



St Ethelwold's VA School

2nd December 2022



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to your weekly newsletter.

As mentioned last week, we have had an assessment week in school this week where we are able to look at the progress of all children over this term and then plan sequences of work based on what they know and have yet to learn. Some pupils may require intervention in certain areas and we will put that timetable together in plenty of time to start next term.

We welcomed Rebecca Chesters to our team of support staff this week. Mrs Chesters has a wealth of experience as a teacher and will run intervention programmes across the school as well as help children reach their ALN targets - welcome to our school Mrs Chesters.

We would like to welcome to our Governing Body our new parent Governor, Abigayil Miller. Abigayil was the winner of a very close vote on Wednesday.

Thank you to the three that put themselves forward, it is not easy to face a public vote, and thanks also to the parents who voted. There could only be one winner sadly and we look forward to a productive relationship with Abigayil.

Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'consumers' point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school.

Sadly, we had to cancel the Being a Parent group this week due to lack of numbers. Mrs Weaver will send out a questionnaire soon to find out what we can put on in school that would be of interest to parents so that we can provide what you need.

The Well-fed slow cooker group had its last session this week, everyone who took part have commented how much they have enjoyed it and how much they have learned - hopefully this is the type of thing that we can put on again.



The Christmas decorations have gone up in school this week and I guess they are going up in your homes too at around this time. The Christmas post box is also up ready for greeting cards, if you would like class lists please contact the school office.

It is always a magical time of year but at the same time it can become stressful as never-ending price rises give us all even less to spend. We work with a charity in Mold that provide Christmas presents for children where money in the family may be tight. The charity requires that the school provides the referral. If you would like to make use of this, please do not struggle - get in touch with us and we will do the rest.

Whatever you are doing this weekend, we hope that you have a good time, and we will see you all on Monday morning.

Mr Oliver



Look what we achieve when we 'Be the Best we can'



VALUES AWARD

KINDNESS

Paisley
Evelyn
Vanessa
Georgi

MOST IMPROVED PRESENTATION AWARD

Lena
Brayan
Jorgie
Louise

READER OF THE WEEK

Jakub
Oliver
Leila
Luca

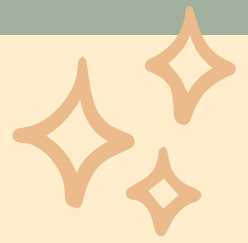
WRITER OF THE WEEK

Sophie
Imogen
Liam O
Morgan

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Jimmy
Christian
Amelia
Elena





God of light, shine forth, show us how to bring hope to others.
God of mercy, help us to comfort your people and share in their joy.
God of hope, make us an Advent people, preparing the way for life
in all its fullness.

St Ethelwold's Shotton and St Andrew's Garden City

BOTH OUR CHURCHES WILL BE OPEN ON December 4th 2022

Advent 2

St Andrew's at 9.30am and St Ethelwold's at 8.00am and 11.00am

**For those still nervous about attending in person, this service
will be streamed on our Facebook page on Sunday at 11.00am**

Here are the service details for December 4th 2022

Collect

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 11.1-10

A descendant of David will reign over a peaceful world when God's purposes are fulfilled

Second Reading is from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 15.4-13

The ancient scriptures help us to understand the coming of the one who brought God's salvation to Gentiles as well as to the Jews.]

The Holy Gospel is from the Gospel according to Matthew 3.1-12

John the Baptist proclaims the coming of God's anointed one as a new start for those who know of their need of forgiveness.

**We are slowly emerging from the Covid pandemic but we continue to pray
for those still affected in any way, especially those near and dear to us.**

Stay safe, keep praying, keep strong,
and continue washing your hands.(Lord's Prayer x 2)

**WE STAND WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AS THEY
CONTINUE THEIR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM.**



EVENTS

- 8th December- Christmas Jumper Day
- 12th December- 9am & 2pm- Infant Christmas performance
- 15th December- 2pm & 6pm- Junior Christmas performance
- 21st December- Christmas lunch
- 21st December- Junior Christmas party
- 22nd December- Infant Christmas party
- 23rd December- 3.15pm- School closes for Christmas

