



## NEWSLETTER

XII Apostles RCPS, Nel Pan Lane, Leigh, Wigan WN7 5JS School Web Site: [www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk](http://www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk)

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15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

We have a busy term ahead with lots to look forward to, so please make a note in your diary of the following dates and events in school. I have included a number of events in the run up to Christmas.

### Year 3 Poetry Assembly Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you to all those who joined us for the Poetry Assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. I think we can all agree that the Year 3 were fantastic. This was a great opportunity to share the work they have been doing on oracy and spoken language and they spoke so clearly and beautifully.

Well done Year 3 on your superb performance.

### Governor's Visit to School Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

The Governors visited school on Friday and spent time talking to children about the work we have been doing on oracy and spoken language. The school council also talked to Governors about the different experiences and lessons in school including sports, trips and visitors to school. Governors had an opportunity to spend time in lessons. The feedback highlighted the exceptional behaviour of the children and also, how much they enjoyed school. I was very proud listening to the children articulate their learning. Once again, well done!

### Year 5 Trip to Astley Green Colliery Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

On 12<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 visited the Lancashire Mining Museum as part of their local history and geography topic. They learned all about coal, mining and what it was like to work in the mines. They had a train ride and saw a twin tandem engine in action. It was a fabulous trip and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about their local heritage.



### **Reception Intake – September 2025**

Anyone interested in sending their child to XII Apostles R.C.P.S. should come into school and register their child's name.

This does not guarantee a place nor is it a formal application for a place. However, it does enable us to forward future correspondence about our open evenings and other relevant information.

**We will be holding an Open Afternoon for parents and children on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00 pm**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Live Simply Celebration afternoon – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Last year, the children worked extremely hard to achieve the Live Simply Award. Over the year, we did so much as a school including creating an outdoor prayer space, introducing the travelling cribs, various fundraising activities, planting vegetables and so much more. We are now delighted to share the news that the school has officially achieved this award!

This is a fantastic achievement and we wanted to celebrate as a whole school. Next Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a Live Simply Celebration afternoon in school. The children will enjoy an afternoon of Live Simply activities such as singing, prayer writing, poetry, artwork and more. We will come together as a school with Fr Kieran as the Live Simply Award Plaque will be blessed and presented to the children. Following this, the children will return to their classes to enjoy more celebrations. As part of the celebration, please could all children bring in a party plate of food that they can enjoy as part of the afternoon? This can just be a small amount of party food for the children to enjoy. This will not be in place of their dinner, it is just a little extra treat for later in the afternoon. Please could this be sent to school on a clearly labelled paper plate?

Thank you very much.

Mrs Featherstone

#### **Year 4, 5 and 6 Judaism Workshops – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

As part of our RE curriculum the children learn about other faiths and during next week, Year 4, 5 and 6 will have a visitor to school who will be delivering workshops on aspects of Judaism.

Learning about other religions helps children to learn and respect other peoples' behaviours and choices.

#### **Children's flu Vaccinations 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Please can you copy and paste the link below into your search bar and complete the form whether or not you would like your child to have the nasal flu vaccination. Please note the link below will expire on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/d3d5f7c8>

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact Intrahealth on 0333 358 3397.

#### **Year 3 Trip to Stoller Hall Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Year 3 will be visiting Stoller Hall on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, to experience a live performance of Roal Dahl's Revolting Rymes. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our Year 3 children to enjoy a live music performance.

#### **Advent Mass in School**

##### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 2pm**

Father Keiran will be celebrating mass here in school and everyone is welcome. He will be joined by the whole school and Year 4 will lead the mass.

## Year 6 Residential Robin Wood

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Year 6 will be away on their residential trip to Robin Wood. If you haven't already, please complete any outstanding payments.

## Christmas Events

### The Great Christmas Carol Cover Competition

All children are asked to design a front cover for our Christmas Carol Cover competition. There will be a small prize for the winner. Entries to be in by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Over the coming weeks, Mr Rowlands will be recording each of the classes and choir singing a variety of Christmas Carols. The children's singing will be uploaded onto a memory stick that can be purchased by family and friends for £5. All proceeds will go towards subsidising our Spring Term trips and visits.



