

1st December Newsletter



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Message from Headteacher

Christmas Fair

At the time I write this, last minute preparations for the school Christmas Fair are in full swing! Lots of exciting stalls and activities are planned thanks to the dedication of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and a group of generous volunteers. Thank you all for the donations for the fair which have all been gratefully received for various stalls.

I look forward to welcoming you on Friday and thank the PTA for their energy and enthusiasm in planning this event. The PTA works tirelessly throughout the year whilst juggling their own jobs and commitments beyond school. Every penny they make is donated to school to enrich the opportunities and resources available for our pupils.

Family Suggestion Box

We have installed a suggestion box in the area by the school office. Please feel free to contribute ideas and suggestions which will be considered carefully.

Suggestion(s) received: **Send school dinner menu out with newsletter on Friday.**

School response: **We currently send the menu early on Monday morning. From 1st December, the lunch menu will be sent out at the same time as the school newsletter on Fridays. Thank you for your suggestion.**

Community Clothes Cabin

Based on the success of our Uniform Union and Story Shack, our latest addition, the Community Clothes Cabin will be open from the end of the school day on Monday 4th December for families to have a look at the pre-loved clothing and footwear. Please go in and help yourselves to any items which will be of use to your family.

Any donations of pre-loved clothes, trainers or shoes your child has grown out of are also appreciated to keep stocks high. Please hand any donations in via the school office.





Liverpool FC Trip

A team of our talented girl footballers enjoyed a very special trip last Sunday! The girls visited Prenton Park, the home of Tranmere Rovers to see the Womens' Super League fixture with Liverpool FC Ladies playing Brighton & Hove Albion Ladies. The team were so excited to attend the match and to be sitting directly behind the goal. We were thrilled to see four goals and to celebrate a resounding win for Liverpool.

After the match, girls reflected on how this experience had inspired and motivated them. These are their comments:

"I thought that it was really good because we got to watch Liverpool v. Brighton and to represent our school and our local football teams. I felt really happy that I was a part of that."

"I felt like I really enjoyed it because everyone was watching and cheering for Liverpool. I had a good time."

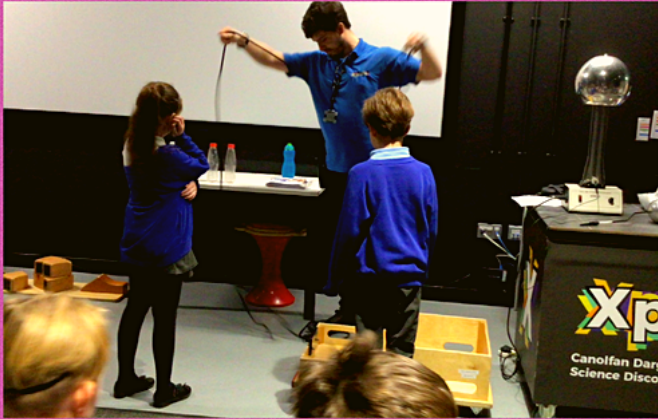
"We were singing at the top of our voices to cheer them on."

"It really gave me advice on what to do in defence and how to play the game and have fun. It inspired me to have fun - it doesn't matter if you win or lose, just to enjoy it is all that matters."

"It inspired me to try my best when I am playing."



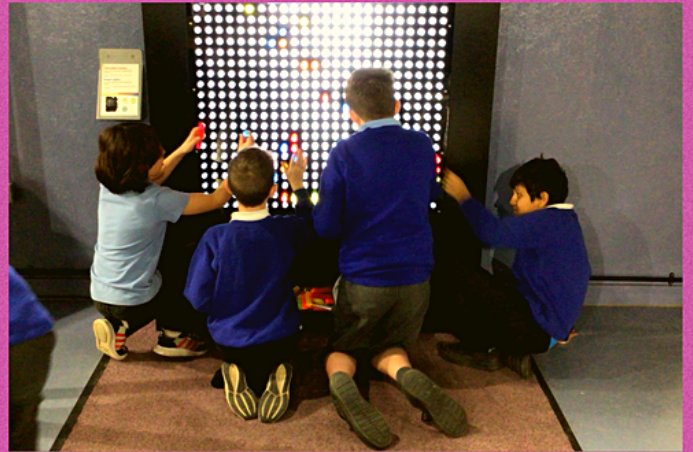
Year 5 Trip to Xplore!



