



Our school value this half term is: "Compassion"

'Noticing a need' (Mark 6.34)

### Staff changes

There will be two staff changes at the end of this term.

Miss Fletcher is unexpectedly leaving at the end of term for personal reasons. She has been an incredibly dedicated teacher and member of our school family for 7 years. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to say thank you for everything she has done for the children of our community. We will all miss Miss Fletcher incredibly but we wish her every happiness and best wishes on the next stage in her life.

We are delighted to announce that a new teacher, Miss Ayres, will be taking on the Year 2 class teacher role for the rest of the academic year. All Year 2 parents have been sent a letter today about this.

Mr Hutchinson who has provided ICT support to school is also retiring at Christmas. Mr Hutchinson has been a parent, governor and member of staff and his involvement in our school stands at over 25 years. We wish him every happiness in this new chapter of his life.

### Road works

We have been informed by Scottish Power that there will be road works and a three way traffic light system on the junction of Swanpool Lane and Long Lane from the 14th-17th December 2020. Please be aware of the additional traffic issues when dropping off children and collecting from school and commuting in the local area.

### End of Term—Friday 18th December

Please note that school will close for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 18th December. **Children should be collected at their usual time and place on this day.** School will re-open on Monday 4th January 2021.

### Year 6 WWII Theme Day

As part of their topic work on World War II, Year 6 will be taking part in a World War II themed day on Friday 11th December. The children have been asked to come in on this day dressed as an evacuee (they will discuss in class what this might look like). If you have any concerns regarding the dress code, please contact Mr Swift.

### Spring Term Milk

If you would like your child to receive daily milk in school, please return the form together with payment no later than Tuesday 15th December. Milk for the Spring Term (January to March 2021) will cost £12.10. Letters are available on request to the office.

### Christmas

Earlier in the week we published our Christmas newsletter. A copy has also been emailed out to everyone by the class teacher. Please click on the link to read all about planned events.

[https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve\\_file/841983](https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve_file/841983)

### Christ Church Toy Service

Christ Church will be holding their annual Toy Service online at 10.45am on **Sunday 13th December**. If you would like to make a donation please drop off your toys/gifts at the Ministry Centre on Friday 11th December 10am – 3pm or leave them in the brown/black delivery box by the Ministry Centre main door.

This year in particular, the requirement to support families in need during Christmas is greater than ever. Please help us to brighten up the day of those children in our area who are less fortunate than ourselves. The organisations that we are supporting this year are SWACA and our local Foodbank. Please note that all toys should be new and not wrapped. We would appreciate it if you would buy items that are suitable for a range of ages. Thank you.



Send a message of hope  
from your home to theirs

### Cards For Kindness

This term, our value is compassion. As part of this we wish to promote a Lancashire initiative. Cards for Kindness is an initiative which aims to reduce loneliness in our care homes by encouraging members of the community to send a card to a local care home. The Cards for Kindness project was originally set up by Lancashire County Council in summer 2018 and has since grown and developed across the partnership with more local organisations lending their support and more than 100 care homes now participating. If you want to send a card all you need to do is write one, attach a stamp and pick a local care home to send it to. Templates are available at <https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/CardsForKindness>

### Advent Windows—1st December

We are so excited to tell you all about our plan for this year's advent windows! On the attached clue sheet (pages 2 & 3), you will find all the information and all the clues that you need to complete the Ultimate Christmas Treasure Hunt! 24 houses, 24 words and 24 days to find them all...let the treasure hunt begin...Then join us for our Christingle service on Zoom and Facebook on Christmas Eve to see if you have got all the right answers. Hope to see you all there!!

Many Christmas blessings to all,

Sarah and Andy

Aughton Christ Church

### Dates For Your Diary

Friday 11th December—Year 6 WWII Theme Day

Friday 11th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 14th December—Santa Dash

Tuesday 15th December—EYFS and KS1 Parties

Wednesday 16th December KS2 parties

Wednesday 16th December—Reflection time in Church

Thursday 17th December—Christmas Dinner

Friday 18th December—End of Term

# The Ultimate Christmas Treasure Hunt

Starting on 1st December

Forget the chocolate advent calendars this year and take part in the healthy alternative. As we announce that the Advent windows are back for 2020!!! More windows, fun for all the family and COVID friendly.

This year there will be 24 decorated windows to visit throughout Aughton. However, whether you see all 24 is completely up to you, because it will be your job to find them all...

The map of Aughton below, indicate that there is a window nearby. Along with the map, there is also a space to write down 24 missing words which you will have to spot in the various windows.

Once you think you have them all keep them safe and on Christmas Eve at 4pm tune into our Christingle service on Zoom or Facebook and we will reveal the missing words.



## Advent Windows: The Treasure Revealed (Spoken Word)

God \_\_\_\_\_ the world that he  
gave his one and only son  
At \_\_\_\_\_ time we see how  
this story has only just begun  
From the moment the angel appeared  
to Mary, saying:

\_\_\_\_\_!  
It was clear, that history was about to  
be made...

The angel continued, Mary with God  
you have found \_\_\_\_\_  
You're going to have a son, who'll be  
known as the \_\_\_\_\_  
This will happen through the power of  
the \_\_\_\_\_  
It will change everything for you, you  
can wish your old life \_\_\_\_\_

Though for her husband \_\_\_\_\_,  
he wasn't sure about this mission  
So, the angel came to him in a dream  
and he got the \_\_\_\_\_  
Call the boy Jesus and he'll be known  
as Immanuel - \_\_\_\_\_  
Because to God, everyone is \_\_\_\_\_  
the fuss

Yet because of those in charge at the  
time, Mary and Joseph had to

\_\_\_\_\_ they went,  
to watch Gods plan unravel  
When they arrived,

\_\_\_\_\_ was available  
So, they had to make do with a  
\_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_ this would seem  
to be the strangest of beginnings

Especially for the one who would also  
be called the \_\_\_\_\_  
But as for now, in his Mother's arms  
he lay  
Wrapped in clothe and surrounded by  
hay

When some \_\_\_\_\_ came from way  
out from the east  
They stopped by King \_\_\_\_\_ who  
gave them a feast  
The Magi moved on, their time with  
Herod, not the greatest pleasure  
Onward to Bethlehem, to meet Baby  
Jesus and give him their  
\_\_\_\_\_

While on the hillside with their sheep,  
sat a group of \_\_\_\_\_  
Who were visited by Angels who sang  
with heavenly methods  
So off they went, \_\_\_\_\_, to  
see Jesus in the manger  
Because for this King nobody is a  
stranger

So, there it is, the first Christmas tale  
It's all about Jesus, the one who'll

\_\_\_\_\_!  
Let's be like those Magi and the  
Shepherds who came to get a view  
Cause Jesus he came to be our best  
friend, with a message saying

\_\_\_\_\_!

### Stay connected

Please get in touch if there is  
anything you would like to share or  
if there is some way we can help  
support you or pray for you during  
this strange time.

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