

BACK TO SCHOOL @ST ANTHONY'S WE ARE GOD'S WORK OF ART



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Friday, 8th December, 2023

No Star Awards this week

Rec S				Rec T	
1/2S		1/2T		1/2A	
3/4S		3/4T		3/4A	
5/6S		5/6T		5/6A	

Citizen Award

Rec T	
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Week 13

Carols and Cakes – Sunday, 10th December – 2.00pm

Some of our children are taking part in the Carols and Cakes event taking place at 2.00pm this Sunday. It's going to be a lovely Christmassy time and will get us all in the mood for the big day! If you are not too busy, you are welcome to come along and join in the fun with free cake in the club afterwards!

Advent Evening – Thursday, 14th December - 3.15pm to 4.00pm

Please come and visit our school hall to see the fantastic work our children have been producing for Advent. All money raised will go to Mary's Meals charity who serve nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. Refreshments will be available.

Challenging times!

Christmas is not always a happy time for some for many reasons. We do always try and do our best for charities and people around the world, however, sometimes charity should begin at home. With this in mind, please seek support from school if you need to, you are our families and we are here to help. Mrs Alty and Mrs Thornton are always available for a brew and a chat if you want to discuss anything.

Outstanding behaviour

Our governors and St. Anthony's new Headteacher, Mrs Barnes, gave lots of positive comments about the behaviour of our children during her assembly last week. I am very proud of everyone!

Father God

At this time of year when we think about what we want, please help us to think about what we can give.

Amen

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Ballard

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SCHOOL DAY

School starts at 8:45am with doors opening from 8:40am

School finishes at 3:15pm

SCHOOL MEALS

School meals cost £2.50 to KS2 children unless they have a free school meal entitlement

Meal payments must be made in advance through Parent Pay accounts

AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

Next week will be week one of the Autumn/Winter menu

A huge well done to Class 1/2T for gaining the most certificates this week



Most correct answers in Year 5/6 - Kane A
 Most correct answers in Year 3/4 - Dillan W
 Most correct answers in Year 1/2 - Jakub K

Attendance

Well done to our Class 5/6S children who have achieved 97.5% attendance this week. The children will be awarded an extra playtime next week to say well done. Our overall attendance percentage this week is 94.5%.

Sunday Mass

Mrs Berry will be attending this week's 9.30am Sunday mass at St. Anthony's.

Weekly Friday Mass

Next Friday, 15th December, all children from Year 1/2 will be attending the 9.15am mass.

School Led Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs

All school led before and after school extra-curricular clubs will finish next Friday, 15th December until after Christmas.



Dates for your diary

- After School Extra Curricular Clubs begin – Monday, 11th September
- Parents' Evening – Tuesday, 17th October
- FOSTA Disco – Wednesday, 18th October
- October Half Term – Monday, 23rd October – Friday, 27th October
- FOSTA Halloween Party – Friday, 27th October
- Inset Day – Monday, 30th October
- Open Day – Monday, 6th November
- Tempest – Individual/Sibling photos – Wednesday, 22nd November
- FOSTA Own Clothes Day – Friday, 24th November
- Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Thursday, 30th November
- FOSTA Christmas Fair – Friday, 8th December – 1.00pm-3.30pm
- Carols and Cakes – Sunday, 10th December – 2.00pm**
- EYFS Nativity – Tuesday, 12th December – 9.15am and 2.30pm**
- FOSTA Family Quiz Night – Friday, 15th December**
- KS1 Advent Service – Tuesday, 19th December – 10.00am and 2.00pm**
- School closes for Christmas – Friday, 22nd December at 1.30pm**



PE DAYS

EYFS – Wednesday

- 1/2S Miss Clarke – Tuesday & Wednesday*
- 1/2T Mrs Chamley/Mrs Walmsley – Tuesday & Wednesday*
- 1/2A Miss Martin – Wednesday & Friday*

- 3/4S Mr Martin – Thursday & Friday*
- 3/4T Mrs Shaw – Tuesday & Thursday*
- 3/4A Mrs Eshborn – Tuesday & Friday*

- 5/6S Mrs Boardman – Wednesday & Friday*
- 5/6T Miss Davies – Monday & Thursday*
- 5/6A Mrs Mowatt – Monday & Thursday*

Times are subject to change – please keep PE kits in school.

Attendance – Friday, 1st December to Thursday, 7th December

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	94.8%
Rec T	90.5%
1/2S	93.3%
1/2T	96.3%
1/2A	93.0%
3/4S	95.7%
3/4T	92.7%
3/4A	94.0%
5/6S	97.5%
5/6T	95.8%
5/6A	94.2%
Whole School	94.5%
Whole School	
Target	96.0%

Advent Service

On Wednesday evening we had a lovely joint event with Our Lady's Catholic High School and all of the high school's feeder schools. It was lovely to come together as a school community and share our art work and the Advent liturgy. Mary's Meals was the charity for this event, which is the charity we are collecting for next week for our own Advent evening. Information about Mary's Meal can be found in the link below:-

https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/double-the-love?gclid=CjwKCAiA98WrBhAYEiwA2WvhOnZfQ6ytIxPGwt8v9gcUlzZwx3Yt7uNh3QJjMtT-5BuVrzx1XRbcVRoCgcUQAvD_BwE