This week, Year 5 visited Xplore in Wrexham. We had a wonderful time exploring the interactive experiments and really enjoyed the workshop on Forces.

To link with our computing topic, 'coding', we constructed a sailboat from Lego and used Lego WeDo to create an algorithm to make the boat 'sail'.

We thoroughly enjoyed learning outside of the classroom and were recognised by staff at the museum for our manners and good behaviour.



Chocolate Treats



The children were over the moon to receive their advent calendars yesterday!

Every child in school has been gifted a calendar from school to start the Christmas celebrations off properly. Thank you to the PTA for supporting us in being able to bring this idea into fruition. We hope that they enjoy them.

Oh Christmas Tree!



Christmas TREE FESTIVAL

at Hamilton Street Church, Hoole, Chester

Opening Times

☆ **Saturday 2nd December** ☆
10.30am to 4.00pm

Sunday 3rd December
10.30am to 4.00pm

Sunday 17th December
10.30am to 4.00pm
(CAROL SERVICE at 3pm)

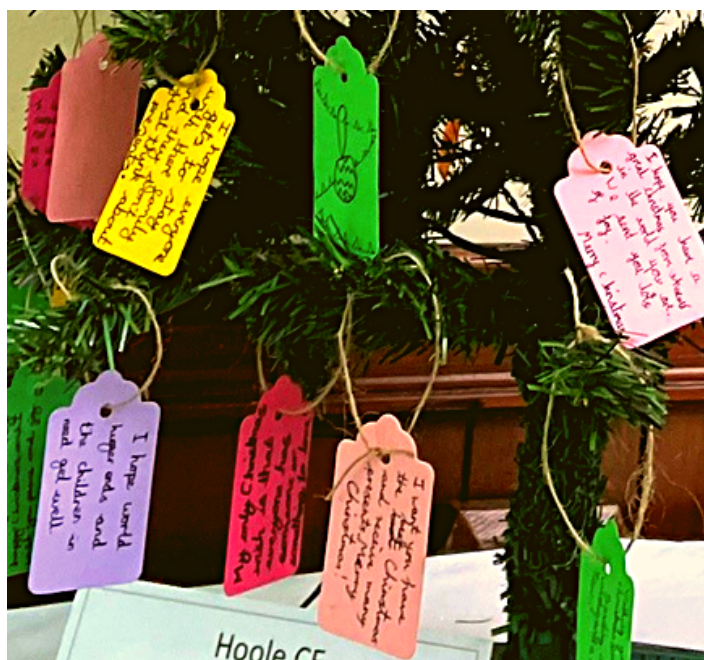
Sunday 24th December
1.00pm to 4.00pm
(FREE CONCERT & CAROLS at 3pm)

☆ ☆ **ADMISSION is FREE!** ☆ ☆



Be sure to visit Hamilton Street Church Christmas Tree Festival this December and view our beautiful Christmas Tree!

Our children have decorated this year's tree with messages of love, hope and peace for people all around the world.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Friday 24th November - PTA Non-Uniform Day ✓

Friday 1st December - PTA Christmas Fair ✓

Wednesday 6th December - Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 6th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 6th December - Year 4 Christmas Party

Monday 11th December - Reception Nativity

Tuesday 12th December - Year 1 Christmas Party

Wednesday 13th December - Year 5 Christmas Party

Wednesday 13th December - Reception Christmas Party

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Christmas Service

Thursday 14th December - Year 2 Christmas Party

Thursday 14th December - KS2 Christmas Service

Friday 15th December - Year 3 Christmas Party

Friday 15th December - Year 6 Christmas Party



Hoops For Health

Year 6 were very privileged to be joined by professional basketball players from Cheshire Phoenix today. They practised their dribbling skills, learnt about what makes a healthy meal and the dangers of cigarettes. They were amazed by the skill of all of the players and how tall they were! They thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and now have the chance to visit a game with their free match ticket.

