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Hope Journey On Tuesday 13 November, Diamond Class enjoyed a morning at the Audlem Methodist Church learning to think more deeply about conflict, and to reflect on aspects of the First World War. The members of the church provided some fabulous first-hand experiences such as what it would have been like to have been at the Last Supper, or volunteering for the Great War. They looked at genuine artefacts and found out about some of the local people who were involved in the war. It was very moving and thought-provoking, and provided the children with some special memories.

Stone Age Explorers! On Monday, Amber Class travelled back in time 10,000 years to experience what life was like in the Stone Age. Mr Hadfield (our Forest Schools Lead) showed the children how to build a Stone Age shelter as well as how to make cordage and the best types of wood for making a fire. All the children enjoyed the session and are looking forward to their next Stone Age experience!

Y6 Parent Lunch Diamond class welcomed their parents and carers to a shared lunch on Tuesday. Once again, this was a wonderful way to share some of our routines in school with visitors from home and the children enjoyed sharing lunchtime with family members! Thank you to the Kitchen Team and the Mid Day Assistants for looking after everyone so well.

This week's Praise Book children are:

- Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class - William Rowe
- Mrs Hayward's Class - Poppy Rudd-Farnell
- Mrs Richardson and Mrs Stoker's Class - Billy Fellows
- Mr Davies' Class - Jasmine Baddeley
- Mr Perry's Class - Eva Tilley
- Mr Blenkiron's Class - Rita Rowley
- Mrs Bird's Class - Ellis Haycock



Super Spellers of the week:

- Mrs Hayward's Class - Lily-Rose Henri-Foster
 - Mrs Richardson's and Mrs Stoker's Class - Henry Howe
 - Mr Davies' Class - Lily Gray
 - Mr Perry's Class - Elliot Howe
 - Mr Blenkiron's Class - Lillyrose Shaw-Adams
 - Mrs Bird's Class - Charlie Chibnall
- Congratulations to you all!



School Dinner Menu - We will be serving week 1 menu next week

Tidy Team - The winning classes this week are Amethyst, Sapphire, Pearl, Amber and Diamond - well done!
The winners of our Attendance Cup this week are Pearl and Diamond classes - well done!



Prayers to Share this week - We pray for anyone who is suffering from stress or worries at this time.

Dodgeball Festival On Monday, our Year 5&6 Dodgeball team took part in the annual Dodgeball Festival at Malbank High School. The sportsmanship displayed by the team was second to none and the team played with fantastic attitude and skill, winning 4 of their 5 matches.



Friends

A reminder that Friends have sent out our annual Christmas Cracker homework task inviting all children to create special crackers for sale at our Christmas Fair. Please send in all crackers by Monday 3rd December ahead of the Fair on 7th.

Don't forget - next Friday (30th November) we will be holding a non-uniform day for bottles, gifts and chocolate donations for the Tombola stall. We will also be running a children's tombola so we would appreciate any new items for this too.

Friends welcome any cake donations for the Christmas Fair to be sent into school on Friday 7th December - thank you in advance for your support with this.

Don't forget to help raise funds for Audlem St James Primary School whenever you shop online! Use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,300 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, and Booking.com - and when you shop, you'll raise a free donation for us every time. It's that easy!

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ABC Childcare

Our theme next week is Winter and all that goes with it. On Tuesday 27th of November we will be having individual and sibling photograph day. At 2.30 on Tuesday the 27th we will be having a reading at ABC for a book a local author has written. The book is appropriate for ages 0-8 and the author's father will be bringing in signed copies. This is a first for ABC and we are excited to read and promote this book. Our Christmas show will be on the 14th Of December and preparations for the show are in full swing.



Safer Parking and Routes to School

As discussed at this week's Parent Forum meeting, we continue to work with Cheshire East Highways to consult on further extending parking restrictions outside school to reduce risk to the safety of pedestrians and local neighbours that dangerous and inconsiderate parking causes. Where vehicles are parked on pavements or block access for emergency vehicles, drivers cause dangerous obstructions.

I have continued to discuss this matter with Governors and PCSO Nick Jarvis and PC Sarah Marson and we are in agreement that traffic flow around school at drop off and pick up times could be further improved by parents and carers following a one way type of system during the hours of 8.30am and 9.30am and 2.45pm and 3.45pm. If all parents and carers who must drive close to school during these times follow a one way route around school (i.e. travelling down Heathfield Road from Cheshire Street direction - with school on the right hand side - and continue to travel in this direction in a loop around school and back onto Cheshire Street) this would allow better flow of traffic at these times.

I therefore ask all parents and carers to follow such a system from next Monday 26 November to further help safety at drop off and pick up times. Please be aware that this does not mean that Heathfield Road is now officially a 'one way' road so all drivers should be aware that they may still find non school traffic travel in the opposite direction during these times. Our school buses will be leaving site at approximately 9am and 3.30pm daily and will turn left out of the school car park to ensure safe passing through parked cars near school.

As always, I would urge all carers to consider where and how they park and give themselves additional time to park away from school and walk the final part of the way into school wherever possible so we can work together to ensure the safety of our children.



Parent Forum Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Forum meeting on Tuesday where many valuable conversations took place. Minutes from this meeting will be sent out to all families soon and will also be added to our school website. We still require Class Representative volunteers for several year groups - please contact the school office if you are interested in these roles.

Are You Having a Pre Christmas Clear Out?

Mr Jones, our Site Maintenance Officer, would be grateful of any donations of DIY or gardening tools/equipment which families no longer require or are perhaps replacing with Christmas list upgrades from Father Christmas this year. If you have any of these items which you no longer need please drop them off at the School Office; we will be able to put them to good use! Many thanks.



Christingle Service

A reminder that the annual Christingle Service (with a twist this year!) will be held at St James' Church on Sunday 9th December at 4pm. This service is designed for families and as part of the service children make their own Christingle to take home. Church will provide all that is needed to make the Christingle. There will also be a special Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm. I hope many of our families are able to attend these special services.



Book to See Father Christmas at the Big Switch On - Friday 30th November

Bookings to see Santa will be taken on Monday 26th November between 3pm and 7pm only

- Text 07525 480291 with your name and number of children
- You will receive a text giving a 15 minute time slot for your children

As always your visit is FREE. We look forward to seeing you at the Big Switch On



Finally

If you haven't had chance to check our website lately please do - there are several new stories and photographs giving you a flavour of the wonderful things we get up to in school together with our newly launched class pages which will be updated throughout the school year.



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