

Aberford Church of England Primary School

School Lane, Aberford, Leeds, LS25 3BU

Tel: 0113 281 3302

Website: www.aberfordprimaryschool.co.uk

Headteacher – Nicola Crossley

Message from Mrs Crossley

Merry Christmas

This week marks the end of my first full term at Aberford and also the end of many children's first term back in school after lockdown. Wednesday afternoon marked an important occasion as the first time that our whole school gathered together since I joined Aberford and also since the beginning of lockdown in March. Whilst we have all made the very best we can of working in separate bubbles and rota-ed timetables, we have all missed the family feel of our small Church school community being all together in school and despite the rather unusual setting and conditions for our gathering, we all felt the importance and magnitude of the occasion. This was our Christingle Service, which we had to hold outside in the playground due to Covid restrictions meaning we cannot meet and sing all together inside. We said that we would do it whatever the weather and the weather certainly tested us here! As we gathered outside, the rain was steady but gentle and just into our first hymn, the Heavens truly opened and down it poured. However, this did not dampen our spirits and our singing was heard as far as the church yard by Reverend Chris and Reverend Phil who were on their way (with umbrellas) to join us. The children performing readings did an excellent job of making sure they could be heard above the rain and every child in school sang beautifully, with a smile on their (rather wet) faces. I once again felt very proud to be part of this school community and look forward to more normal times in the coming year when we can hopefully return to gathering together once more.

Reading Challenge

A huge well done to all those children who have taken part in this half term's 'Reading Bingo' challenges. We have given lots of bronze and silver awards out and all of those children who completed 20 challenges or more were awarded with their 'gold' award certificates in this week's achievement assembly and were put in to the prize draw.

In Class 1, Mrs Shaw was thrilled as most children completed all of the reading challenges set. They therefore decided collectively to purchase a class book to share.

The other lucky winners were: Lavaya: Class 4 Sam: Class 3 Indi: Class 2

We are so proud of everyone who has participated. Watch this space for the next challenge.

Lotherton Hall

A few weeks ago, we were asked by Lotherton Hall to participate in a competition to design a festive tea towel and were delighted to find out this week that Emily in class 1 had been chosen as the winner! Her design will be professionally printed and 30 tea towels will be sold in the Lotherton Hall gift shop to raise funds for Garforth Neighbourhood Elderly Team (N.E.T.). Well done Emily!



I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year,

Mrs Crossley

Aberford Achievements

Super Star Award



Hadi D for a wonderful attitude to learning
Amelia B for always trying hard in Maths
Freddie B for always being kind to classmates
Kaci S for being kind, caring and a kind friend
George H for his hard work and enthusiasm
Lilly P for perseverance and hard work perfecting your times tables
Madeleine B for her wonderful skills in art this half term.

Maths Award



Class 3:
Max M

Class 4:
Leighton B

Housepoints this week



1 st place = 4 points 2 nd place = 3 points 3 rd place = 2 points 4 th place = 1 point	Housepoints this week	Running total score
Becca	198	21
Lotherton	187	28
Parlington	255	35
Hazlewood	308	27

Housepoint certificates



Bronze Awards



Chloe M Freddie N Alexa S

Silver Awards



Isaac KR Isaac Re James D
Lincoln B Scarlett A Rowan W
Lavaya G Freya G Ava C

Gold Awards



Anna Isaac R Jack M
Sam M George H