



Our school value this half term is: "Trust"

'My God is my strength in whom I trust'

Psalm 18.2

Notices

Covid-19 Updates

We have once again had some positive Covid-19 cases across school this week. We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England.

Please click [here](#) to view guidance from Public Health regarding positive cases within a school setting.

I would like to reassure all our parents that school has all necessary Covid-19 preventative measure in place including:

- More frequent cleaning
- Regular sanitising of children's hands through the day
- Good Hygiene procedures
- Regular staff testing
- CO2 monitors in all classrooms
- Good ventilation across school

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact school.

Nativities

As a school we value the opportunity to present nativities and Christmas events for our families. We completely understand the importance and significance of these events. This year we are working incredibly hard to ensure we can provide these opportunities once again in continuing challenging circumstances for everyone.

In order to prepare for these events we have to consider how many adults are able to attend. In the current pandemic context and after careful consideration and risk assessments, we have decided that should we still be in a position to invite families to watch these events, we will be admitting entry **by ticket only** for all Christmas events. This will be for the safety of everyone in our community.

We will therefore **only be issuing 2 tickets per family** for any event. We will also be asking all people attending events **to take lateral flow tests before attending** to support our school community.

A letter will be sent to everyone on Monday so you can organise your tickets for these events. Below you can see the details of these key events.

Monday 6th December KS1 Nativity 2:00 pm for **Year 1 parents only**.

Tuesday 7th December KS1 Nativity 2:00pm for **Year 2 parents only**.

Friday 10th December Reception Nativity 9:30 am.

Monday 13 December KS2 Church Service for Parents in Year 3-6.

A letter will be sent home on Monday with full details of your tickets for these events.

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!



Y6 WWII Day—Tuesday 7th December

Children in Y6 are invited to attend school on this day dressed as a WWII evacuee. The day will be themed around WWII and will involve some of the following: radio broadcasts, designing and building WWII planes, role play scenarios at Christ Church, singing for Hillcroft Nursing Home, cooking and team building activities.

PHA Meeting

Letters have come home this evening listing our upcoming PHA events and activities. I encourage anyone who is able and wishes to become involved in future events to join us for a meeting on **Tuesday 30th November at 3:40pm** in school.

Holidays

We have had several requests this term for holidays. Whilst we understand it has been challenging due to the pandemic to reorganise holiday arrangements, we would like to remind parents that holidays during term time will not be authorised. Education has been very disrupted over the last 18 months due to the pandemic and therefore it is very important that children attend school every day possible.

Parking Notice

We would like to kindly remind parents to be mindful when parking close to school at pick up and drop off times. Please avoid parking in areas with limited access and manoeuvrability, particularly near the school back gate. Thank you.

KS1 collection from school

If collecting children from the KS1 play ground we would like to remind all families that once your child has been handed over you should please leave the site. We have had some instances of children playing on play equipment after collection. This is in the interest of safety for everyone.

Christ Church Aughton—'The Narnia Experience'

Tickets are selling fast for Christ Church Aughton's Christmas event taking place at Gorse Hill Nature Reserve on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th December. Meet your some of your favourite characters from Narnia and enjoy refreshments. Please see **page 5** for full details and information on where to book tickets. All takings will go to local charities.

Children In Need

Thank you for your donations last week, we raised a total of £294.93. Well done!





Dear Parents and Carers,

Our whole school community is something that 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 has helped to raise 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 30th November at 3:40pm** 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 have sent tickets home **tonight should anyone wish to buy one.**

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

Full details of our main prizes are listed on the tickets:

1st prize—3 night stay in luxury cottage for up to 8 guests

2nd prize—£50 M&S gift card

3rd prize—Champagne & chocolate hamper

2. Christmas Stockings

Each year we ask the children to bring in a small gift for their class Christmas stocking. This will be raffled off at the Christmas party.

This year we will be asking children to bring in a small item between Wednesday 1st December and Friday 3rd December. Items usually include sweets or small/inexpensive novelty toys. These do not need to be wrapped. Teachers will also discuss this with the children in the coming days. Children will then be able to buy tickets for £1 each from Monday 6th December. Details of how this will work will be published next week.



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 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

29th November—3rd December

PHA Meeting

Tuesday 30th November 3:40pm

6th-10th December

Monday 6th

KS1 Nativity 2:00pm

Tuesday 7th

KS1 Nativity 2:00pm

Y6 WWII Day

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



DONATE ONLINE
[Paypal.me/aidtoall](https://www.paypal.me/aidtoall)



THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

The Narnia Experience

*Meet Mr Tumnus, Mr & Mrs Beaver,
the White Witch and Father Christmas*

*Wrap up and enjoy a great
family Christmas outing*

At

**Gorse Hill Nature Reserve,
Holly Lane, Aughton L39 7HB**

Crafts & Narnia Christmas Refreshments

*Saturday 18th December 12 - 4pm
& Sunday 19th December 1 - 4pm*

Tickets: Adults £9 Children £4.50 from Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-narnia-experience-the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe-tickets-199854328677>

Limited off street parking available.

All takings to go to local Charities