

Aston All Saints Church of England Primary
School

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

Usually called the Christmas Newsletter! 🎄

November 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second half of the autumn term!

This newsletter would usually be the one when I would be providing all the details for Christmas in school, in All Saints Church Aston and Holy Trinity Church Ulley. Very sadly this year, Christmas is going to look very different for all of us – it is unbelievable how things have changed in just a few short months. Everyone in school will do their very best to make sure that Christmas in school is special for the children and of course for anything we plan – safety will be paramount. We have one or two ideas which include a Christmas Jumper Day and a very special visitor.....🤔🎅

There will also be a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 9th December – details to

follow.



Christmas Cards

We have been asked about children sending Christmas cards in school and here is our plan to do this in a Covid safe way!



- Any Christmas cards which the children would like to send to their friends, can be brought into school week beginning 7th December [**from 7th to 11th December**]
- Each class will have a box for children to put their cards in
- These will be left in the box and not touched until Wednesday 16th December when they will be given out by the class teacher
- The children can then take the cards and open them at home
- Please could we ask that the children only send cards to individual children in their own class. If children wish to send one card to a whole class, that will be fine; we just want to avoid lots of cards being sent between the class bubbles.
- Please could we ask parents to follow these guidelines which will help us to send Christmas cards in a Covid safe way! There is plenty of time to write cards in time for week beginning 7th December! *Thank you*

Open Evening

Obviously it is not possible to hold face to face open evening appointments this term. However, we do want to make sure that all parents have an opportunity to talk about their child's learning. Teachers will be contacting parents by telephone over the month of November to discuss how their child has settled into school and how they are progressing with their learning during the autumn term. All teachers will arrange to make these calls at different times of the day and do their best to find a time that is mutually convenient. Let's hope that face to face open evenings will take place in the spring term!



Music lessons

Just a reminder that we still have places for junior children to learn to play a musical instrument and if you think you might be interested, please email the school office and we will send you the relevant information.

The instruments we offer are –

- Piano
- Guitar
- Drums
- Violin
- Cello
- Woodwind
- Brass



Christingle Service

Although this service can't take place in churches this year, I am delighted to be able to tell you that Aston All Saints Church has organised a virtual Christingle Service. This is always a beautiful service and I know that many of you will have attended Christingle services in local churches in the past. Why not put this in your diary and join now? This will take place on Sunday 29th November at 3.30pm which is the first Sunday in Advent.

Please see the link below –Families will need to book via Eventbrite if they wish to receive a bag of resources to make their own Christingle at home.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../christingle-tickets...>

Advent Booklets



In time for the beginning of Advent, we will be sending all the children home with an Advent booklet; there is an infant and junior version so these are age appropriate. Each of the booklets contain activities, prayers, puzzles, the Christmas Story and the meaning of the Advent Wreath. I am sure that the children will enjoy these booklets as we move through Advent and get ready for Christmas!

Food Bank.....



This year, once again, instead of having a Christmas hamper raffle, we are asking our families to make a donation to a local foodbank. More than ever, we feel that this is a really important thing to do; there are many families who are not as fortunate as we are and for whom Christmas will be especially challenging this year. The local foodbank we have chosen to support again is ***The New Hope Food Bank*** which is a community based mission of New Hope Community Church. Mr Haden, our Y4 teacher, has volunteered to coordinate this for us again. Please could donations be brought to school on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December so that these can be quarantined in school before delivering them to the charity. We will post more information on Dojo later in November with suggestions of what the charity would find most useful. Thank you so much in anticipation of your support.



In these difficult times, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our school families for supporting us and helping to keep everyone safe. The children have been amazing and have adapted to this very different kind of school so well. Their happy, smiling faces have kept us all going!

We will continue to keep parents up to date via the website and Dojo.

School closes for the Christmas holiday on Friday 18th December and will re open again on Monday 4th January 2021.

Let's hope that 2021 is a year full of hope. Hope is one of our Christian Values and below is one of many Christian Value quotes which is displayed in school –

"Hope is believing that good things will happen".



Thank you

Mrs S Mellor

Head Teacher