



The Federation of Antrobus St Marks and Great Budworth CE (A) Primary School
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Dear Parents

Just before we break up for our Christmas break, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to wish you a very happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year. This term has been a long and sometimes anxious time but we have made it through and managed to keep both schools open for 15 weeks.

During this term I have been delighted to see and hear that the children are making good progress across the curriculum and we hope to be able to get back on track before the end of the year. That's an amazing achievement and I thank the staff and children for all their endeavours.

We all had a little wobble when Mrs Murphy handed in her notice but I am delighted to say that we were able to advertise, interview and finally appoint. Mrs Nicola Crampton will be starting with us in the New Year. She will be popping in and out during the next 2 weeks getting herself up to speed with all our systems, ready to hit the ground running in January. I'm sure you will make her welcome. Mrs Murphy has asked me to pass on her thanks for the gifts and good wishes. With the money that was collected, she has chosen to buy herself a new handbag.



The Christmas activities continue as per the diary sent out in the last newsletter. Because we aren't able to go out anywhere, we have signed up for a live stream of the Northwich Pantomime on Friday, 18th **December**. There is a cost for this and we would ask each child to bring in £1 on Thursday 17th and this will go towards that cost.

The Christmas Service on the last day is being filmed this week and will be edited and uploaded onto YouTube for watching on the morning of Friday 18th December. It became too complicated to complete a Federation Service so it will be 2 separate

services. We are hoping each school will share watching their own and each others. A link will be sent out to you can watch it too.



Thanks go to both churches for their Christingle making activity and to Friends and FOTS for their contributions to Christmas activities. We are all having to get used to thinking outside the box this year, but it won't be forever.

Since returning to school, we have seen an increase in the number of families needing support at home. The Governors wrote to the Diocese asking for some direction to enable us to support where we can and we have been signposted to a practical support online resource available from the Christian charity "Care for the Family". Their website provides practical advice and guidance as well as a wealth of resources on family life and parenting <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/family-life/parent-support>

We are not here to judge, our aim in commending this to you all is solely to support and prioritise your family life in its many different forms.

If you need to get in touch over the holiday with COVID information, please use the COVID reporting email address covid@greatbudworth.cheshire.sch.uk

This email address will be checked from 19th-24th December and again from 5th January 2021 onwards.

Finally, please note we return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021 not on Monday 4th as this will be a staff training day.

Kind regards

Mrs Sandra Finney
Head Teacher

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CONGRATULATIONS



Our special awards mentions for the last two weeks go to:

Week ending 23rd November 2020

Great Budworth

Sophie Jones for an excellent attitude to all work
George Topping for excellent work in maths
Noah Golden for a big improvement in phonics
Oscar Richards for trying really hard with his communication skills

Antrobus St Marks

Jenson for great presentation in his process book
Felix for great contributions in science
Henry for his phonics
Elizabeth C for her nativity painting
Thomas Cr for a fantastic block play camel
Ben F for his super attitude towards the end of the week
Times tables - Ava, Ben, Jack, Alex, Rosie and Sienna

Week ending 30th November 2020

Great Budworth

Oscar Jackson for a brilliant attitude in maths
Aiden Pickering for great use of multiplication and division
Olivia Brook for receiving her pen pass
Alice Eden for always trying her best
Joshua Collier for being helpful and thinking of others

Antrobus St Marks

Romilly for having excellent manners
Rebecca for her science work
Freya Storey for being an excellent role model
Ava for confidence
Evie for phonics
Cole for singing and dancing
Times Tables - Mia and Jean

