



## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

*Ayden, Morgan, Charlotte, Charlie, Fabian, Harvey, Joseph L, Jacob, Seren*

Red	Joseph W	★	Bronze	★	Silver	★	Gold	★
Bronze Cup		Silver Cup		Gold Cup		Bronze Medal		

### OF THE WEEK



**Ayden and Sami** for showing your ability to work as a team with your friend. you showed the ability to share ideas and to take turns.



**Billy** for 100% effort singing, dancing and acting during the Christmas play and always having a smiley disposition. You are a joy to have in Class 2 Billy. Well done!



**Simran** for working hard to improve her arithmetic fluency and for increasingly growing in confidence, particularly in Maths.



**Harris M** for displaying such a wide range of talents and skills and being a great role-model for all learners.

### Luke 2:12

*"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*



### OF THE TERM



**Haadi** for continuing to flourish as a learner! You approach your learning with enthusiasm and have gained confidence in answering questions during whole class discussions.



**Seth** has matured this term. He has stayed focussed, listened carefully to instructions and this has enabled him to complete the tasks set, to produce some superb work. We are so proud of you!



**Oliver N** for growing in huge amounts of independence, confidence and knowledge. You've worked hard and remained focused, self-motivated and passionate about learning this term and the progress in your handwriting still amazes me daily! We are so proud of you. Well done!



**Millie** for consistently showing exceptional learning skills, a maturity in your thought process and kindness in all your actions. You have had another outstanding term of academic learning, but also continue to grow as a person in the way you treat others, consider your impact on the class and the wider environment and also as you begin to think about the person you want to be in the future. We are so lucky to be a part of your journey.

### WEEK COMMENCING 04.01.2021

Monday	INSET DAY
Tuesday	BACK TO SCHOOL PE KIT WHOLE WEEK
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	



JOY - **Holly H**



LOVE - **Thomas D**



PEACE - **Amelie**



GOODNESS - **Sophie H (C4)**



FAITHFULNESS -



PATIENCE - **Lilly Rose**



KINDNESS - **Chloe**



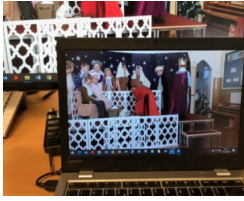
SELF CONTROL -



GENTLENESS - **Charlie**

## THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

What an amazing final week we have had! We made it everyone!



Our virtual Christmas services were magical, complete with readings, prayers, pre-recorded singing, the worship team with a live stream from church, 2 nativity services filmed in advance and, a 'rendition of Covid 12 days of Christmas from the staff. What lovely afternoons. It was so brilliant to see so many families on screen. Additionally the recordings of the full service and all sections are on Dojo for you to access anytime!

Children enjoyed a wonderful afternoon attending the virtual Lichfield Christmas Festival 2020, it was very Christmassy.

They also enjoyed their party food day yesterday complete with crackers!

Whilst not expected, our staff extend a huge thank you for cards, kind words and gifts and will thank the children personally but I wanted to extend a huge thank you for your generosity and kindness to recognise their hard work, dedication and love. Thank you.



We are grateful that everyone has been vigilant to be Covid safe this autumn term and to staff for maintaining high standards of Covid measures including cleaning hourly. We have thankfully made it to the end of term without having to close a bubble! Well done!

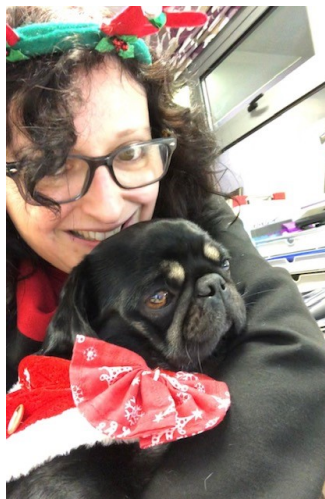
We are responsible to contact trace until 24th December (6 days after closure) and so, whilst the local authority team would ensure we have the information we need if, your child tests positive for Covid after we have broken up, until 24th December, please also let me know via email on [asr\\_headteacher@asr.jtmat.co.uk](mailto:asr_headteacher@asr.jtmat.co.uk) It is imperative that you do so, so that we can inform bubbles that there has been a COVID positive child or member of staff.

