

**Aughton Christ Church C of E
Primary School
Christmas Updates
1st December 2020**



Christmas parties and special events

We are also ensuring that the children will enjoy a really festive feel to the last week by organising parties for them in their individual classes and some extra special events. The PHA have supported us tremendously by offering the funds to allow these events to happen. On behalf of everyone at Aughton Christ Church C of E Primary School I'd like to thank all member of the PHA and our families who have worked so hard to ensure these events can take place for the children.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach Christmas, I am writing to you all to outline how we plan to mark this very special part in our calendar with everyone in our school in light of the current national restrictions and guidance. We will miss the opportunity of welcoming everyone into school and church at this time of year and we feel it is important to mark Christmas with a series of events for our community, and of course the children.

As with everything we plan in today's world, these events are of course open to **alteration or cancellation** as we continue to monitor the local and national situation.

We hope everyone understands that as a school, our current priority is to remain open for children to learn and all of our resources are currently being directed towards this. However, we understand the importance of this term leading up to Christmas and everyone in school wants the children to experience the joy of this very special time of year.

Over the last month I have worked closely with our school PHA, who have committed substantial funds to ensuring we can provide these wonderful opportunities for the children, with the odd surprise thrown in along the way. Please have a look at these special events and we welcome your support whenever possible with them. I have created a timetable on the 3rd page to help everyone see when these events are happening and we will keep you all updated on our website as we head into the last two weeks of term.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr D Kennedy
Head teacher

Key Events

Nativities and Carol Service

It is not possible to invite anyone into school to watch nativities and carol concerts this year. It is also not possible for all the children to come together and sing as a whole school. We are therefore putting on two virtual events.

1. Reception will film and put their virtual nativity onto our website this year.
2. KS1 and KS2 will be led by Year 6 in a special virtual carol concert. This will also be placed onto our website. The different classes will perform and record carol's which will come together to create this special concert.

Run across Lapland

All the children have been superb in their daily runs on our running path this term. In addition to our Santa Dash, each class is taking part in a **virtual run across Lap Land before Christmas**. This will take place in the last two weeks of the term and the children will be able to track their progress with their teachers on screen in school.

PHA Christmas Raffle

1st prize. A 3 night break in a luxury holiday cottage in Northumberland. (T&C's apply)

2nd prize. A £50 Tesco voucher.

3rd prize. Family afternoon tea voucher for The Edge of Ormskirk.

4th prize. A £20 Green Room voucher.

5th prize. A luxury beauty voucher.

In order to keep our Christmas raffle as safe as possible we have made the decision not to have our raffle tickets printed this year so books of raffle tickets will not be sent home with the children.

Instead we would ask that if you wish to purchase a ticket you email the following details to our raffle email address - ***ccschoolraffle@gmail.com and pay online***. You will receive a receipt to say you have entered.

Please email your name, contact telephone number and the number of entries you wish to purchase. Each entry costs £5. You can pay for each entry by a direct transfer to our Parent Helpers Association bank account or via PayPal.

Email entries made without valid payment will not be counted or entered into the draw.

To make an online payment please use the following details.

Bank Details

These can be found on the newsletter sent from the teachers via the class email

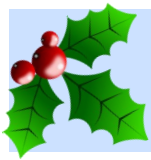
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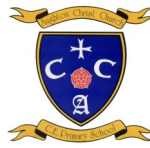
Please then email your entry information to ccschoolraffle@gmail.com

All entries will be collated and added into a random generator to provide the winners details. Winners will be notified week commencing Monday 14th December.

All the best!



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PHA Santa Dash

We are having a Santa Dash on Monday 14th December. Children will be invited into school wearing something festive and they will complete a designated distance around our running path.

PHA Christmas Stockings



We are pleased to be able to hold our Children's Christmas Stocking raffle this year albeit with a slight twist. We have already created magical stockings with each class having a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. The prizes have been made in advance and quarantined so are covid-secure.

As such, this year, we do not require donations for the actual stockings. Instead we ask that children enter to win the stocking by sending £1 in an envelope with their **name, year group** and **Christmas stocking money** on to their class teacher.

All children can enter as many times as they would like and each class draw will take place on their class Christmas party day.

Please see an example of **1st, 2nd** and **3rd** prizes below. Included in the first prize is books, games, crafts and treats.



The PHA have set up a just giving page and would welcome all those who can to complete their donation online and if applicable to complete the gift aid declaration too.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/aughtonccschool-santadash?utm_term=J36ekVpp9



Sponsors are also welcome to send a cheque or cash in a sealed envelope to the class teacher labelled Santa Dash. Please make cheques payable to Christ Church PHA.

Reflection time in Church

Every class will make their way to church in the last week of term for 20 minutes of prayer and reflection in the peace of our church.

Children will stay in their class groups and as with all events in school this short period of reflection will be Covid Secure.

Outdoor Library and Learning Area

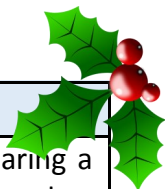
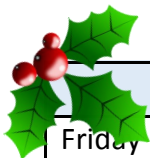
These events will continue to support all the children every day in school.

The PHA have now committed **£15, 000** to help re-develop the back of school to provide an outdoor library and learning area. This will include:

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

The PHA will also be making a contribution of **30%** of any funds raised to support our sponsor children in Koch Goma Uganda.

As you all know we have been raising funds this term for our sponsor children and at the end of this term the PHA will make a contribution on behalf of everyone in school.



Date	Event	Details
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All children are invited into school wearing a festive jumper or clothing on this day. A donation can be brought in which will support the charity Save The Children .
Monday 14 th December	Santa Dash <i>Each class will collectively complete</i> Reception - 6 miles Year 1 - 6 miles Year 2 - 6 miles Year 3 - 12 miles Year 4 - 12 miles Year 5 - 18 miles Year 6 - 18 miles	All children are invited into school wearing festive clothing as they complete the given distance around our running path.
Monday 14 th December	Reception virtual Nativity KS1 and KS2 virtual concert	This is Reception's first Christmas in school. They will be recording a short Nativity which will be put online for parents and carers to watch. KS1 and KS2 will be led by Year 6 as they put on a virtual carol concert on line. All children will be performing a carol in their classes.
Tuesday 15 th December	KS1 and EYFS one hour party.	Children in EYFS and KS1 can attend school in their own clothes this day. There will be a short party in the hall for their own class and festive events in the classroom planned by the teacher.
Tuesday 15 th December	Reindeer Visit	We will have a special visitor this day as one of Father Christmas' reindeers will make a special visit before the big day. Children will have the opportunity to go and say hello.
Wednesday 16 th December	KS2 one hour party	Children in KS2 can attend school in their own clothes this day. There will be a short party in the hall for their own class and festive events in the classroom planned by the teacher.
Wednesday 16 th December	Reflection time in Church	Each class will be met by Reverend Sarah O'Donoghue and will have a short time of 20 minutes in Church to say a quiet prayer and reflect.
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner in class rooms and Film afternoon	Each class will have their Christmas Dinners or packed lunches together in the classroom before a special film afternoon with their class teacher.

Friday 18 th December	Worship 10 am Finish at normal times	We will have a special virtual worship in the morning to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. There will also be some special surprises this day including a gift for every child as we wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas
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