

## Safeguarding: Strep-A

On Tuesday we sent home a red letter about the increasing number of Strep A cases in the UK. Please take note of the important information that was included in the letter and has been copied below.



Dear parent / guardian,

As you may have read in the media there has been an increasing number of cases of Streptococcus (Strep A) recently, particularly amongst children. Streptococcus is a contagious bacterium usually found in the nose or throat. Many people carry it harmlessly without even knowing, but they can spread it to others who might become ill. Most symptoms are mild - a sore throat or rash - that can be treated with antibiotics.

Streptococcus can also lead to more serious illnesses, such as scarlet fever, although this is rare and can also be treated with antibiotics. The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it may feel like 'sandpaper'.

If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever you should:

- See your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- Make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.
- Stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.

If you are concerned for any reason, you should seek medical advice. If your child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.

Please note the cost of lunches will be rising to £2.60 per day, £13.00 per week in January.



## Attendance

Attendance for all classes should be greater than 97%. Which classes can get higher than the target!

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EYFS - 80%  
Year 1 - 92%  
Year 2 - 90%  
Year 3 - 83%  
Year 4 - 87%  
Year 5 - 94%  
Year 6 - 89%

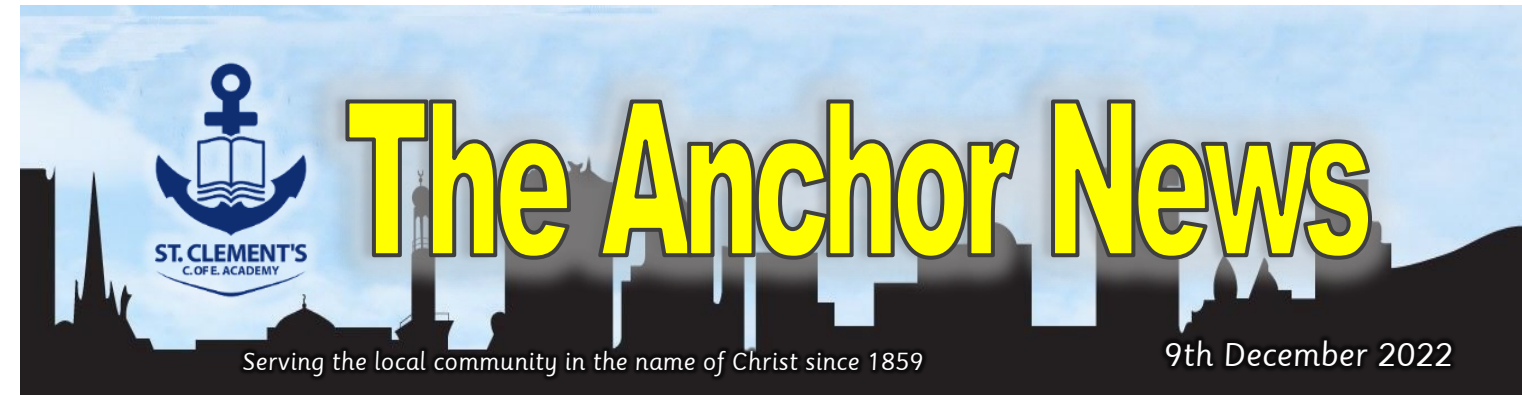
## Punctuality

Punctuality is also very important. Below you can see how many children have been late in each class this week.

EYFS - 8  
Year 1 - 12  
Year 2 - 11  
Year 3 - 10  
Year 4 - 8  
Year 5 - 18  
Year 6 - 8



Inclusion Poster by Asra - Yr. 5  
"Always include and never exclude."



#LearningforLifeAnchoredInChrist

Our values focus this half term is **Hope**



Don't forget: Last Day of Term: Friday 16th December. First Day Back: Wednesday 4th January

Hello everyone!

My name is Miss Ind and I am the new Reception teacher. I have not long started at St. Clement's, and I am loving working with all the amazing staff and children. Everyone has made me feel welcome and I am loving the opportunity of meeting all of the lovely parents.

We are looking forward to showing all of the parents our Nativity, where the Yr. 1 and EYFS children will be showing off their acting skills.

I am so impressed with how well Reception are doing with their Phonics, they are improving rapidly by the day... of course, always using lots of Fred talk too!

I hope everyone is getting ready to celebrate the holidays with their friends and family so we can all have a well deserved rest.

Miss Ind - Reception Teacher



## Lost Property

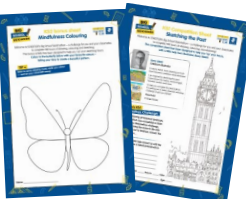


We only have a week left before Christmas and there is a lot of unclaimed lost property.

Please take the time to check our lost property and in the new year label your child's clothes, including PE kits and coats, to make them easier to return.

Colouring Sheets - Deadline **MONDAY 12th DECEMBER**  
Only a few days left to enter

Please make sure to hand in your completed entries by Monday 12th to Miss Greene



## UNICEF Rights of the Child

**Article 33:**  
Protection from harmful drugs

Governments must protect children from taking, making, carrying or selling harmful drugs.



**Article 39:**  
Recovery and reintegration

Children have the right to get help if they have been hurt, neglected, treated badly or affected by war, so they can get back their health and dignity.

