



Our school value this half term is: "Thankfulness"

'Always be thankful'

Thessalonians 5.16

Harvest

We are delighted to be preparing for a whole school church service next Friday to celebrate Harvest. This information has also been posted on school story on ClassDojo as parents and carers are welcome to join us at this service which is Friday 15th October at 9:15 am in Church.



School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be visiting school on **Monday 18th October** to take individual and family group photographs and **Tuesday 19th October** to take class photographs. Photograph proofs and reference numbers will be sent home with the children. Details of how to order photograph packages (online only) will be included with the proofs.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

ClassDojo Photograph Consent

Children will be coming home today with updated versions of our photograph consent forms which now include a statement for ClassDojo. Please return completed consent forms to school by **Friday 15th October**.

Prayer Boats

As part of our continued work on thankfulness the children in Years 1 to 6 made special prayer boats this week to share the things in our world that we are thankful for. These were on display on our school field yesterday as a temporary display.



Today, our prayer boats started a special journey to Liverpool Cathedral. Our Head Boy and Head Girl handed them over to Reverend Sarah O'Donoghue. The boats are now continuing their journey as

members of our church community are taking part in special walk for climate change in conjunction with Christian Aid and Tearfund. Members of the church will be walking with the boats to St Andrews in Maghull before our prayer boats then make the last leg of their journey to Liverpool Cathedral to form part of a wider display.

It is once again wonderful to see the children thinking so deeply about the things they are thankful for.

National Mental Health Week

As everyone will be aware, next week we are promoting National Mental Health Week in school. **On Monday, we are inviting all children to wear a green accessory to mark this event** and take part in our connecting with nature walk. If you are in Key stage 2, please ensure you have returned your slip and click [here](#) for tips on using the environment to support your mental health.

Secondary School Admissions

Year 6 parents please note the following:-

All applicants can apply now by clicking [here](#) or by calling 01772 532109 for more information.

The statutory closing date is 31st October 2021 at 23:59.

You must apply even if your child already has older siblings in the school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

Open Opportunities for Prospective Parents

If your child will be starting primary school in September 2022, we welcome prospective parents to come and view school on the dates listed below. Booking is essential so please contact the school office on 01695 421391 to arrange this.

- Monday 11th October 10:45am-11:30am
- Thursday 21st October 1:45pm-2:30pm
- Tuesday 2nd November 10:45am-11:30am

Applications for primary schools must be made by 15th January 2022. More information can be found [here](#).

Nasal Flu Vaccine— Tuesday 9th November

If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school please click [here](#) to complete the online consent/decline form. **The link will close on Tuesday 2nd November.** Please ensure you complete either a **YES** or **NO** form for your child/ren. *If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397, option 3.*

Aughton Christ Church Notices

Sunday 10th October 10:45am—Christ Church Harvest service this year will be outside. We are meeting on the field by the barn with the green door. The service will be under an hour and then we are taking picnics onto the outcrop on Gorse Hill. Feel free to join us as we celebrate the blessings of living in our community. Remember to wrap up warm and bring a chair, blanket and a picnic.

Dates for your diary

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th October—School Photographs

Thursday 21st October—Y3 to Tatton Park

Friday 22nd October—INSET Day

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October—Half Term

Tuesday 9th November—Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Rec-Y6)



Online Safety Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to our very first Online Safety Newsletter.

Our plan is to produce a termly newsletter to provide parents/carers with up to date information

Online Safety is an important part of our school curriculum and our children regularly learn and share information about keeping safe online.

As a school, we understand the responsibility to educate our children about online safety: teaching them the appropriate behaviours, how to maintain their privacy, having the confidence to report any issues and to develop their skills to enable them to remain both safe and legal when using the internet.

Within school we have comprehensive security measures in place, which are monitored regularly to help safeguard pupils from potential dangers or unsuitable material. Any online incidents are recorded, reported and managed.

Useful Websites

To view some useful sites please click the link below to our school website

<https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/page/online-safety/49955>



Online Safety is taught to all our children explaining and demonstrating how to stay safe and behave appropriately online.

Over the Autumn term as a school we will be looking at :

- ⇒ Digital footprints you may leave.
- ⇒ SMART rules.
- ⇒ Keeping personal information safe.
- ⇒ Know how to download safely.
- ⇒ Consequences of spending too much time online or on a game.
- ⇒ Agree and follow sensible online safety rules.



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Online Safety Tips for Children

The National Online Safety have compiled a list of top tips to ensure that whether you are chatting online, researching or just having fun, you can do this in a safe way.

Here are some things to think about:-

- Lock your devices
- Be Smart with screen time
- Keep it 'real/friendly' with online friends
- Report offensive in-game chats
- Manage online relationships wisely



To read more about Back to School—Online Safety Tips, please click link https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve_file/2440653

In school we follow the SMART Rules. Why don't you click on the link above, which will take you to our school website and discuss these with your children? It is vital we work together at school and at home to promote the importance of 'Keeping Safe Online'.

