



# The Messenger

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today saw the children wearing their odd socks for us to acknowledge 'Anti-Bullying Week'. Thank you for supporting them with their efforts. We started the week with an assembly on Monday with the message 'United against Bullying'. We shared a video of children's voices speaking out leaving us all with the question 'What will you do?' As a result, the children will be writing pledges with their peers about what they will be doing together towards prevention.



So next week will see us leave the national lockdown, and straight into Tier 2 here in Cheshire East. This has to be good news as more events/places become accessible again.

You will have had letters this week about our Christmas lunch plans for this year. We have agonised over this and tried to come up with something that the children will see as fun, whilst still celebrating in a 'Christmassy' atmosphere. Currently, the lunchtime process takes over two hours, to get every class in, served, time to eat their lunch and timed to when each class can leave the hall, dependent on space on the playground. Each class remains in their bubble, with their own lunchtime staff member. This is quite an operation to keep each bubble separate as far as possible from other bubbles/classes. If we add into the mix serving a Christmas dinner, these measures would simply not be possible as we rely on the whole school staff to serve the children- which under current restrictions we cannot do safely. We really do value your continued messages of support in managing the restrictions.

Have a great weekend and please keep your families safe.

E J Byrne

## *Star of the Week and Kindness Award winners*

Class	Star of the Week 20/11	Star of the Week 27/11	Kindness Award 20/11	Kindness Award 27/11
Pre School	Jacob Roberts	Rosie Bell	Bobby Dixon	Liliana Wierzbicka
Reception	Phoebe Betley-Ledgar	William Keating	Abigail Simpson	Noah Hewitt
Year 1	Finn McCann	Logan Oxtan	Eloise Farrugia-Hewitt	Leilani Rogers
Year 2	Jenson Lovatt	Rafe Tucker	Xander Heywood	Colin Polanowski
Year 3	Alfie Markham	Archie Burns	Archie Christie-Reid	Susie Gray
Year 4	Christopher Schauer	Joseph Johnson	Evelyn Webb	Louise Cartlidge
Year 5	Molly Stewart	Maddie Keating	Theo Stringer	Tom Underwood
Year 6	Evie Heywood	Xavi Nicklin	Lucas Sena	Keiran Smith

**Well done everyone, you've been brilliant!**

### Holy Communion

We will be sending a further letter to families' shortly in Year 4, waiting to make their Holy Communion. Lockdown2 has stalled things again but plans are taking shape for children to celebrate the sacrament early on the new year, or when we can celebrate masses again on the school playground. Once we know more we will share more detail and consult with you regarding your preferences. Thank you for your patience.



**Photograph day** The new date offered for photographs is 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Bikeability:** Begins for Y5 (Thurs) and Y6 next week (Monday or Tuesday for Y6, half classes). Following their guidance, they have asked us to ensure no child shares a bike, helmets or other kit during the day.

**Christmas Jumper Day and Party Day: Monday 14 December**



The season of ADVENT is upon us, (already!) beginning this Sunday. Fr Tony will be joining the children virtually in each class on Monday, leading us into Advent.

