



Our school value this half term is: "Trust"

'My God is my strength in whom I trust'

Psalm 18.2

Notices

Key Dates—please see page 3

We have now planned in key events for our school for the remainder of this term. **We may add to these events** as the term progresses but we will endeavour to keep you updated.

In particular, we are delighted to announce that we are once again planning Christmas nativities and services which we will be inviting parents and families to attend with us.

Whilst these events are planned, we continue to ask for understanding that for reasons beyond our control it may be necessary to amend or cancel any event at short notice due to the ongoing pandemic and our school context at that time.

Please take time to look at the key events on **page 2** planned for the remainder of the term. As we move through each week, we will be giving our further details of each event and additional information. As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Uganda Fundraising Monday 8th November

Thank you for your generous donations helping support our sponsor children. Our non-uniform day and toast sales on Monday helped raise a further £390.10. So far this year we have raised a grand total of **£799.25**.

As a school all of our children and staff believe that every child in the world derives the right to an education and go to school. Please click [here](#) to see more details of the project. The cost of sponsoring the 7 children to attend school each year is £2100.

Aughton Christ Church—Wild LYFE

On Sunday 14th of November, Aughton Christ Church are launching Wild LYFE, a new and fun Forest style of Church.



They will meet once a month at Gorse Hill nature reserve (Holly Lane, Ormskirk, L39 7HB) at 2-3pm where they will sing songs, learn about nature, share in fun activities and have lots of fun as a community.

They will also have other meetings where we will do all we can to do our part to help the climate.

If you want to find out more you can join the 'Wild LYFE' group on Facebook.

Anti-Bullying Week—15th-19th November

Across school there will be a focus on the important aspect of Anti-bullying this week. In addition to class work and key learning on this issue we will have key themed days including:

Monday 15th—All children are invited into school in odd socks to recognise the uniqueness and individuality of us all.

Tuesday 16th—We will be leading a key focus using kind words and producing a whole school wall of kind words we use with each other.



Friday 19th— All children will be invited into school wearing fun sports wear and Children in Need items (E.g. Pudsey ears) for a donation as we all work out with Jo Wicks in school and raise awareness of this important cause.

Audiology Screening for Children in Years 1 & 2

Lancashire nurses will be attending on **Tuesday 16th** and **Wednesday 17th November** for hearing screening. Please can all forms be completed and returned to the school office by Monday 15th. If you require a duplicate letter/consent form, this can be requested via Miss Sefton.

Aid To All Christmas Donations

Mrs Griffiths (Holly's mum in Y5) has kindly organised a collection of Christmas donations on behalf of **Southport Soup Kitchen** and **Aid to All** charity. Please see the message on **Page 4** for full details and a list of suggested items that can be donated and stored at school for collection. Any help would be greatly appreciated!



Christ Church C of E Primary School PHA

As a school, we are incredibly fortunate to have an amazing **Parent and Helpers Association** who provide many events for our children and raise funds for school. Recently, they have been able to donate **£15,000** to school in order to provide a new outdoor library and renovate the back of school. We are currently working on plans and hope to update you soon on this project which has been delayed due to Covid-19. In order to continue to support school our PHA are holding a meeting after school **Tuesday 23rd November from 3:40pm till 4:30 pm**. Please see **page 2** for additional details.

Parents Evening—Wednesday 17th November

Appointments for Parents Evening have now been distributed. If you have requested an appointment but have not yet received a time, please contact the school office.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our whole school community including parents and carers, grandparents, friends, staff and of course the children themselves is something which is very special to us all.

Over many years, our PHA has worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for everyone beyond the school day. These have included summer and Christmas balls for parents, cinema nights and discos for children and family events such as bingo and Beetle Drives. Whilst these events do so much to bring our community together they also raise funds which directly impact all of the children in school.

Examples of the support they have given over the last 7 years have included **building a new garden area** for the children to play and enjoy in school, **providing book bags** for new children, **Christmas parties** for all children and an annual **£1400** contribution towards class visits to keep the costs of class visits down.

Outdoor Library and Learning Area

On average our PHA have raised **£8-10,000** a year. Over the last few years, your support of PHA events have helped to raised a significant amount of money to support our children.

The PHA have now committed **£15,000** to help re-develop the back of school to provide an outdoor library and learning area. Although this project has been delayed due to Covid-19, we are now in a position to continue. We hope this will be completed this year and the development will include:

- a better pathway around the back of school
- an outdoor library and learning area
- mini amphitheatre built into in the edge of the field.

I cannot thank the PHA and all of our families enough for all of their tremendous work and all of our parents who have contributed to events allowing us to move forward with this project.

