

# Ashleigh News

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## YEAR 5 ROTAKIDS

Thank you to everyone who has sent in toys and soft toys for the Year 5 Rotakids project. We have now stopped collecting and these items will be collected by the Rotary and given to refugees and needy families in Darwen.



## POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal, you raised an amazing amount of £315.78!



## DRESS DOWN & DONATE FRIDAY

A reminder that on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December we will be having 'Dress Down & Donate Friday' where children can come to school in non-uniform and we ask if they can bring an item to donate to their year groups hamper.

The hampers will be in our four team colours and the other three will be nibbles, chocolate and alcohol. The team coloured hampers will be filled with items that are packaged in yellow, red, blue or green - these could be food items, toiletries etc.



Please see the poster below showing the items for each year groups hamper.

Parents also have the chance to win a hamper and raffle tickets will go on sale on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at £2.00 a strip and money should be sent into your child's class teacher in a named envelope. The draw will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December and the winners will be contacted that day.

## YEAR 4 VIOLIN PERFORMANCE

Each term a group of children from Year 4 are having violin lessons and they will be putting on a music performance with children who have woodwind and keyboard tuition on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm**. Parents and grandparents of the children performing are invited to attend and you will have received an app message confirming your child is taking part, entry is through the blue doors at the front of school.



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## KS2 CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

Parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are invited to join us on Tuesday 19th December at 9.15am for a Carol Concert performed by our KS2 pupils. There will be refreshments of tea/coffee and mince pies after the concert.

If you would like to attend, please email the office to reserve a place and please come through the blue doors at the front of school. We look forward to seeing you there.



## BREAKFAST CLUB

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Breakfast Club will start at the earlier time of 7.15am. Unbelievably, we have not had a change in price for 12+ years, so please see the new price structure below.

7.15am onwards - £5.00 includes breakfast

7.45am onwards - £3.00 includes breakfast

8.15am onwards - £2.00 no breakfast

## CHRISTMAS POST BOX

Letters to Father Christmas can be posted in our special post box in the main entrance. Last post Friday 15th December. Please make sure your child's full name and class is on the letter, so Father Christmas can write back!

Children can also post Xmas cards to their friends using the post box. Again, make sure the full name AND class of the person they are sending their cards to, is on the envelope. Otherwise the elves will struggle. Last post for cards is Wednesday 20th December.



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## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



If anyone would like to donate Christmas decorations to school after Christmas, please send them in with your child in the new year.

These will be used for our main Christmas tree in the school hall and around classrooms.

## SNACKS AT BREAK TIME

It has been noted that some children are bringing grapes to school for break time, please could you ensure that these are cut up as the children are playing out/running around whilst eating these. Thank you.

## FOOTBALL NEWS

Ashleigh girls football team played Holy Trinity and St Pauls, Hoddlesden last week and won 3-0 for both matches. Well done to the team and well done to Grace Edwardson who was sports person of the match.

Yesterday the team played St Josephs and won 1-0, St Cuthberts and won 2-0 and St Edwards and won 3-0. Well done to the team!

Their final matches will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and we wish them the best of luck!



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### MEET SANTA

Every Saturday from the 26<sup>th</sup> November until Christmas Eve children can meet Father Christmas in Darwen Market Hall.

Visiting times are 10.00am until 3.00pm, except Christmas Eve which will be 10.00am until 1.00pm.

Admission is £5.00, and children can have their photo taken with Father Christmas and they'll also receive a gift.



### CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT DACA

Darwen Aldridge Community Academy (DACA) are holding a Christmas Fayre event on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 5.00pm until 8.00pm. The event is FREE to attend and all children attending will receive a gift from Santa.

There will be a number of festive stalls, free letter writing to Santa, face painting, live music and food/hot drinks will be available to purchase - please note that some stalls will be cash only.

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm, St Barnabas Church will be having Carols by Candlelight. Music will be provided by Blackburn and Darwen Brass Band and St Barnabas School Choir.

There will be mince pies and refreshments served afterwards.



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Reception, Years 1 & 2 - Beauty & the Beast Panto - Blackburn Empire Theatre	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	
Violin Performance - Some Year 4 children	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm
Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children (School uniform but wear a Christmas jumper)	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	
Christmas Lunch - Whole School	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	
Dress Down & Donate - Non-uniform	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	
KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal - Prickly Hay - Whole School	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	
KS1 Nativity - Prickly Hay - Parents attending	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm
KS1 Nativity - Prickly Hay - Parents attending	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm & 6.00pm
Carol Concert - Parents Welcome	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am
KS1 Christmas Party	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1.15pm-2.15pm
KS2 Christmas Party	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15pm-3.15pm
<b>School closes for Christmas</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
<b>School re-opens</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>8.45am</b>



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