



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 3** 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.

### KS1 Nativities

Children in Years 1 and 2 will be performing their Christmas Nativity on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December at 2pm. Tickets will be coming home with the children next week attached to a letter with full details. Each child will be allocated two tickets for each performance.

### Flu Vaccination Catch Up Session

IntraHealth nurses will be revisiting school during the morning of Monday 6th December to vaccinate children who were absent on Tuesday 9th November. This is for children whose parents have already provided consent.

### Children In Need

Thank you for your donations today to this very worthy cause. We will post the final amount raised on next week's newsletter.



*We kindly ask parents that if children have long hair this is kept tied up in a ponytail and that any hair accessories should be school colours and small in size. We would also like to remind parents that children should not wear make up to school. Thank you.*

### Anti-Bullying Week

All children this week have participated in special assemblies and events for anti bullying week.

A key focus has been our one kind word initiative and we have now built a special wall of kind words.



### Timed Run—Thursday 25th November

Next week on Thursday 25th November, all children in school will be taking part in a timed run around our running path at the back of school. Children will each be wearing a wristband timer provided by Epic Kids and they will find out their own personal time over a measured distance.

All children in school will then have the opportunity to improve on their personal time over the coming months before having another opportunity run with their wrist band.

Our sport's council children are helping to lead this project and will be giving a presentation to all children next week.

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school ready for this event. In the event of poor weather this event will be held on Friday 26th November.

### 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.



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](mailto:christchurchschoolaughtonpha@gmail.com)

## Key Dates Coming Up Soon

### 22nd—26th November

Tuesday 23rd November

PHA Meeting 3:30—4:30pm

### 6th-10th December

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

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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