



Alsager Highfields Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Dear Parents & Carers,

There have been so many magical moments over the past couple of weeks; the EYFS and Key Stage 1 plays, the disco and the Elf Run to name but a few and the autumn term as always was finished perfectly with a traditional Carol Service at Wesley Place. A huge thank you to Mrs Matthew and our pupils in years 3 and 4 for leading this so beautifully.

I have been really struck by the confidence of our pupils in all events this term. To stand in front of a large crowd and sing, speak, act or play is nerve-wracking for many, yet all children from our youngest to our oldest have stood confidently and contributed to our performances and services. I hope you feel as proud as I do of your children!

A huge thank you also to our PFA and Mrs Lindblad who have put on so many successful events this term. Our disco was well attended and enjoyed by many. We are now working on updating our playlist with our older pupils!

I really feel Highfields is going from strength to strength and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year.

Wishing you a happy and healthy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Rachel Woollam



Carpark



I have recently spoken to a member of Alsager Town Council regarding the lack of long-stay carpark spaces available on the Fairview carpark between 8.30-9.00. This she believed was due to parents dropping children off at Highfields. Therefore, can I please request that parents using Fairview carpark to drop off, park in the short stay parking bays in order to allow workers to park in the long stay bays. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Choir

Our choir have been busy entertaining once again and sang at Alsager Pharmacy on Monday. As you can see their visit coincided with that of Santa, so there were lots of happy children in school when they returned. Huge thanks to Mrs Matthew and Mrs Robinson for making this event possible.



Elf Run

The whole school came together on

Wednesday to complete the St. Luke's Elf Run in order to raise much needed funds for this amazing hospice. We were again joined by our troublesome Grinches who caused their fair share of merry mischief. Not counting online donations, we have raised over £1,870 which is incredible considering the current financial climate. I know the hospice will be so grateful for this donation—thank you



Lucky Bag Winners

One of the traditions of Highfields that I really enjoy is the lucky bag decorating competition. It never fails to amaze me when I see the imagination and designs of the bags handed in. Huge congratulations to our winners:

Sienna, Kasey, Frankie, Charlie, Ben and Bonnie.



Look after your Mental Health



We know for many that Christmas time is a stressful and lonely time of the year.

Christmas can affect our mental health in lots of different ways. This could be if Christmas is part of your life, or if it's happening around you. It's a time of year that often puts extra pressure on us.

Christmas could affect your mental health if you:

- Wish you didn't have to deal with Christmas, or find it stressful because of other events in your life
- Feel alone or left out because everyone else seems happy when you're not
- Feel frustrated by other people's views of a 'perfect' Christmas, if these feel different to your experiences
- Have ideas about what Christmas should be like, feel as if you need to enjoy it or worry something will disrupt it
- Feel like Christmas gives you something to focus on and look forward to, and find it difficult when it's over
- Look back at difficult memories, regret things about the past, or worry about the coming new year
- Feel overlooked, for example if you celebrate other religious festivals or holidays that get less attention

Mind's 4 helplines provide a voice at the end of the phone when there's nowhere else to turn. Each line meets a different mental health or wellbeing need – from information and service finding to understanding mental health law.

Support line: 0300 102 1234

Open from 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday

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Bronze Awards



Well done to the following pupils:

Y1—Armanilee P-J, Florence D, Esme K, Joshua O, Emilia C, Amelia W, Paisley G

Y2—Louie B, Oliver H, Leo R, Mabel W, Jasper P, Gregory M, Neve D, Oscar N, Elijah W, William D, William H, Max G and Emma S

Y3—Shalom A, Alfie D, William B, Max G, and Vincent C-H,

Y5—Jakub D, Dexter D, Harrison H and Charlie P

Y6— Heidi F, Lyla H, Evie J, Lachlan F, Isla B, Willow D and Riley M

Silver

Y1—Ava R



Word Millionaire

With almost a third of the school year gone already, we have our fourth and fifth word millionaire! Congratulations to:

Heidi P in Y5 and Tom G in Y6

Reading Over Christmas

Please remember to encourage your child to read and quiz over Christmas. I have downloaded 8 books on my Kindle and have pledged to read all 8 before January as I desperately need to 'up my word count.'



A reminder that when quizzing, children should quiz with the book next to them as it is not testing memory, but understanding. Quizzes can be taken at home on any day but only between the hours of **8am and 8pm.**

Children who successfully read and quiz over the Christmas break will earn a star on their book mark on their return.

What I'm reading.....

