

## Wearing Masks/Office Foyer

A big thanks to everyone for wearing a mask when bringing children to the playground in the morning or picking up from the playground at the end of the day and following social distancing rules. This is a great help. Please also remember to wear masks when picking up from Kidz Club or any after-school sports club. If someone is standing in the foyer outside the school office, please stay back and wait until they have departed. Thanks.



## Fish Tank

We are hoping to change the fish in the tank in the entrance area. We need to re-home the 2 established fish before we introduce a range of new tropical fish which the children will find much more interesting. Is anyone keen to take these 2 fish? Just ring school. Thanks.

## Thankyou

A massive thank you to Mr Mick Walton (Jake and Louie's grandad) for all his hard work in repairing the activity trail equipment. He has worked tirelessly over the past weeks, to ensure that the area didn't have to be closed to the children. He's been star.

## Flu Vaccinations

We picked up over 35 children for the flu vaccination catch-up day and quite a few staff as well. The nurse will be coming in to school on Friday 4th December. Thanks for sending back the forms so promptly.

## Amazing Generosity

Following the recent fund-raising plea for support for our school and its PTFA, we have been inundated with donations. Many thanks to everyone who has sent in gifts for the Christmas Raffle. (hamper goods, prizes, vouchers, decorations etc) It is unbelievably generous.

One parent has actually donated a new Christmas tree for the classroom and another has funded a Christmas selection box for every child in school.

Please keep the donations coming in. We still want to make this Christmas a very special time for the children despite the restrictions that Covid 19 has brought. **Thanks again.**



## Christmas Cards

**For obvious health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to bring in Christmas cards to hand out to staff and friends this year. I'm sure that will come as a relief to many. There will be no Christmas Letter Box. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.**

## School Year Dates 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021 (73 openings)  
Re-opens on **Wednesday 1st September**  
School closes on **Friday 22nd October**  
Re-opens on **Monday 1st November**  
Closure 2.00pm **Friday 17th December**  
Spring Term 2022 (57 openings)  
**INSET Day Tuesday 4th January**  
**INSET Day Wednesday 5th January**  
Re-opens on **Thursday 6th January**  
School closes on **Friday 11th February**  
Re-opens on **Monday 21st February**  
Closure 2.00pm on **Friday 1st April**  
Summer Term 2022 (60 openings)  
Re-opens on **Tuesday 19th April**  
\* **May Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May**  
School closes on **Friday 27th May**  
**INSET Day Monday 6th June**  
**INSET Day Tuesday 7th June**  
Re-opens on **Wednesday 8th June**  
Closure 2.00pm on **Thursday 21st July**  
**INSET Day Friday 22nd July**

## Learning Interventions

We have now started a new comprehensive programme of interventions and support to help children speed up their progress in phonics, reading, writing and mathematics and close the gap on where they would have been, had the Covid 19 pandemic not disrupted their education. Along with their extra focus, their determination and the support received from home (which is essential) it should make a significant difference to the progress they make, in the months to come. Thanks to the staff for their creative input and their commitment to do that little bit extra.



Halsall St Cuthbert's C.E. Primary School

# Newsletter

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School Closes for  
Christmas on Friday  
**18th December 2-00pm**  
(No Kidz Club on this day)

## Christingle Service

Thurs 24th December 4-00pm

Please contact Rev Alex Baker for a link.

[alexbaker@priests.uk.net](mailto:alexbaker@priests.uk.net)



There is also a lovely break-out time in the zoom worship on Sunday mornings at 9-30am. Everyone is welcome.

Again, please e-mail Rev Alex for a link.

The church is arranging a special fun activity around the village in the run up to Christmas, with an "Angel Trail" and accompanying quiz. Details can be found on the Facebook Page and in the Parish Magazine.

On behalf of St Cuthbert's Church, the school is also accepting any donations of hats, scarves, toiletries, chocolates etc, for the Whitechapel Road Shelter.

Please just send them into school. Thanks.

## YEAR 6 CYCLING WORKSHOP : BIG SUCCESS

A big well done to the year 6 children who followed their Safer Cycling course last week. They all did really well and gained valuable experience riding their bikes both in the playground and outside on the roads. The trainers complimented the children on their good behaviour and enthusiasm to learn. And thanks to the parents for ensuring that all the children had helmets and their bikes were roadworthy.

## Run-Up to Christmas

Monday 30th November : School Christmas Tree  
WC 30th November : Class Christmas Decorations  
Wed 2nd Dec-Frid 4th Dec : Book Fair (children only)  
Friday 4th December : Grand Raffle Tickets on sale

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WC 7th December : Christmas Crafts and Carols  
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Monday 14th December Santa Dash / Christmas  
Elves and presents

Tuesday 15th December : KS 1 Christmas Party  
Wednesday 16th December : Reptile Workshop,  
Christmas films and Christmas Activities

Wednesday 16th December : Staff Secret Santa  
Thursday 17th December : KS2 Christmas Party and  
Grand Raffle Draw

Friday 18th December : Christmas Jumper Day  
and Break-Up



School Closes at  
**2-00pm**

