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## DIARY DATES

**15 Dec - KS2 Carol concert online, 6pm**  
**17 Dec - Christmas parties**  
**17 Jan - Y5 Bikeability**  
**18 Jan - Y5 Bikeability**  
**15 Feb - Sports for Champions**

Please view our school calendar on our website for up to date information: [www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/events](http://www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/events)



Dear Parents/Carers,

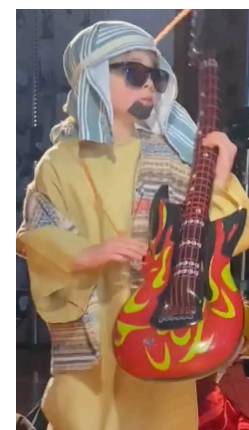
This week our Key Stage 1 children performed their Christmas Nativity - 'A Midwife in Crisis'. Unfortunately, we had to resort to our contingency plans and film the performance which we then streamed via zoom for parents this week. However, this did not dampen the enthusiasm, excitement or enjoyment the children had rehearsing and performing their production. On Tuesday afternoon our 'movie' premiered to our reception parent audience who were joined by the children in their classroom on the call. Throughout the week each of the classes had their turn to share the performance with their parents via zoom.



Optimistically we had planned for a live reduced audience with stage lights and star cloth to add to the effect. Sadly this was not to be, however staff and children rose to the challenge and their performance was amazing. Despite our change of plans the children still experienced plenty of tinsel, tea towels, glitter and face paints! A huge thank you needs to be said to Mrs Bellis Ferreira who recorded and edited the performance in 24 hours! I know this will have been hugely disappointing to many and I would like to thank you as parents and carers for supporting the school and showing trust, belief and understanding in some of the difficult decisions which I have made in order to keep our staff and children safe and well.



I am as always incredibly proud of the children and very grateful to our Key stage 1 staff team who worked hard to put the production together. We look forward next week to being able to share our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert in the same way.



On Wednesday 1st December we held our sponsored Reindeer Run to mark the start of our Christmas celebrations. All staff and children took part in the day and it was enjoyed by all. During the day the children were able to complete their festive run around the track as many times as they could, visit Father Christmas in his special outdoor grotto where they each received a gift and enjoy a visit from our special surprise real live reindeer visitors. Thanks to your very kind donations we raised **£1216** for the school - which is fantastic. A huge thank you to all who donated by sponsoring their child/children to run.



The PTA have also been busy selling Christmas Door Wreath boxes in conjunction with Cheshire Cut Flowers. Again another innovative way during these strange times to raise money for the school. Thank you to our PTA team for their continued fundraising support. Even Mrs Badger unleashed her inner creativity to make a Christmas door wreath from the DIY wreath kit!



This week our Year 6 pupils went on their first school trip since 2019. As you can imagine there was great excitement at being able to get on a coach together! I asked Year 6 for some of their thoughts about their first trip in nearly 2 years....

*This week (on Tuesday) year 6 went on a trip to safety central. We learnt about safety around fires, roads and so much more! We did tasks to earn points and we had made a lot of progress. At the end, we did a quiz and scored 90%. It was an amazing place and the set up was incredible! They had made a mini village. It was a great place and we would love to go back.*





Today we have had our 'Messy Christmas' day in school. During the day our Ethos group and RE lead, Mrs Hunt organised a number of different craft activities for each class to learn about the Christmas story. There was plenty of glitter around school as well as lots of smiles and sounds of laughter and enjoyment as we prepare with the children for this very special time of year.





We were also treated to an amazing Christmas dinner prepared by our wonderful cook Sophie. Thank you Sophie it was wonderful as always.



And finally .... a huge congratulations needs to be said to Mrs McShane and her husband who welcomed a baby boy into the world on Saturday 4th December. I am pleased to say mum and baby are doing well and I am sure you will join me in welcoming Caden James into the world.

***Outside the world may remain strange and uncertain but behind our school walls wonderful things are continuing to take place...***

### **Covid**

**We continue to ask that if any child is displaying symptoms of Covid 19 that a PCR test is taken asap.**

**There are 2 main COVID-19 tests:**

- PCR tests – mainly for people with symptoms, they're sent to a lab to be checked and you get the result within a day or two**
- rapid lateral flow tests – only for people who do not have symptoms, they give a result in 30 minutes using a device similar to a pregnancy test**

**Whilst we understand that it is often easier to complete a LFT test if you or a member of your household is symptomatic, it is important that a more sensitive PCR test is taken, as this provides a more reliable indicator of any COVID infection.**

**The LFT test identifies infection for a short window of peak infectiousness, whereas the PCR test can identify COVID infection at a lower threshold.**

### **Guidance for households with confirmed or possible Covid 19 infections**

In the event of a positive case, close contacts (including household members) are no longer required to isolate if:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

**However due to a rise in cases within Cheshire East we are asking that any child or lives in a household with a positive case remains at home for 5 days and only returns on the receipt of a negative PCR test after the 5 days.**

Close contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.