### Year 2 Christmas Nativity Performances

Mr Follows and the children in Year 2 will be busy this term practicing for the Christmas performances. Parents and Carers are invited to watch this special Christmas performance on the following dates.

The children have been given parts to learn so please help your child to learn their words.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30 pm

Tuesday 10<sup>h</sup> December at 6:00 pm

There is no limit on the amount of tickets available, so please just turn up to the performance of your choice. There is no charge, but we will have a collection for our nominated Christmas Charity at the end of each performance.

### Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Jumper Day Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

The cost of the event is **£3** to cover the cost of food and a present, payable on ParentPay.



### Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

If your child currently has a packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas Dinner, please let the school office know so your child can be added to the dinner system. The cost is £2.45 and all payments must be made online via Evolve by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Parties

Infants (**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**) – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30 pm

**Year 3 and 4**- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm

**Year 5 and 6** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30 pm

Children will be invited to wear their own party clothes, but please remember they will still play outside at playtime and therefore need a warm coat and appropriate shoes. In addition, we ask that children bring a plate with party food covered up. This may include a cake, a carton of drink, a piece of fruit and packet of crisps.

## Friends of Twelve Apostles Fund Raising Events

### Christmas Hamper Donations – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

The children will be invited to come into school in their own clothes on this day and donate goods for the Christmas hampers. The friends will then make up the hampers which will be raffled at the Christmas Coffee morning.

The idea is that each class will be allocated a specific food group to bring in. The children are invited to wear their own clothes and donate an item of food from the list below. These items will then be used to make the mixed hampers which will be raffled at our Christmas coffee morning to which all parents and carers are invited.

- Reception – e.g. Packets of rice, noodles, pasta, soup
- Year 1 – e.g. Nuts, crisps, Pringles, tortillas, Bombay mix, nibbles
- Year 2 – e.g. Biscuits, chocolates, sweets – Haribo's, jelly babies
- Year 3 – e.g. Tins of savoury foods - soup, veg, beans, tuna, corned beef
- Year 4 – e.g. Tins of sweet foods – fruit, custard, rice pudding
- Year 5 – e.g. Jars – curry sauce, pickles, jam, pasta sauce
- Year 6 – e.g. 50p each – to supplement hampers with shortage items

### Second Hand Toy Sale – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

We are once again holding this annual event, so please can I urge parents and children to start sorting their toys out. Please send into school week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December.



### Star of the Week

We are  
not SUCCESSFUL  
because We are SMART.  
We are  
SUCCESSFUL  
when we  
work hard.

Congratulations and well-done to all our stars!

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Reception – Cosma F & Morayo O

Year 1 – Harry L

Year 2 – Victoria N

Year 3 – Priya N

Year 4 – Christina N

Year 5 – Gracie H & Oscar G

Year 6 – Luna R

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Reception – Amy C & Penelope Mck

Year 1 – Robert D

Year 2 – Francesca W

Year 3 – Ruari B

Year 4 – Annie C

Year 5 – Emmie W

Year 6 – Charlie H

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**In school**



**On time**



### Week Commencing: 4<sup>th</sup> November

Reception	91.33%	Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	98.06%	Year 3	99.33%
Year 4	98.06%	Year 5	98.33%
Year 6	90.69%		

**Congratulations  
Year 3 & Year 5**

### Week Commencing: 11<sup>th</sup> November

Reception	97.33%	Year 1	98.00%
Year 2	95.16%	Year 3	97.33%
Year 4	93.87%	Year 5	98.33%
Year 6	92.07%		

## Sponsor

### 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Leigh Cubs and Beavers Group

Cubs Group – Ages 8 to 10.5 years

Monday 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Beaver Group – Ages 6.5 plus

Thursday 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Boys & Girls Welcome

Contact: Jane Riley

On 07714417263

### NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Leigh Cubs and Beavers Group - Jane Riley - 07714417263

T Crawley & Son, Coal Merchant - Damian - 07702 527000

ABC Domestics - Ian McGowan - 01942 730468 or 07715986396

Feet First - Chiropodist - Nicola - 07767696014

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers - Jane 07877 619237

