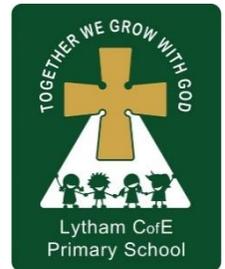




LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

*Together We Grow With God*

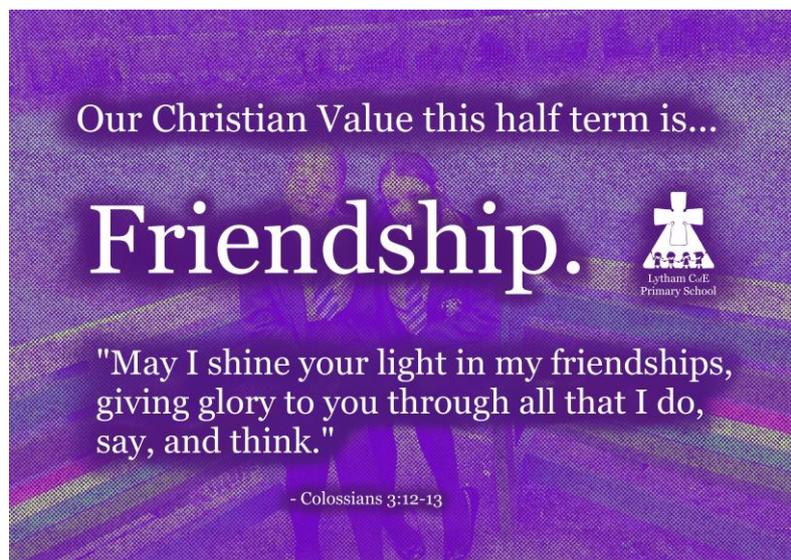


**8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*Our Christian Value this half term is Friendship*

*Our Chosen charity is Brian House (we took part in the Elf Dash)*

*Our Parable of the Talents Award will be awarded to children who have shown courage in risk taking in their work.*



Headteacher's Message:

School is alive with the hubbub of Christmas songs and activities as we enjoy the season of Advent and look forward to Christmas. It has been lovely to see the travelling cribs passing around our families and the effort that you have been putting in when it is your special night to have the traveling crib. Reverend Nick will take a selection of the books to Church after our final Worship in school at the end of the term.

Please remember that the Christingle Service is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm at St John's Church. It would be lovely to see you there.

Have a wonderful weekend with your children.

*Mrs Wooldridge*



## Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November



Reception	Molly-Jayne
Year One	Emily
Year Two	Berchin
Year Three	Dion
Year Four	Giorgio
Year Five	Ivy
Year Six	Daisy D



## Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December



Reception	Lily
Year One	Sienna
Year Two	Sam
Year Three	Kacey
Year Four	Clark
Year Five	Libby
Year Six	Elena



## Our Christian Values Superstars

<i>(W/B 27<sup>th</sup> November)</i>	<i>Ava</i>	<i>Wallis</i>	<i>Isabelle</i>
<i>(W/B 4<sup>th</sup> December)</i>	<i>Chloe</i>	<i>Betsy M</i>	<i>Sienna</i>

## *Risk taking in learning* - week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November

Reception	Nancy
Year One	Oliver
Year Two	Rebecca
Year Three	Isla-Mae
Year Four	Marley
Year Five	Libby
Year Six	Harrison

<i>Risk taking in learning</i> - week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> December	
Reception	Wynter
Year One	Luca
Year Two	Oliver S
Year Three	Marissa
Year Four	James
Year Five	Ava H
Year Six	Freddie G

### Snippets from the classrooms

In nursery last week we were thinking about birthday celebrations. We had a special birthday in our nursery too, which, helped us with lots of lovely talking about what we do when we celebrate a birthday. On Friday it was 'Pinky Pink's' birthday (one of our dolls) so we made cakes! This week we have been perfecting our performance skills ready for our Nativity!

Reception - This week the children have painted amazing pictures to create the backdrop for the nativities. You are in for such a treat when you see them!

On Wednesday, Year 1 made Christmas cards! They had to stencil using sponges to create a wreath. Once they finished the cards, they wrote letters to Santa using full sentences. They knew that Santa would be extra impressed if they used capital letters, full stops and finger spaces!

Year 3 - In Science, we have been comparing the x-rays of different animal skeletons. It was fun identifying which skeleton belonged to which animal. The children have really enjoyed reading our new book, "The Tear Thief." They are keen to read more. We are getting excited for our performance at the Key Stage 2 Carol Service on Monday night and are looking forward to showing our parents and carers what we have been practising.

This has been another fun and exciting week as the other half of Year Six went to AKS for an afternoon of Biology and Chemistry. The microscopes were a big hit! Despite the rain, we also had fun on the Elf Dash with our Buddies. We were so impressed with the effort everyone went to, especially as it's all to raise money for Brian House. Thank you to the kitchen staff who make us a delicious Christmas dinner. We all felt especially festive in our Christmas jumpers. We've still managed to squeeze in all of our learning and particularly love our new book in English - Leila and the fox - by Kiran Millwood Hargrave.

### Confirmation

It was a joy to celebrate with our Y5 pupils on Sunday as Max and Holly had made the decision to be confirmed. Staff and Governors proudly supported them as they were confirmed by Bishop Jill.

### Absence Messages

Please ensure that any messages regarding absences or appointments go to the Office as class teachers don't always have time to check their dojo messages during the school day. Thank you.

### Pantomime

Thank you so much to those families who were able to pay for an additional ticket to watch the pantomime. This was greatly appreciated.

### Elf dash

Despite the weather being against us on Monday and dashing around the track being only a dream, our Lytham elves dashed around the hall with buddies from another class and we raised over £760! We are absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity and so very grateful for your support. As a thank you for your generosity, the children may wear their weekend clothes on the last day of term (20<sup>th</sup> December).

### Parent Governor Appointment

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Lauren Ford has been elected as our new Parent Governor and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her to the team. Congratulations Lauren!

### Step into Quality Out of School Clubs

We have been approached by the Local Authority as only two schools in the whole of Lancashire to trial a new Quality Mark for our Out of School Club provision. Our input and evaluation will then inform future assessments of other settings. We are thrilled to have been asked to take part in this!

### School Admissions

Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school in September 2024 opened on Friday 1 September 2023.

Parents can apply online at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) - it's quick and easy!

The national closing dates for applications are:

- Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

For guidance on school transport see: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/>.

### ***Autumn 2 at a glance***

Date	Event	Notes
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<del>3pm</del> 6pm – Christingle	St John's Church – all families welcome. Please note the amended time for this.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm – KS2 Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church	Y3 to lead but ALL KS2 classes will be involved. Children to wear full school uniform.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am – Reception and KS1 Christmas Performance	Tickets to be purchased from Mrs Waby
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am – Reception and KS1 Christmas Performance	Tickets to be purchased from Mrs Waby
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am – Reception and KS1 Christmas Performance	Tickets to be purchased from Mrs Waby
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Party Day	This is a non-uniform day and children can wear their party clothes. Sensible shoes and coats though please as they'll still be playing outside!
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term reports go home	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Event – Christmas Café in school	Children can bring in £1 and buy a 'warm chocolate with marshmallows' in the afternoon.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	School closes for Christmas holidays	This is a non-uniform day and children may wear their weekend clothes as a thank you for the enthusiasm and generosity during our Elf Run.

***Children return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024***