If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in school or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise us to temporarily reintroduce additional measures. These may include reverting to bubbles, the wearing of face masks or increased testing. Whilst we are very much looking forward to a more 'normal' school year, we are also mindful that Covid 19 remains a serious health issue.

We would therefore urge you to remain vigilant of the symptoms and to not send your child into school if they are displaying any such symptoms. As a school, we will always be guided by national and local guidance and will advise you of any changes that result from any advice as soon as possible.

With young children we are aware that other symptoms such as hayfever type symptoms, sickness, stomach pains, sore throat, headache can be the first indication of COVID.

As part of our Covid response we will be continuing to inform you if there has been a child within a class who is being tested for Covid 19 via text. All we ask is that you are more vigilant in watching for any symptoms in your child/children. Once we have received the results of the test we will only send out further communication should the test be positive.

## Mrs Badger's Weekly Awards

This term we will be focusing on the value of compassion. Each week we will be rewarding those children who have demonstrated this value during the school week.

### **Compassion Award**

- YR - Isobel B for showing compassion when her friend was upset
- Y1 - Lachlan for showing compassion to a friend by looking after them
- Y2 - Annabelle for always showing compassion in her friendship to others
- Y3 - Noah for showing excellent understanding of how to be welcoming so there are no outsiders
- Y4 - Izzy for always being compassionate and helping her peers when they are upset or hurt
- Y5 - Alexander for being a kind and caring friend
- Y6 - Matilda for being compassionate towards her friends - she thinks of others before herself and makes people happy



### **Star of the week**

- YR - William for his fantastic work in Maths
- Y1 - Saskia for always trying her best in everything she does
- Y2 - Ruby for always doing her best in everything
- Y3 - Freddie for his attention to detail in his Egyptian self-portrait
- Y4 - Tenzing for his incredible diary entry as Ernest Shackleton. Well done Tenzing!
- Y5 - Hollie for trying her best in all lessons
- Y6 - Evan for his fantastic attitude on our trip to Safety Central - especially his talent on the microphone





**PE Award** goes to Freddie in Year 4 for always being a brilliant sportsperson, demonstrating fair play and being kind to others

### Mathletics Awards

YR **Bronze** Lily C, Lucy, Aelwen, Rafferty & Elsie

**Silver** Lily C

Y2 **Bronze** Theo

**Silver** Theo, Daisy, Charlie

Y3 **Bronze** James & William Bur

Y4 **Bronze** Isabelle, Corey & Alex

**Silver** Isabelle

Y5 **Bronze** Sky

Y6 **Bronze** Oscar, Natalie x2, Jack & Charlie

**Silver** Oscar

**Gold** Oscar

### Times Tables Awards

Y2 x3 x4 **Bronze** Ruby, Frankie, Freya & Chloe

x5 **Gold** Noah

x5 **Bronze** Henry, Molly

x2 **Silver** Florence,

x2 **Bronze** Ben, Sienna, Daisy, Archie & Marcie

x2 x5 x10 **Silver** Primrose, Charlie, Theo, Tobias & Isla

x2 x5 x10 **Gold** Annabelle

Y3 **Bronze** Rory & Stanley

**Silver** George & Ingo

**Gold** James

Y4 **Silver** Jack

**Champion** Freddie

**Champion** (60 question 13x table) Henry & Sam

**Champion** (80 question 13x table) George

**Champion** (99 questions 13x table) Zach

**Champion** (60 questions 13 & 14x table) Alex

Y5 **Bronze** Marni

**Champion** Evelyn, Finley, Bertie, Sky, Belle & Emily H

Y6 **Gold** Evan & Nathan

**Champion** (4 mins) Harriet

Keep smiling, stay strong and keep safe Bunbury.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday morning.



*Nic Badger*

## 150 Club

During today's celebration worship, the 150 club was drawn and we have two lucky winners!

For November's draw : Number 9, Mr & Mrs Large

For December's draw : Number 38, Mr & Mrs Walker...Congratulations to all of you, please contact your PTA on [pta@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:pta@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk) to claim your winnings

## CHESHIRE CUT FLOWER FARM CHRISTMAS WREATH BOXES

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# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER

ADVENT CAROLS AT CALVELEY CHAPEL - 11.30AM

## SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER

CAROL SERVICE AT ST JUDES - 4PM  
SERVICE OF LIGHT AT ST BONIFACE - 6PM

## SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER

DIY NATIVITY BRUNCH AT ST BONIFACE - 10.30AM  
CAROL SERVICE AT ST BONIFACE - 6.30PM

## CHRISTMAS EVE

CRIB SERVICE AT ST BONIFACE - 4PM  
CHRISTMAS COMMUNION AT CALVELEY CHAPEL -  
7.30PM  
MIDNIGHT MASS AT ST BONIFACE - 11.30PM

## CHRISTMAS DAY

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION AT ST JUDES - 9.30AM  
CHRISTMAS COMMUNION AT ST BONIFACE -  
10.30AM

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