## Year 3 & 6 - SWIMMING - Starts January



In the new year both Year 3 & 6 will be going swimming till Easter. Lessons start the second week back (**Monday 9th January 2023**),

Year 6 will go on **MONDAYS**,  
Year 3 will go on **TUESDAYS**

Children will need to bring their swimming kit:

- 1 piece navy/black costume for girls
- navy/black swimming shorts for boys
- a towel
- plastic/waterproof bag.

Goggles and swimming caps can be worn.

**NO jewellery can be worn.**



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## Celebration Assembly Monday 12th December 9am

We would like to invite you, members of your family and friends, to join us at our end of term Awards Assembly.

# Shining Star Awards December 2022 Values Champions

	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
EYFS	Adam	Marnie-Collins	Aamna	Haset	Humza	Ali-Asghar
Yr. 1	Hugo	Murtaza	Elinor	Viana	Marcon	Lara
Yr. 2	M. Yousof	Safa	Aaminah-Malia	Inaaya	Bayan	Ibraheem
Yr. 3	Zakiah	Anaiyah	Aaron	Rhight	Victoria	Shaun
Yr. 4	Salma	Hujaiifa	M. Ali-Akbar	Mariam	Lmar	M. Hamza
Yr. 5	Arooj	A. Raza	Maryam A.	Makail	Jayden	Eesha
Yr. 6	Ellie-Rose	Aizah	A. Zaid	Denaeyah	Tasia	Aydin

Maryam A.

Sairah

Maryam H.

Shayla

Rumeylah-Maryam

Anulla-Blu

M. Ibrahim



Thursday afternoon is Class Disco's and Parties

Children can bring party clothes to change into after their lunch.

The children will get an hour in the hall for the disco, and another hour for their in-class party with games- pass the parcel/ musical statues etc.

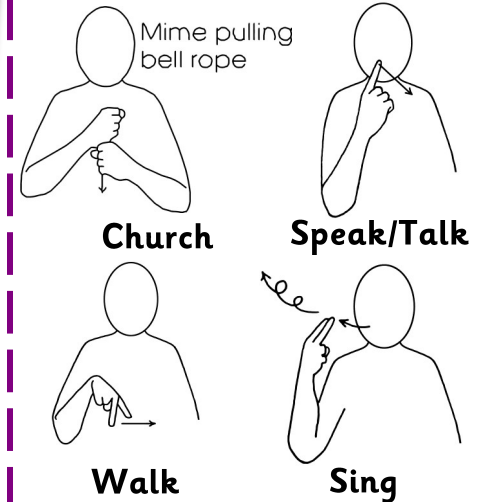


## Community Carol Service

Yesterday some year 4 pupils went to Aston parish to take part in a community carol service with other schools and members of the parish. They read a poem and represented the school really well. They enjoyed the singing and overall had a great time.



It is important to say the words while doing the sign.



# Important Term Dates

## December 2022

Mon 12th	End of Term Celebration Assembly 9am - 9:45am	★
Tues 13th	EYFS + Year 1 Nativity 2:30pm - 3pm	👼
Wed 14th	Whole School Christmas Carol Service 2:30pm	👼
Thurs 15th	Class Discos & Parties *SEE ABOVE FOR INFO*	👼
Friday 16th December - Last Day of Term -		

## Christmas Break

Mon 19th December 2022  
- Tues 3rd January 2023

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

- SCHOOL CLOSED -  
Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 4th January 2023

First Day Back - Normal Time

Advent

=  
Hope

Peace

Joy

Love

## Whole School Christmas Carol Service

We would like to invite parents and carers to our School Carol Service on Wednesday 14th at 2:30pm

Please pop in or call the office to put your name down by Tuesday as space is restricted.



Over the next few weeks there are a selection of services and events happening at different locations to celebrate Christmas within the community

Parish of Aston and Nechells,  
Church of England Birmingham

The light shines in the darkness John 1:5

Tuesday 13th December 4pm  
Retelling the Christmas Story (Carols, Story and Craft) at St Matthew's  
Community Hall Nechells

Christmas Eve—Saturday 24th December  
Carols by Candlelight 5pm Aston Parish Church  
Midnight Communion 11.30pm Aston Parish Church

Christmas Day—Sunday 25th December  
Christmas Communion—10am at Aston Parish Church  
Christmas Communion—11.15am at St James' Church Aston

Aston Parish Church St James' Church St Matthew's Hall  
Witton Lane 223a Frederick Road 63 Wardlow Road  
B6 6QA B6 6BP B7 4JH  
For more information contact the Church Office on 0121 327 3880

Everyone welcome

## Advice Surgery

Saturday 10 December  
10.00am to 11.00am  
Free@last  
49 Nechells Park Road  
B7 5PR



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FOR NECHELLS

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Children only

TRIP TO  
**WILD!**  
ZOOLOGICAL PARK

MONDAY 19TH  
DECEMBER

8.30-3  
MEET AT THE POD

Includes a Santa experience!

Please contact The POD on 0121 681 2173 or pop in and see us to book

Nechells  
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Children's Christmas Activities

Crafts, games & more!

Tuesday 20th December  
9.00-12.30

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Nechells  
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Children's Christmas dinner with Santa at The POD

Wednesday 21st  
December 11-2

Please contact The POD on 0121 681 2173 or pop in and see us to book