Thank you Cheshire Phoenix!



Lantern parade

A selection of key Stage 2 children joined Mrs Elston and braved the cold on Thursday evening, parading through the streets of Chester for the annual Chester City Lantern Parade!

They lit up the streets with the fantastic lanterns they had made in a previous workshop with local artist Steve Wallis. How magical!



Global Ambassadors

We have been very concerned about the amount of paper we use in school. We wanted investigate where it came from and where it went. Earlier this week, two members of the Global Ambassadors interviewed Mrs Newton to ask her all about the paper we use in school. We were really pleased to find out that we only buy paper that is recycled and from sustainable sources. We then asked about what happens to the paper we throw away.

Again, we were really impressed to hear that our waste paper gets recycled. The company that takes the waste away, sorts the materials so that it can be recycled. Our school is working really hard to be as Eco-friendly as possible!

The Global Ambassadors are working hard to set up our 3rd initiative which will be introduced in January 2024.

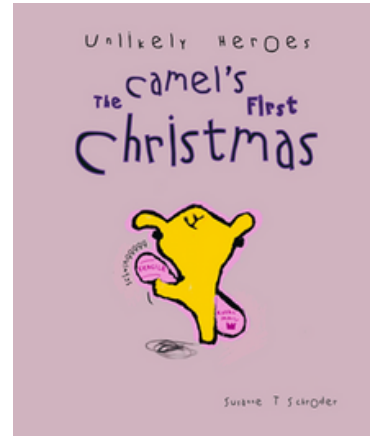


Author Visit



We will have best selling author Susanne Tillotson Schroder, visit us on Monday 11th December! She will be reading *The Camel's First Christmas* to the children.

If you would like to purchase her book, you can do so at any bookshop (RRP£8.99) before the event, or pre-order for pick up a signed copy on the day for just £6 by completing a purchase through the School Gateway app.



Christmas Parties

Our Class Christmas Parties will all take place in December. Please see the dates at the end of the newsletter.

Children may come to school in their party clothes on their Christmas Party day but please ensure that they have appropriate footwear and a coat for break times. Small snacks will be provided by school. Parents/carers do not need to send in any food and food allergies and intolerances will be catered for.

Christmas Services

Our **Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Christmas Services** will take place at All Saints' Church on Hoole Road. The Key Stage 1 service is on Wednesday 13th December and the Key Stage 2 service is on Thursday 14th December.

Two people per child are welcome to join us. Doors will open at 1.40pm for parents and carers and the services will start at 1.45pm.

The services will end at approximately 2.30pm and children will walk back to school. All children will return to school and we are unable to accommodate requests to take children home directly from the church. On returning to school, children will collect their belongings and leave school from the usual gate.



Our **Reception Nativity** will take place in the School Hall at 10am on Monday 11th December. Due to space restrictions, a maximum of 2 people per child will be able to attend and a letter was sent to Reception families earlier this week with a form attached to book tickets. Please return the slip by Monday 4th December.

Christmas Jumper Day

We are supporting the Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 6th December, raising funds for children less fortunate than ourselves. Children are invited to wear their festive gear and we are asking families to donate if they can.

The suggested donation is £1 however please feel free to give what you can.



**IT'S
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY!**

Join us in supporting Save the Children on
Wednesday 6th December
and wear your festive attire to school!

Charitable donations can be made
via the School Gateway



Festive Fun Run

We were visited by an Elf in our assembly earlier this week to tell us all about the Festive Fun Run in December to raise much needed funds for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd!

Our children will be provided with a free set of festive boppers along with sponsorship envelope to gather as much sponsorship as possible to support their local Hospice.

As you may already know the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, care for more than 1,600 patients each year from Chester, Deeside, Ellesmere Port and surrounding areas.

