &amp; Green Beans</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese</b>  <b>Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam</b>  <b>Fruit &amp; Yoghurt</b></p>
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<p><b>Roast Chicken</b>  <b>(V) Cheesy Pasta Bake</b>  <b>Served with Roast Potatoes, Broccoli</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese</b>  <b>Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam</b>  <b>Raspberry Jelly</b></p>
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<p><b>Chicken Burger in a Bun</b>  <b>(V) Mixed Bean Fajita Wrap</b>  <b>Served with Freshly Made Coleslaw, Sweetcorn</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese</b>  <b>Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam</b>  <b>Strawberry Ice Cream</b></p>
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<p><b>Fish Fingers</b>  <b>(V) Quorn Dippers &amp; Salsa</b>  <b>Served with Oven Baked Chips, Garden Peas, Baked Beans</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese</b>  <b>Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese or Jam</b>  <b>Berry Flapjack</b></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.**