FOSTA Christmas Hamper Raffle

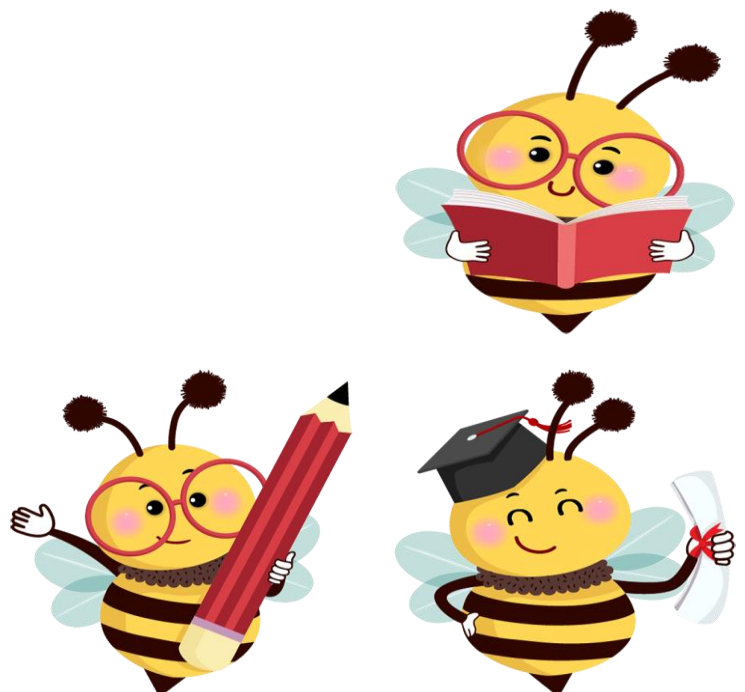
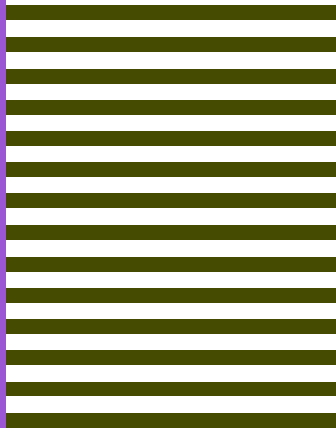
The Christmas Hamper raffle will be drawn in school on Friday, 15th December. All children have been sent home with a book of raffle tickets to sell with the first prize being one of eleven amazing Christmas Hampers. Please can we request that you return your raffle tickets to school by Monday, 11th December, along with any unsold tickets in order to adhere with the Lottery Act. All money raised will go towards our school mini bus fund. Thank you to everyone for your support.

EYFS Nativity

Our EYFS children will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday, 12th December. There will be two performances, one at 9.15am and the other at 2.30pm, and each child has now been allocated two tickets per performance which must be presented on the day.

Year 1/2 Advent Service

Our Year 1/2 children will be holding their Advent Service at church on Tuesday, 19th December. There will be two services, one at 10.00am and the other at 2.00pm, and each child has now been allocated three tickets per service which must be presented on the day.



Site Supervisor Vacancy – 26.25 hours per week
Cleaner Vacancy – 7.50 hours per week –
3.30pm-5.00pm

If either of the above two vacancies are of interest to you, or you know someone who might be interested, please contact the school office on 01772 726621 for more information.

Junior Breaktime Snack

Next term's Toast and Fruit Toast can be purchased through your parent pay accounts with a closing date of Friday, 15th December. Unfortunately, orders will not be able to be taken after the closing date.

Whole School Milk

Next term's milk can now be purchased through your parent pay accounts with a deadline date of Friday, 15th December. Unfortunately, orders will not be able to be taken after the closing date.

Parent Pay

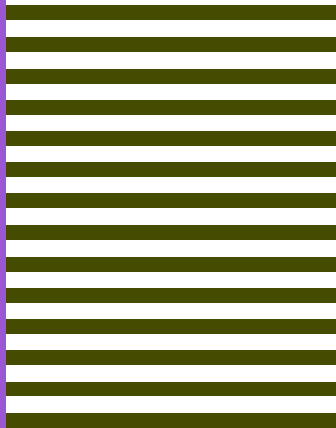
Please can we request that you check your parent pay accounts and clear any outstanding charges if need be. Please can we also remind you, school lunches **must** be paid for in advance at all times and accounts **should never be in deficit balances.**

Oaklands Dental Surgery, Tag Lane, Ingol

We have been notified by Oaklands that they have, at present, NHS child places available if any of you are looking for a dentist for your child.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Intrahealth will be in school on Wednesday, 13th December to administer the nasal flu vaccination to children who were absent on their last visit and whose parents had consented to them having it. If any parents missed the consent deadline and do wish their child to have the vaccination, please contact Intrahealth direct on 0333 3583397.



Keeping children safe online this Christmas

The above guide for parents is attached to this week's newsletter.

Polite Reminder

Please can we remind you that, if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you need to notify the office or leave a message on the absence line prior to the start of the school day. This is particularly important for absences of children who walk/cycle to school on their own.

Polite Reminder

Please can we remind you to only park in the designated car park spaces during school drop off and pick up times. We are finding that cars are being parked in close proximity to the crossing and car park entrance/exits which is making it difficult for children to see cars travelling through the car park and, therefore, causing safety issues.

September 2024 Primary School Application Process

The application process for primary school places is open and applications should be completed online at: www.lancashire.gov.uk by Monday, 15th January, 2024. If your child is baptised Catholic you will also need to complete a supplementary form which is available from the school office. Baptism certificates need to be sent to school with the form.

