



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Value of Autumn Term 2: Respect

### Star of the Week



Reception: Niall

Year 1 & 2: Amber

Year 3 & 4: Brandon

Year 5 & 6: Caris

### Writer of the Week



Reception: Amelia-Lily

Year 1 & 2: Nia

Year 3 & 4: Elliot

Year 5 & 6: Grace

### Dates for the Diary

- 25th Nov, IEB Meeting with parents, 7pm
- 28th Nov, Own clothes day, red items for hampers
- 28th Nov, Y3/ Y4 Handball at THS
- 29th Nov, INSET day, School closed
- 2nd Dec, Infant visit to Gordale Garden Centre
- 5th Dec, Infant Parents' Phonics/ Reading meeting, 3.45pm
- 6th Dec, Toddlers Group in the School Hall
- 6th Dec, Whole school visit to watch Jack and the Beanstalk at Theatr Clwyd from 11am
- 12th Dec, Reception Class Learning Journey Party, 3pm-4.15pm
- 12th Dec, Y5/ Y6 Handball at THS
- 13th Dec, Christmas Market
- 18th Dec, Nativity in the school hall, 1.30pm & 5pm
- 19th Dec, School Christmas dinner & films. Christmas jumpers/ clothes optional
- 19th Dec, Y3 / Y4 Indoor Athletics at THS
- 20th Dec, Christmas party (AM)
- 20th Dec, School closes at 1.15pm

### B&M Recycling Centre Visit



Our Infant classes enjoyed an informative morning at B&M Recycling Centre in Birkenhead on Tuesday to learn all about waste and how it is processed and recycled. The class said they had an **AMAZING** time and the children have promised they will to continue to recycle at home.

### Reporting Pupil Absence



Please can I politely remind parents of the importance of reporting a child's absence to school. If your child is off due to illness, please inform the school **by 9am** on the first day of illness by leaving a voicemail on option

1 (absence line) of the telephone system or emailing [admin@utkintonce.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@utkintonce.cheshire.sch.uk).

If your child is absent due to a non-avoidable medical appointment, please can you provide a letter or a GP appointment card to confirm this. Thank you.

### PE Kit



Please can you ensure your child has their PE in school with them each week. We have had an increase of pupils not bringing their kit to school and not having any trainers with them. Therefore they are missing out on lessons. Ideally, PE kits should be brought in on a Monday and kept in for the week and pupils can take home for washing on a Friday.

### Read Write Inc

In preparation of the launch of our new Infant Reading and Phonics scheme (Read Write Inc), we'd like to make you aware of some resources that are available from Amazon that would be useful when practising Reading and Phonics at home with your child.



For Reception Class, we recommend using Read Write Inc Set 1 Speed Sound Cards. For Years 1 and 2, you can purchase Read Write Inc Set 2 & 3 Speed Sound Cards. Both sets are available through Amazon and are priced at £9.50 per set.



## Childcare Vouchers



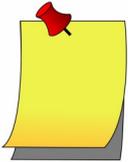
If you use our before or after school clubs, we can accept payment of childcare vouchers for the cost of club provision. We are currently signed up with HM Government Childcare tax vouchers, Sodexo and Edenred. If you would like to add your employer's childcare scheme, please do get in touch with Mrs Wright in the school office. Please note,

we cannot accept voucher payments for school trips or residential.

## iWear Opticians Assembly

We were visited by iWear Opticians on Wednesday for a special assembly to talk about Dyslexia. The children were given the opportunity to take part in an eye test and the opticians talked about what they check for when they carry out an eye test. They also spoke about how helpful it is wearing tinted lenses and spoke about Irlen's and how the brain interprets light signals which can cause visual distortions. Thank you to iWear Opticians for their very informative assembly and for the goody bags.

## Save the Date-Reception Class



We'd like to invite Reception parents to a Learning Journey party on Thursday, 12th December at 3pm until 4.15pm. This will give you the opportunity to catch up with Mrs Chaloner and view your child's Learning Journey. A letter will be sent nearer the time.

## Celebrating Birthdays in School



Children can wear their own clothes to school on the day of their birthday. If their birthday falls over a weekend, they are welcome to wear their own clothes on the nearest school day to their special day.

## Willow Classroom Installation



Installation of the Willow Classroom is well underway as of going to print and it is looking fantastic already. It is a wonderful addition to the playground and I would like to thank the PTA past and present for their fundraising and support in ensuring this project comes to fruition.

If you are on the school run, please do come and have a look at the installation. We are very much looking forward to spring time when we can put this superb resource to use.

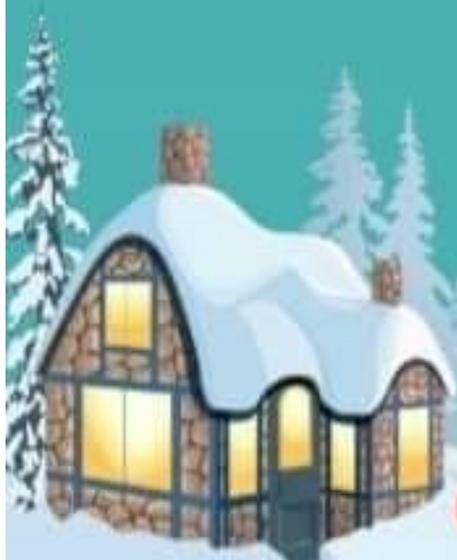


## Year 1 and Year 2 Indoor Athletics



Well done to the children in Year 1 and Year 2 who were selected to represent school at an indoor Athletics competition at Tarporley High School on Thursday evening. The children competed against a number of local primary schools and participated in hurdles, long jump, chest push, javelin and running races. They showed real sportsmanship and should be very proud of themselves!

# Utkinton St Paul's Festive Fair



- Craft Stalls
- Santa's Grotto
- Food Stalls
- Face Painting
- Choir
- Tombola

**Friday 13th  
December**

**3.30pm - School Hall**

**A free event for the entire family to enjoy!**  
Utkinton St Paul's Primary School, Quarry Bank. Utkinton.