



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

A very big thank you to everyone involved with our Christmas Fair last week: Mrs Jenkins for the vast majority of the organisation; Sam Hesbrook for putting together the amazing hamper raffle prizes; staff and parents who gave up their time to help; and to everyone who attended or donated to make it all such a success. Together, we raised an impressive £668, which is a lovely start to the festive season!

We were visited by Unison representatives this week who awarded Mr Tim Davies and Mrs Jan Dakin with 'Stars in our Schools' Awards. They were both surprised and delighted by their nominations from parents, who highlighted their caring nature and that they both go above and beyond. We echo those words and are thankful to those parents who nominated them.

KS2 had a wonderful Panto visit this week to see Beauty and the Beast. A big thank you to the adults for taking them on this trip and to the children for joining in so respectfully with the songs and actions. Now we're really in the Christmas spirit! Next week, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, Owl class are looking forward to their Oswestry Hill Fort trip to enhance their history learning, we have our parent reading workshops on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 and 5pm, school Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> (that will be the only meal choice for that day) as well as the Christmas Film Night. On a less festive note, flu vaccinations are on Friday!

Please see below an exciting photography competition. Get your children out and about, appreciating nature!

**Christmas Activity Clubs**

FREE clubs are available at several locations on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022. They are running from 9am – 1pm. To book a place, email [community@mmat.co.uk](mailto:community@mmat.co.uk) with your child's name, date of birth, dates and location required and the unique code (see below)

- Tilstock C of E Primary School (unique code WV8A3)
- Longlands Primary School (unique code PNMBV)
- The Zone Community Hub, Market Drayton (unique code HH5PG)

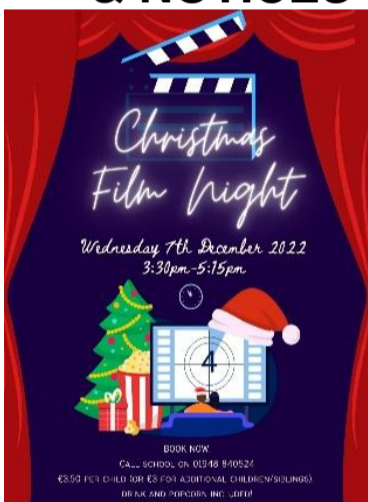
We have an incredibly high amount of illness in school at the moment. Please continue to maintain those hygiene practices to try to ensure we are all fit and well for the holidays!

Stay healthy this weekend!

*Helen Reynolds*  
**Headteacher**



**REMINDERS & NOTICES**



**University Centre Shrewsbury's Young Nature Photographer Of The Year!**  
 A competition to inspire the next generation of nature photographers!

Send in your best wildlife photographs by midnight, **Sunday 8th January 2023** to [naturephoto@chester.ac.uk](mailto:naturephoto@chester.ac.uk)

Prizes across four ages categories (5-18 years) include:

- Wildlife Camera Traps
- Shropshire Wildlife Trust Memberships
- Other wildlife essentials including nature guides, bug hotels, bird feeders and nest boxes

Prizes will be presented in Shrewsbury on **Wednesday 15th February 2023** by BBC Springwatch's **Iolo Williams**



**Our School Stars**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- **Parent Reading Information Sessions:** 6<sup>th</sup> December
- **Christmas Dinner:** 7<sup>th</sup> December
- **Christmas Film Night:** 7<sup>th</sup> December
- **Christingle Morning:** 8<sup>th</sup> December
- **Flu Vaccinations:** 9<sup>th</sup> December
- **Church Services:** 13<sup>th</sup> December
- **Fordhall Farm visit (Hummingbird, Robin and Skylark):** 14<sup>th</sup> December
- **Bradbury Centre visit:** 14<sup>th</sup> December
- **End of term:** 16<sup>th</sup> December

[Click here](#) to view our term dates.



[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.



**CELEBRATION**

**Happy Birthday to:**

Ava L, and Noah who had birthdays this week!

**WORSHIP**



Next week's worship will consider the importance of giving thanks, even when times are difficult. We will share the Bible Story of Paul and Silas and how they were thankful for everything God had done for them, even though they were in prison.

