



The Messenger

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We find ourselves approaching half-term after another challenging term in which both the school and pre-school have both had to manage covid outbreaks affecting pupils and staff. The disruption has been difficult but hopefully we will see our own rates of infection falling, with only one reported case at school within the last ten days and pre-school infections coming to an end.

As our own rates of infection appear to be falling it is very clear that is not the picture in Cheshire East. The two links below give an indication of current figures.

[Simple summary - Cheshire East | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#)

[Latest COVID-19 figures for Cheshire East](#)

It is clear we will still be managing this and the impact for the winter months and subsequent terms. We will continue with all current measures and be guided by Cheshire East and Public Health England when required to do so.

We continue to have good hand hygiene practice and ventilation providing air flow throughout the school. We will still distance where possible, and assemblies remain split into key stages or virtual. Please remain safe and aware of any potential infection risk.

Let us hope and pray the next half term we will see far less disruption and less illness. Wishing you all a wonderful and safe half term week.

E J Byrne

ASM will be providing holiday clubs here over October half-term.



<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zwq9rt3toy5nh85/AAAiCgbERUmnJyYS15dkQe9a?dl=0>

Please go to the link above for further detail.

A Plea: So far this year since September, we have raised £365 for this from families. Thank you. Last academic year we raised £840 with a shortfall of £2280. School must pay this shortfall amount to the Diocese each year. This shortfall obviously impacts on our budget spend for the year, so this is important to us to receive these contributions so that we don't have to make up any this year. The recommended donation would be £15 per child. Across the year, this cost works out at 38p each week, per child and less than 8p per day. This is a voluntary contribution - however school relies heavily on this.

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND Each year all parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution to the Schools Building Fund for the maintenance and upkeep of the school. Thank you to those who have already donated to the Building Fund this year. It is so valued and appreciated.



If you have not yet made your donation, please send your completed form with cash/cheque into the school office in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class.

This fund will go towards our ongoing roof replacement.

Forthcoming Dates

Monday 1 November	School closed- INSET Day
Tuesday 2 November	School opens
Friday 5 November	Non-Uniform day. Clothes of colour (firework). £1 donation to school fund.
Thursday 25 November	Flu vaccines roll out to pupils
Friday 17 December	School closes for Christmas
2022	
Tuesday 4 January 2022	School opens
31 January - 4 February	Y6 visit Stanley Head

**School Fundraiser (suggested by Ruby in Y2) Friday 5 November
Bonfire 'Hot Chocolate' for sale after school 2:45 onwards
(outside the Hall doors ☺)**

I am a Writer Award

To promote a love of writing, each half term we are displaying pieces of writing on a special board in school, from 2 children per class who are making super progress. Today we shared special certificates with the pupils listed below. Congratulations to all, we're so proud of them!

Class	Award Winners
Reception	Amelia Fox, Eddie Ferneyhough
Year 1	Emmeline Poole, Eoin McCann
Year 2	Finn McCann, Pippa Joynes
Year 3	Alfie Horsham, Clara Davies
Year 4	Ocean Nekoei, Amelia Payton
Year 5	Emily Broad, Oscar Gilford
Year 6	Anya Hickman, Ben Hammond

Remembrance Day 2021: Poppies on sale after half term.

Alsager Netball club are offering sessions to children from Y2 upwards Friday 5-6. If your child is interested, please see the link below.

[Alsager Netball Club - Home | Facebook](#)

Lateness

We are experiencing numerous pupils arriving late after 8:40. Please make every effort to be on time for the start of the school day. The entrance gate is open from 8:20-8:40.

If you or your family are wanting to support the shoebox appeal in time for Christmas, please click the link below. This could be a wonderful activity over half term. We will be able to receive shoe boxes and a collection will be made from school.

[Operation Christmas Child \(samaritans-purse.org.uk\)](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk)

Keeping Everyone Safe/Parking/Congestion

Please be extra vigilant when entering and exiting the council carpark next to the allotments. It is now becoming very busy and compact. Please be mindful that children are crossing in front and behind cars as they come into school and be considerate to other drivers when parking and entering and exiting the carpark.

Please use the 'unofficial' one-way suggested route when travelling close to school. We have always promoted to approach the school from Cedar Avenue and drive up Well Lane.