



# Appleton Thorn Primary

INDIVIDUALS ACHIEVING OUR COMMUNITY SUCCEEDING

## Christmas Performances

The congregation at St Cross were treated to two outstanding Junior carol services on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The children's singing was absolutely wonderful and they made us all feel very proud of them! Their singing and enthusiasm made both evenings extra special. I would also like to thank the team at St Cross Church for their really warm welcome and for helping to make the lead up to Christmas such a special time for us all.

The infant children have, once again, done us proud with their enthusiastic performances. All of their performances were great fun to watch and the quality of singing was excellent. All three of their performances were very well received and I am particularly pleased that our grandparents had such a wonderful afternoon. Thank you also to all of our parents from the infants and juniors for providing such wonderful costumes and helping your children learn their lines.

I would like to thank all the staff who have worked so hard to ensure that the children are all given the opportunity to shine! A huge thank you also to all the parents who have volunteered their help with walking the children to and from church, without your help and support we really could not provide the children with these experiences. Finally, thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments.

## Volunteer Readers

We are looking for volunteer readers specifically to read with Y5 & Y6 children on a regular basis from the start of the Spring term. If you are able to help then please leave your name with the office. It is school policy however that parent readers do not read with their own child's class. However, Year 5 parents may find it hugely beneficial reading with Year 6 children and vice versa.

## Newsletter Friday 22nd December 2017

### Christmas Dinner

Thank you to Mrs Bryan and the kitchen staff for doing a magnificent job yesterday, they served over 160 Christmas dinners! Thank you to the teaching staff/TA's for helping to serve it and well done to all the Infant children for their manners and conduct which were exemplary throughout the day.

### School Hamper Winners!

Thank you so much for your kind donations over the past weeks. The hampers looked amazing and we made up an extra special one for our Grandparents on Monday and this was particularly well received. The school hamper winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Lorna McKechnie (mum of Luca in Year 1)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Hayden Twiss (Year 2)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Louise Ollier (mum of Jasper in Reception)
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize: The Welch family
- 5<sup>th</sup> prize: Reece Hayes (Year 5)

### Dinner Monies - January 2018

For those of you who prefer to pay in advance, and we really do appreciate it if you can, the costs for the first half of the spring term are as follows.

Dinners 33 days @ £2.30 = £75.90

#### Snacks

Toast/crumpet/fruit: 33 days @ 25p = £8.25

\*\* Milk: 33 days @ 18p = £5.94

Water: 33 days @ 30p = £9.90

\*\* Milk is free to children under 5 years.

Please make any cheques payable to 'Warrington Borough Council'. Please be aware School Meals do not offer credit therefore payment should be made daily if not paid for in advance or by direct debit.

Lunches are free for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children but snacks are not. Also, fruit in the afternoon is free for all children in the Infants.

### Miss Kershaw

Miss Kershaw will be leaving us today, we would like to take this opportunity to wish her the very best of luck in her new job!

### Miss Brown - Student

On Friday 5th January, Miss Brown will be joining year 5 as a student placement working alongside Miss Hughes.

### December 100 Club Winners

Congratulations to the following who have won a fantastic hamper each:

1<sup>st</sup> prize: S Porteous

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: J Acton (past parent)

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: T Giblin (mum of Ava O'Gara in Year 1)

### Menu

Next week we will be on Week 3 of the menu cycle.

# Weekly Awards

## Citizen of the week goes to Kalyani Kaimal, Year 4

Kalyani gives 100% to everything she does, she is an all round lovely person. Her solo in this years card concert was outstanding and consistently gives staff and children goosebumps.

### Writers of the week:

Hadiyah Rashid, Reception  
Jake Reynolds, Year 2  
Harvey Marshall, Year 3  
Lucas McNab, Year 3



### Lunchtime Stars

Nominated by the Midday Team:

Jack Doyle, Year 3  
Finlay Pugh, Year 3

## Special Achievement Award

Cameron Bell	Reception	For always working hard and being a great member of the class
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Jenson Ramsdale	Year 1	For his enthusiasm and excellent behaviour during the Nativity.
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Ransi El-Ramli	Year 2	For her hard work learning the songs for the Christmas play and for setting an excellent example around school.
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Joseph Hall	Year 3	For great multiplication knowledge.
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Katie Shepherd	Year 4	For her hard working attitude and positivity in school
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Nadia Quayle	Year 5	For setting an exceptional example every day.
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Zane Keogh	Year 6	Great work in Science this week.
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May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to thank you for the generous Christmas gifts and thoughtful cards we have received from you and your children and to wish you all a lovely Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year when school re-opens on Wednesday 3rd January 2018!