I, as contact tracer, will do this both via email and dojo and ask that you reply to say that you have received it and, will isolate. I then only have to telephone those who do not reply. I hope that makes sense!

We wish you all a happy Christmas hoping that you have peace and fun in equal measure and, we hope that everyone has a safe, wonderful 2021!

We hope to see families at their doors if they live in the village and surrounding area as the sleigh comes round with carols! I hope to see you then!

**Mrs Gethin and Ralph**



## GRASS NOT GRAVEL - UPDATE PLEASE SUPPORT OUR APPLICATION

For many years we have explored the idea of using a portion of the field next to the school so that it is more accessible for our children. It hasn't been feasible in the past but this year we spoke with Rangemore Estate in order to explore the possibility and they said YES!!



Since then things have moved swiftly and, after surveys and quotes for works, we are now in a position to apply for planning permission in order to hopefully change the use of this land from agricultural to recreational in order to use it for playtime, lunchtimes and lessons whilst also paying to use the playing field over the road for PE lessons.

In order to secure planning permission **WE NEED YOU** to help put a voice behind this project with as many positive responses to Staffordshire County Council as possible.

**Our planning application has gone live -**

**You can support our application by adding your comments-  
please follow the link below:-**

<http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/PLComments.aspx?pk=635754>

By following the link you will go to a page similar to this one where there is a space to add your comments in support of our application.

Thank you for your support.

**The Closing Date for  
supporting comments is -**

**10th January 2021**

Please enter Comments and Personal Details below

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## WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO -

We are already planning for and are excited about our first week back in January. After a day of staff i-pad training on the Monday, we look forward to our annual JTMAT Happy Healthy Children's week! We have lots planned after listening to the children and what they would like to do! Whilst mornings will remain stable in key learning, the afternoons will be turned over to wellbeing and choice. We have extra outdoor learning, construction, mindfulness, physical activity and some zoom visitors too!

We are asking children to wear PE kit for the whole week so that outdoor activities can be fluid as children will be doing lots of PE and Commando Joes.

Additionally, on **15th January** each class has a dedicated forest school style activity and children will need to dress appropriately that day, children will need a warm, preferably waterproof coat, wellington boots in a named carrier bag, a hat and gloves.

We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Some of our **Eco club** has been busy and enjoyed planting bulbs!

We look forward to seeing them come up in the spring.



ALTHOUGH LAST WEEK WAS OUR LAST FOREST SCHOOL SESSION  
I DID SNEAK IN A QUICK SESSION (IN THE WARM) TO FINISH THEIR WOODEN COOKIES.  
THEY ALL MADE A FABULOUS JOB OF THEM.



I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SPECIAL THANK  
YOU TO LILY TIPPER FOR LETTING US USE HER LAND AND ALL HER HELP WITH THE  
CHILDREN.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Thank you for all your support from the **PTA**.



## CHURCH/COMMUNITY

### VIRTUAL PARENTING COURSES BY EAST STAFFS CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Please see attached to the newsletter information from East Staffs Children's Centre regarding virtual parenting courses taking place in the New year.

### MESSAGE FROM REV LES

Wendy and I wish you, all the teachers and other staff, pupils, parents and everyone connected with the Forest Federation a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Wonderful schools, wonderfully led, with standards being attained which are a credit to all concerned.

Life has been difficult for schools for a long time now but I know that you've coped admirably. Probably a few tears along the way? Thank you so much for your hard work.

I've been 'out of action' now for a number of weeks following an operation. I hope to be back soon. Speaking of coming back, on Christmas Day at Hanbury Church at 10am I'll take part in a service of Holy Communion, child friendly, and accessible.

Everyone will be welcome.  
Every Blessing,  
Les.



## Parish News

**25th December 2020**  
**10.00 am Holy Communion, Hanbury Church**



**Morning Prayer**  
9.30 am on 2nd and 4th Fridays in Rangemore.

Disclaimer: We are proud to have a newsletter which shares information with you for our parish, village, WI, social club, Rascals and our local communities. We do try to vet all items which go into school bags and unless you are notified, are not paid to provide this information. We do not necessarily endorse and we cannot be held responsible for the validity or content of external information.

School information can be provided in different languages, large print, simple text only or Braille.  
*Please speak to Mrs. Gethin if you have a particular requirement.*

