



LSJ Newsletter

16 December 2016

Our value for this month: Peace

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14: 27



Merry Christmas



School closes at 1.30pm on Tuesday. Please remember to collect your child on time. There will be no afternoon nursery. Thank you.

A Life Nativity Story, told for the young (and not so young), will help families to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas. It will be taking place in St James' Church on Christmas Eve at 5.00pm. Everyone is very, very welcome. You are invited to bring an unwrapped, new gift for our NSPCC Christmas appeal.



We would like to thank all our families for their support, generosity and friendship throughout the year. It's been great to spend time together at all of our Christmas events. All of our staff and governors would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.



Forthcoming Events:

Mon 19th Dec	Party Day
Tue 20th Dec	School Closes @ 1.30pm
Tue 3rd Jan	School re-opens @ 8.50am
Fri 6th Jan	Pantomime

Christmas Cornucopia!

All week, our school has been a hive of activity: lines being learned; costumes tweaked; lights, music and scripts adjusted, left, right and centre as children and staff have put the final finishing touches to Christmas productions. The end results were well worth all of the effort.

Our Nursery children came together to perform their heart warming version of the Nativity—there was not a dry eye in the house! Reception and KS1's production, A Midwife Crisis, was just brilliant and had us all on the edge of our seats as we wondered whether the midwife would ever listen to her loyal donkey. The children were amazing. Our KS2 Carol Service was also a huge success. Gathering together in St James Church, the children raised the roof with their renditions of carols, old and new. The quality of our children's singing never ceases to amaze us.

The quality of our productions is a source of great pride to all of us in school. Our staff work passionately and tirelessly to give our children opportunities to shine and this week, all of their efforts paid off. Many thanks to all of the teachers, teaching assistants, parent helpers, governors and children who made our Christmas productions such an overwhelming success.

Thank you too for being such a great audience at each of our events, for supporting our children and staff and helping to make our events such fun.

Party Day

On party day (Monday), children should come to school in their party clothes. They will be playing out, so still need to be

A Busy Week for the Choir...

Our fabulous choir have been so busy lately with many performances all over Latchford. Last week they sang at Gainsborough House—the residents loved it. On Monday, they performed twice, once for Hancock Court and then at Homebase. Last night, the choir took part in a beautiful carol service at Parish Church. Once again, they were superb. Whenever they perform, audiences are stunned. We are so proud of them. Many thanks to Mr Evans for helping them to achieve so much.

If you have not returned the permission slip and payment for the Pantomime could you please ensure it is received in the school office by Wednesday 4th January 2017.



New year, new horizons...

As we finish for Christmas, Mrs Bickerstaff and Mrs Boardman will be leaving us. We'd like to thank them sincerely for all of their contributions to school life over the years, both in and out of the classroom. They leave us with many happy memories and we hope they will take many happy memories with them too.

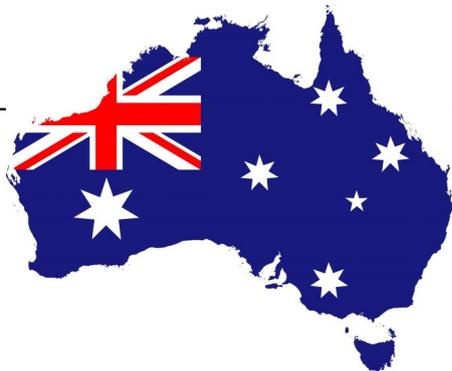
On behalf of the whole Latchford St James community, I'd like to wish them both the very best for Christmas and for their futures also.

Well done to Y5 for winning the attendance trophy last week with 98.6%.



An Antipodean Adventure!

Oliver Bishop, a passionate rugby player, has a fantastic opportunity to tour Australia with Warrington Wolves. He'll be fundraising throughout the year, starting with a sale of magic reindeer dust at £1 per bag. Look out for him on the playground before and after school next week! I know our very generous community will help him to realise this dream trip.



Clothing Conundrums.

At this time of year, there are lots of costume changes as well as the usual changes for PE. This has highlighted a problem with labelling—too many of our children's clothes have no names in. This causes endless and unnecessary problems. It is vital that all items of clothing are clearly labelled. Staff cannot accept responsibility for missing clothing. *Please* take a moment to check.

Applications for Places in Reception Class

Places in Reception class for children starting in September 2017 need to be applied for shortly.

The closing date for completing forms is January 13th 2017. The application can be done online at the following address: www.warrington.gov.uk/admissions

If you would prefer to complete the form with some help, this can be done at the council's contact centre by calling 01925 446226.