



Our school value this half term is: "Perseverance"

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'

Philippians 4.13

Notices

School Performance Results

We are delighted that for a second year running we have received a lovely letter from the **Secretary of State for Education** for the excellent progress of our children at the end of Key Stage 2 in 2019. These results reflect the hard work of all of our children and staff in school and the support we receive from all of our families. Whilst we always know that academic results are only one part of our school and any child, we wish to share this special achievement with you. I would like to thank all of the children, staff and families for their continued hard work and support in ensuring our children do as well they can in English and Maths.

Whilst we are all proud of such an achievement, it is the wonderful work and attitudes of our children in everything they do every single day that make our school such a special place to be.

Please see our letter on **page three** of this newsletter and a link to the results area of our website.

D Kennedy
Headteacher

Online Safety Day- Tuesday 11th February

Whilst we are always discussing online safety with our children, next week will see a whole school focus on this topic. We will be holding special assemblies for the children on Tuesday 11th February and then they will be undertaking work in their own classes to build on this. This year there will be a particular focus on health and well being whilst online.

Running Path

Over the last 18 months we have been working hard to install a running path around the school grounds to support children's health and well being. We are delighted that next Friday work on installing our running path will start. We hope this facility will then be open upon return to school and the children will be celebrating the opening through some active events in school. We will keep you all informed of these once the path is completed.

We Are A Reading School

Please see **page two** of our news letter for important updates on reading events at school.

Aughton Schools Spring Music Festival

The 23rd Aughton Schools Music Festival is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 24th March 2020. This festival is funded by entry fees. **The closing date for entries is Friday February 7th 2020.**



Dates for your Diary

Please check all our key dates on the school website—a reminder of some key dates is below.

Book Fair— Tuesday 4th to Friday 7th February

(in the school hall between 8:45 and 9:15 am and 3:30 and 4:00pm)

Half Term—Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

P.H.A. Cinema Night 28th February

World Book Day—Thursday 5th March

Aughton Spring Music Festival—Tuesday 24th March (see below for details)

Parents Evening—Wednesday 25th March

Forthcoming School Trips

Y5 to Preston Hindu Temple—Monday 10th February

Reception to Ormskirk Library— TBC

Y4 River Study—Wednesday 4th March

Y6 to Liverpool Philharmonic—Wednesday 4th March

Reception Library Visit—Rearranged

Unfortunately due to the footpath closure in Ormskirk by the railway station, this visit has now been postponed. We have made the decision to rearrange this visit in order to ensure the children's safety when walking through Ormskirk and crossing roads. We will inform parents when a new date has been arranged.

Year 1 Phonics Meeting for Parents

There will be a meeting for parents to discuss the Statutory Phonics Screening in Year 1 on **Thursday 6th February** at 3.00 p.m. in the Year 1 classroom.

Travelling Book Fair in School—3rd to 7th February

We will be hosting a Book Fair in school from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th February in the school hall between **8:45 and 9:15 am and 3:30 and 4:00pm**. Please try and visit our Book Fair with your child at some point during the week and help us to promote a love of reading with children in school.

Dance Talent Half Term

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February from 10.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m. at St. Bede's High School, Ormskirk, L39 4TA.

£55 for 5 days

£45 for 4 days

£40 for 3 days

or £15 per day

Sibling discounts also!



The workshop will include dance, singing, drama and lots of games! There will be an end of the week performance which all parents can attend and a medal and certificate for the children. **For more information or to book your child a place please call Katy on 07734-394449**



Notices continued

We Are A Reading School

At our school we strongly encourage all our children to read and to develop an enthusiasm and passion for books. As part of our whole school reading focus we are holding a book fair in the school hall this week between 8:45 and 9:15 am and 3:30 and 4:00pm. Every book sold at the book fair helps us earn rewards that our school can then spend on free books for our classrooms and library. Please do try and visit our book fair if you have not already done so.

Our 'Peg People' competition closes tonight and winning entries will be announced in worship tomorrow morning. We have been very impressed with how creative the children's entries have been.

Over half term we holding an extreme reading competition where we invite all the children and staff to take pictures of themselves reading in the most interesting and unique places. How far can you take your reading?

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and we will be celebrating this as a school by asking all children to come dressed as their favourite book characters.

Cricket Club

Please note that this Friday (7th February) will be the final session for this half term. It will resume after the half term break.

Uganda Fundraising

Sponsor money boxes have been sent home with the children following a special assembly in school las week. Please return to school any sponsor money raised by Wednesday 12th February. We would like to offer our thanks for your continuing support.

Yummy Catering Menus

Menus for Spring Term 2 will be coming home with the children this week. ***Please make cheques payable to 'L.C.C'.*** Thank you.



Letter From Secretary of State of Education



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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Mr David Kennedy
Aughton Christ Church CofE Primary School
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20 January 2020

Dear Mr Kennedy,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high level of progress that pupils in your school demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show progress scores of 5.9, 5.1 and 5.1 in reading, writing and mathematics respectively. This means that in terms of the progress your pupils make between Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2, your school is amongst the top 3 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The Government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

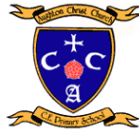
Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

[Click here to see our results.](#)



Spring Term Clubs

(First Half)

All clubs will start week beginning 13th January 2020

(Clubs may be subject to change)

Monday	Yoga	3.30 – 4.15	Mrs Nolan (Year 1)
	Chess	Lunchtime	Mr Swift (Lunchtime)
Tuesday	Benchball	Lunchtime	Mrs Frackelton (Year 5&6)
	Drama	3.30 – 4.15	Mrs Chapple (Juniors)
	Spanish	3.30 – 4.15	Miss Fletcher (Year 2)
Wednesday	Choir	Lunchtime	Miss Geeson (Juniors)
Thursday	Maths Club	Lunchtime	Ms Jenkins (Year 1)
	Hi 5	Lunchtime	Mrs Nolan (Year 5)
Friday	Running Club	Lunchtime	Mr Kennedy (Juniors)
	Cricket	3.30 – 4.30	Mr Kennedy (Year 5&6)



Outside Agency Clubs



Spring Term 1

Tennis - 3:30-4:30 pm (Y3 & Y4) - Monday 13th January to Monday 10th February

Spring Term 2

Dance Talent - 3:30-4:30 pm (Y3—Y6) - Monday 2nd March to Monday 30th March

Tennis - 3:30-4:30 pm (R—Y2) - Monday 2nd March to Monday 30th March

Summer Term 1

Dance Talent - 3:30-4:30 pm (R-Y2) - Monday 20th April to Monday 18th May

Summer Term 2

Team Theme—3:30—4:30pm—Monday 8th June - Monday 13th July

Please note that dates and times may be subject to change

Church Notices



Towards the end of last year a new pavement was constructed on the sands which was part of the planning requirements. The pavement and the yellow lines in the Ministry centre car park are to ensure the safety of pedestrians needing to access the Scout and Guide HQ, Ministry Centre and our school. Inevitably this will reduce space for parking, particularly as you access the sands from Long Lane. In order to ensure that people with disabilities, those with young children and pushchairs can use the pavement safely please ensure when parking, that you don't mount the pavement. We know it can be hard finding a space to park sometimes but it really helps with access and safety if people avoid parking too near the entrance from Long lane.

We really appreciate your cooperation with this, we want this to work well for all the community.

Kind regards

(Wardens and Vicar of Christ Church Aughton.)