

Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School

Newsletter



17 December 2020

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Clarke

Message from Mrs Clarke



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of a very different Christmas term, I would like to thank our amazing staff for working so hard, for doing a fantastic job supporting the children's learning, as well as the children's emotional wellbeing. They have gone way above and beyond to give the children the best school experience we can in these difficult times.

We would also like to thank you for the support and kindness we have received from many parents. We know it can be difficult to appreciate that the government expects schools to follow different guidelines to those you may have to follow elsewhere. We all believe that children need to be in school, and these guidelines are there to reduce the risk, to both children and staff, whilst still allowing the children to receive a full education.

We have worked hard to provide a range of Christmas activities for the children in these last few weeks, so that they still can feel how special this time of year is for all of us. With pantomime performances, popcorn, a 'virtual Santa's' grotto, Christmas Jumper Day, the KS1 Nativity DVD, and more, we hope the children have had lots of fun.

Warmest wishes for a safe and happy Christmas to all our children, families and staff.
Mrs Clarke

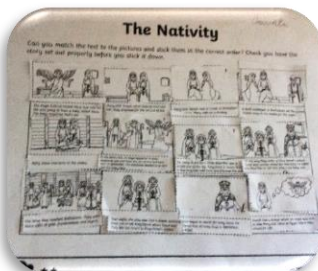
AWARDS ASSEMBLY



During our online awards assembly today, we were proud to give out merit certificates to the following pupils : Nancy (RS), Charlie (1L), Alfie (2T), Riley (4B), Annalise (5HT) and Sam (6LO). The merit certificate for 3M will be awarded to Jordan on their return to school.

Our KS1 progress cup was awarded to Liberty in Year 1, whilst the KS2 cup was presented to Ryan, in Year 4. Well done to all!

YEAR 3 NATIVITY POEM

Year 3 enjoy making a class poem about the nativity, in the shape of a Christmas tree. This followed on from work they had completed on Monday when learning about the Nativity. Cameron said 'I remember playing the Angel Gabriel in the Key Stage 1 Nativity play!'.




Jack and the beanstalk

The children have loved watching Jack and the Beanstalk panto on the large interactive whiteboard screens, in their classrooms, with their own individual bags of popcorn to munch on! Year 3 and 4 watched on Monday, Year 1 and 2 on Tuesday, Reception Wednesday, and Year 5 and 6 today. We would like to thank FOSA for kindly paying for this Christmas treat.



Emails / Texts

If both parents are not receiving emails but have given us your both email addresses, please ensure you have added AcleStEdmund@pupilasset.co.uk to your safe senders list. Please also check your Junk Mail box. You can also check we hold the correct contact details by logging into www.pupilasset.com. If you need to change your email address please let us know and we can update it on Pupil Asset. You can update telephone numbers within Pupil Asset yourself. **Please check this is correct as these are the contact numbers we will use to text you during the 6 days after the end of term, if your child needs to isolate.**

The email regarding the process for reporting if your child develops symptoms / has a positive test over the Christmas break was sent to all registered email addresses yesterday. The flowchart for what to do if your child shows symptoms, or tests positive, has also been uploaded to the homepage of the school website.

Breakfast club - special Christmas breakfast

We had around 22 children for the special Christmas cooked breakfast in the school hall on Thursday morning. It was great to see so many children enjoying their breakfast and having fun afterwards making Christmas crafts. Many thanks to Wendy Haynes and Rachael French, for the brilliant job they do every single school day, organising and running such a welcoming and happy breakfast club. A special 'above and beyond' thanks to Mrs Matthews, in the kitchen, for coming in extra early and volunteering to cook the breakfast for the children.



Free School Meal vouchers



The government have advised families entitled to Free School Meals (not those just entitled to the KS1 Universal Infant Free School Meals), are entitled to a £30 supermarket voucher per child, to cover the Christmas break. If you are entitled, you will have received a separate email for each child from Edenred very early yesterday, with a link to redeem the code for vouchers. This will have gone to the main contact email address. Please check your Junk Mail box, if you haven't received it, and let Mrs Bruce know if you still can't find it, as she can then resend it.

New logo!

The results are in and we have a clear favourite. We will be announcing the chosen design in the first newsletter in January. Watch this space!!

Father Christmas delivered the quarantined Class presents Tuesday night and left them for the children to discover under their class Christmas trees yesterday morning. Once again, these presents have been kindly donated by FOSA, using money raised at events. There were lots of lovely presents such as board games, magnetic shapes, Lego, giant Jenga, some lovely class reading books, and the Year 6 class had put in a special request to sponsor a leopard, so received their certificate and gift box. We think that was very thoughtful and kind of them. The Reception children then met 'virtually' with Father Christmas and his reindeer in the grotto, and received a tasty chocolate lollipop as a treat.



We will return to school after the Christmas break, on Monday 4 January. In the meantime, have a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas!

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