The Hospice aims to improve the lives of people with life-limiting conditions and care and support patients at the Hospice or in their own homes. It helps people to live as actively as possible after diagnosis to the end of their lives, however long that maybe. The highest value is put on respect and personal choice. These services provided by the Hospice are ran independently of the NHS and cost £5million each year to provide.

It is because of events like this that they are able to continue to provide this vital care to local children and families.

Your child should have brought home a Sponsorship Envelope earlier this week.

Thank you in advance for all your support; it really is very much appreciated.



Letting Their Light Shine!



Amazing Harriet achieved her level 1 certificate at acro!



Logan and Elliot both attend Kixx Football Club and received medals for their amazing progress!



Eva plays for the Wildcats and won a trophy for scoring lots of goals at a recent football match!



Norah trains with Deeside Gymnastics Academy and was awarded Star of the Week!



Libby plays for Upton and won a Player of the Match trophy!



Maisy won a trophy for her amazing football skills!



Sophia progressed to level 3 swimming!



James sang a Christmas medley at the opening of the Hoole Lights Switch On with AmaSING!



Seren has won a fistful of rosettes for her horse riding!

Johanna wrote a wonderful book called The Horse and the Flower!



Well done to everyone - what a talented bunch!



Birthdays!



Many happy returns
to all our birthday
buddies!

We hope you enjoy
your birthday book
when you receive
next week.



Key Dates

Wednesday 6th December	Year 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas Dinner (preorders only)
Monday 11th December	Reception Nativity 10-11am
Tuesday 12th December	Year 1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 13th December	Year 5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 13th December	Reception Christmas Party
Wednesday 13th December	KS1 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church
Thursday 14th December	KS2 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church
Thursday 14th December	Year 2 Christmas Party
Friday 15th December	Year 3 Christmas Party
Friday 15th December	Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday 15th December	Last Day of Term
6th December - 1st January	School Holidays
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Spring term Starts



CEPD HOLIDAY CAMP @ ST WERBURGH'S

CEPD
Community & Educational
Physical Development

- Monday 18th - Friday 22nd December (Choose any 4 Days!)
- 09:00 - 16:00
- Packed lunch provided
- A wide range of sports, including Football, Dodgeball, Dance, Cricket, Basketball, Table Tennis plus many more!
- Sport not your thing? We also offer Art, Craft, Themed Activities and movie afternoons!
- Please bring a water bottle, snacks and dress appropriately for outdoor activities



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FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN

ACROSS WEST CHESHIRE

HOLIDAY

ACTIVITIES
with food

From Cheshire West and Chester and Edsential

Booking is essential so contact
the relevant provider using our
[interactive online map](#):

www.edsential.com/HAF



Keep up with all the holiday
fun on our social media pages

Cheshire West and Chester Council and EdsentialUK
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WAITING



FOR THE ONE

This December

2nd

7:30pm

Chester Deo Gratias Christmas Concert

Tickets: centre@allsaints.church/01244 345649

4th, 5th, 7th

4th & 7th: 8:45am-2pm

5th: 8:45am-5:30pm

Christmas in Heart & Soul Café

Open cafe, Christmas stalls (from 10am),
carols and festive fun

17th

10:45am

The 'all in' Nativity & Toy Service

Dress up and join in with the Christmas story

Carol Service

Join us for readings, carols and refreshments

6:30pm

24th

9am

Holy Communion

Christingle Service

Celebrate the Light of Christ this Christmas time

Book your FREE tickets: allsaints.church/christmas

3pm

4:30pm

25th

10am

Christmas Day Service

The best way to start Christmas Day!

31st

10am

Morning Service

A chance to reflect and thank God for the last
year

as

All Saints Church Hoole **Christingle** **Service**

24th December 2023
3pm & 4:30pm

Book your FREE tickets at
allsaints.church/christmas
or scan one of the
QR codes below

All donations will go to the Children's Society



3PM

**The
Children's
Society**



4:30PM