



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2022

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A small school with a big heart



Star of the Week Class 1

Dexter: for outing 100% in to all his work.

Harry: for his efforts in maths and his willingness to undertake a challenge.

Star of the Week Class 2

Ellie: for an excellent clay model of teeth.

Layla: for being actively involved in all our learning.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Ethan: for looking out for others and for being helpful.

Logan: for being an outstanding member of Class 2.



**Happy Birthday
to Charlie, who is
turning 11!**

Notices

Poppy appeal: many thanks for your kind support for this appeal.

Advent service: children in Years 3 to 6 have been invited to take part in an Advent service on Wednesday 30 November at 6pm at St Anthony's Church, Fulwood. This is part of our small school cluster activities. Slips have gone home this week. Please return these as soon as possible so that we can give an indication of numbers attending. Children need to be there for 5.25pm and collected at 7pm, although you are very welcome to stay and watch the service.

Christmas Fair: this will take place at Claughton Village Hall on Friday 25 November 2022 between 6pm and 8pm. There will be stalls and the school choir will be giving a special performance so do bring friends and family along to this lovely event to begin the festive season.

We would be grateful for donations of cakes and traybakes on the night. A slip will come out soon asking for parent volunteers for specific roles.

Non-uniform day: on Friday 18 November 2022 there will be a non-uniform day and we would be grateful for donations for the raffle and children's tombola prizes for the Christmas Fair.

Raffle tickets: Also on Friday 18 November, Friends of Claughton will be selling raffle tickets for £1 a strip in the outdoor classroom from 3pm. There are some great prizes donated by a variety of organisations, including PNE and The Flower Bowl.

Christmas Nativity: this year the children will be performing a new Nativity play called Hosanna Rock! There will be performances at 2pm and 6pm on Tuesday 13 December in church. The band will also be performing on the night, showcasing their new musical skills.

New reporting tool: on our website there is now a form for anonymous reporting should you wish to raise concerns about matters such as bullying and harassment.

After-school club: as you know, we have been actively seeking a new member of staff to join our team in order for us to provide after school club care for your children. We have not received any applicants. Therefore, at present, we are not able to provide this service for you. The position has been reposted on the Lancashire school vacancies website for a third time. We thank you for your patience in this matter and I am sure you will appreciate that we are doing all we can. If you know of anybody suitable, please do pass this on.

Forest school club: this club runs on a Wednesday for Class Two. Please could those children taking part bring wellies and waterproofs now that the weather is more wintry.

Parent Governor vacancy: we have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested or wish to find out more, please let us know. We will then organise an election for the position.

Packed lunch days: As you are aware, the dinners are transported from the kitchen of another school. There are three dates this year when their kitchens will not be open due to inset days taking place. On those days we would ask that you send your children to school with a packed lunch. The dates are: **3 January 2023, 4 January 2023 and 26 May 2023.** We will issue reminders nearer the time.

The Week Ahead

Monday 14 November	Class Two PE
Tuesday 15 November	Mr Warren music lessons and choir practice
	Class One PE
	Band practice 3.30 to 4.30pm
Wednesday 16 November	Class Two PE (fencing)
	Class One: multi skills enrichment club 3.30 to 4.30pm

	Class Two: forest school club 3.30 to 4.30pm
Thursday 17 November	Class One PE
	Class Two: Musical Theatre club 3.30 to 4.30pm
	Class One: teacher-led enrichment club 3.30 to 4.30pm
Friday 18 November	Judo 8am
	Non-uniform day: please bring donations for the raffle
	Raffle tickets for sale in the outdoor classroom from 3pm

Date for Your Diary

Friday 25 November	Christmas Fair 6pm to 8pm Claughton Village Hall
Monday 12 December	Christmas party at Barton Grange hotel. Details to follow.
Tuesday 13 December	Whole school nativity at Claughton church 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 14 December	Christmas dinner in school
Friday 16 December	School closes for Christmas at <u>1.30pm</u>

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine...

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend and we'll see you on Monday...