



Our school value this half term is: "Compassion"

'Noticing a need' (Mark 6.34)



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we finish for Christmas I wish to send a very important message to all of our families. I wrote to you all earlier in the week as we released our nativity and carol concert. I noted that, "Seeing the children happy and full of joy in school as they celebrate Christmas together is certainly the most special gift that I will receive this year."

I wish to reiterate this message to you along with my sincere thanks and appreciation to every member of our whole school community; Staff, parents and carers, wider family members and of course the children. It is that word of community that I wish to focus on as we finish. Together, we have worked within guidance to bring our whole school back together. Together we have overcome the many challenges presented to us all to ensure all of our children have been able to attend school every day. We have now completed a whole term in school and the staff and I could not be happier or more proud that the children of our community have once again been able to thrive and grow in their school. Therefore as we finish for Christmas I want to say thank you for working with us and offering great support to make this happen. Completing the term with no class closures and seeing the children full of Christmas joy and happiness is truly the best Christmas gift I could receive.

It has been a tremendous term overall but today I wish to focus on our wonderful last week in school. The children have had visits from reindeers, completed a Santa dash, attended class parties, Christmas dinners, created virtual concerts and nativities, attended church and today we even had some mischievous elves running around the outside of school. All in all it really has been a wonderful last week in school. One the biggest achievements has been completing the virtual run across Lapland. The children ran in their classes and each class collective ran 145 miles across Lapland. Today, we have presented each child with a very special medal for their achievements.

Along with their medal, the children are also leaving school with a book voucher as a special gift for Christmas. This has been funded by our PHA and once again we thank are PHA for their tremendous work and support in every aspect of our school.

As we look forward to 2021, I also wish to stress how it will be crucial that we continue to work closely together to ensure all of our children can remain in school in the New Year. I would like to remind all of our families as we break up for Christmas that covid-19 is still a huge challenge in our community. As we prepare to bring back all of our children in January, it will be more important than ever to continue to follow the guidance and measures to ensure we can keep all of our children safe and in school learning in 2021.

Finally, I want to wish you all a safe and very peaceful Christmas.

Mr D Kennedy

Headteacher

### Virtual Lap Land Race



Well done to everyone for completing 145 miles across Lap Land in our virtual run. Today, all children in school have received a medal to reflect their amazing achievements.

### Christmas activities

This week has seen parties and reindeer and mischievous elves visit school as part of our build up to Christmas. In order to view details of these Christmas activities, please click on the link below.

<https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/news/festive-week-in-school/58842>

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your very kind donations on Friday 11th December. We raised the total amount of **£227.70**. Well done everyone!



### COVID 19 - Track and Trace

Please remember, you need to tell school if your child has Covid-19. If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours of the end of the school term, or tests positive for Covid-19 having shown symptoms within 48 hours of the end of school, you should report this to school immediately by emailing [bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk). Mr Kennedy will be available via this email for the purpose of reporting a positive Covid19 case and as part of the track and trace system up to **Monday 21st December**.

Mr Kennedy will be on hand up to notify any other pupils in your child's bubble and their families so they can self-isolate for ten days. **It's vital** you tell us about positive tests so we can help prevent the spread of coronavirus in our community.

As we then move into the New Year, it will also be important to notify school if your circumstances change regarding Covid-19. This means either if you are a contact of a confirmed case, are confirmed case yourself or showing symptoms.

### PHA Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to our winners of the PHA Christmas Raffle! The winners are as follows:

*1st Prize. 3 night holiday cottage break —Simon Henry*

*2nd Prize. Tesco voucher – Jackie Hodge*

*3rd prize. Afternoon tea—Viki Smith*

*4th Prize. Green Room voucher—Mel Flude*

*5th Prize. Beauty Voucher—Sian Owen*



Please note school will open at the usual times on Monday 4th January 2021