As we move into the second half of this term I have been discussing with the PHA how we can continue to work together to organise some lovely events for the children and continue to raise funds to support this project and other initiatives as the year progresses.

I encourage anyone who is able and wishes to become involved in future events to join us for a meeting on **Tuesday 23rd November at 3:30pm** in school.

Mr D Kennedy

Head teacher

The PHA are running two main events this term that we are asking for support with.

1. Christmas Raffle

Once again the PHA will be running a Christmas raffle. The PHA are going to be sending tickets home on **Friday 26th November should anyone wish to buy one.**

In addition, if anyone would like to **donate prizes** for this too please contact **Vicki Smith** on the details at the bottom of this page.

Full details of our prizes and how to purchase tickets will be released later next term.



2. Christmas Stockings

Each year we ask the children to bring in a small gift for their class Christmas stocking to be raffled off at the Christmas party. This year we will be asking children to bring in a small item between Monday 1st December and Friday 3rd December. This year the children can buy a ticket which will include a contribution to gifts that go into the stocking. Teachers will discuss this with the children and details will follow in the coming weeks

Christmas Cards

This year due to challenges in school, we are not creating Christmas cards via cauliflower cards as usual. However, Christmas cards can still be designed and created at home using Cauliflower Cards 'Individual Artwork Projects'. If you would like to sign up or would like more information please visit <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/individual-project>. They can produce cards, mugs, wrapping paper and more with your designs.

Order by 14th December for delivery before Christmas.

Any funds raised at these will support our PHA in:

- Contributing to Christmas parties for all the children in school the week before Christmas.
- Adding to their commitment of £15,000 to support the building of our outdoor library and Learning area.

Any one wishing to become involved in the PHA is invited to also contact the PHA on the details below.

Viki Smith—Chair person - 07734 960809 or email

christchurchschoolaughtonpha@gmail.com

Key Dates Coming Up Soon

15th—19th November—Anti-bullying Week

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| Monday 15th | Odd Socks Day |
| Tuesday 16th | One Kind Word Day Y1 & Y2 Audiology Screening Y6 Artefact Day |
| Wednesday 17th | Parents Evening Y1 & Y2 Audiology Screening |
| Friday 19th | Children In Need |

22nd—26th November

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| Tuesday 23rd November | PHA Meeting 3:30—4:30pm |
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6th-10th December

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| Monday 6th | KS1 Nativity 2:00pm |
| Tuesday 7th | KS1 Nativity 2:00pm |
| Wednesday 8th | Y5 Victorian Day |
| Friday 10th | Christmas Jumper Day Reception Nativity |

13th—17th December

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| Monday 13th | KS2 Christmas Concert in Church 6:00pm Santa Dash (Uganda sponsorship) |
| Tuesday 14th | Reception, KS1 & KS2 Parties |
| Wednesday 15th | Y3 Ukulele Concert |
| Thursday 16th | Christmas Dinner Reindeer Visit |
| Friday 17th | Staff Panto Worship 1:30pm 2pm finish |

Christmas Donations

With Christmas fast approaching it's a tough time for many people and especially more so this year. As a family we help with donations to the Soup Kitchen in Southport. This year, as every other year, they have been approached by so many people that live in our community for help with presents for children and the guests who use this service. I have also been in touch with Aid to All who have the same plea.. **HELP!!**

If you are in a position to help I will be starting my collection for them this week. If you wish to donate that would be great. Whether it's a selection box, a present for a child or a toiletry set all donations really are appreciated. They must be unused and unwrapped so we can match them with the requests we get. If everyone donated 1 item that would be 200 + people that get a gift on Christmas morning.

Mr Kennedy has kindly said that **school will store donations** or you can catch me Laura (Holly's mum year 5) at drop off and pick up.

You can drop off at our house: 65 Rutland Crescent, Ormskirk, L39 1LP or give me a call or message on 07843445227.

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL DONATIONS. PLEASE LEAVE ANY DONATIONS IN THE AID TO ALL DONATION BOX.

Pyjamas
Sweets/biscuits/selection
boxes
Baby bath/baby shampoo
Socks/Sports socks
Vests
Babygrows
Baby wipes
Activity Toys
Bibs
Themed toys
Colouring/activity/note books
Crayons, paints, pencils

Hair bobbles
Lip gloss
Hair brushes/combs
Hair gel
Bubble bath/bath bombs
Toiletry sets
Deodrant
T-shirts
Vouchers for GAME
or New Look
Vouchers for Nandos
or McDonalds
Hats, scarves and gloves



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