



ALEXANDRA JUNIOR NEWS

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What a truly wonderful Autumn Term we have had here at Alexandra Junior School! It has been genuinely delightful to see the children thoroughly enjoying and engaging in their lessons and to hear from their teachers about the tremendous progress our pupils make. Last week the pupils enjoyed their traditional Christmas lunch, and had a great time pulling crackers and parents and carers were invited into school for a craft morning. This week we have lots of exciting Christmas based activities across school, with still many exciting activities for the children to look forward to including the Christmas Party Day and the last few days of their class advent chocolate calendars.

Well done to all of our children who took their English Speaking Board exams. Each year the children across the school take part and prepare for the English Speaking Board (ESB) examinations, which focus on communication skills. This is an important part of our school curriculum and, we believe, is a very positive experience for pupils which gives our children confidence and more opportunities to speak in public. Everybody had worked hard on their presentations and it was a real celebration of all their efforts. Thank you to all the families who helped their children support your child with their preparation work.

We wish all our families who celebrate Christmas a very Merry Christmas and wish everyone peace and happiness in all homes during this holiday season – may we all be safe and keep healthy. We look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Monday, 8th January 2024 wearing full school uniform with school shoes and feeling energised to begin a busy term.

Year 3 Visit to Tatton Park

Year 3 had an amazing Stone Age -Bronze Age Experience at Tatton Park last week. From learning how to be a hunter gatherer to lighting fires and building shelters and experiencing life in the Stone Age.

December Events

Due to excellent behaviour throughout the whole school and as extra Christmas treat, the children will have a day of fun on the assault course bouncy castle on Tuesday, 20th December 2023.



Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Fayre. It was so lovely to see so many people there to support our school. What an amazing community we have here at Alexandra Junior School.

Non Uniform Days Reminder

Tuesday, 19th December 2023
– Thursday, 21st December
2023

Well done to these children who have gone over and above to receive certificates:



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Week Ending 08/12/23	Ibrahim	Memoona	Fociano	Micheala	Sama	Armaan	Uzair	Muhammad
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Future School Visits



Year 6 – 6SW 10/01/2024 Emma Bridgewater Factory Tour

Year 4 11/01/2024 Stafford Castle

Year 3 3CW 16/01/2024 Newcastle Under Lyme Synagogue

Year 3 19/01/2024 Liverpool World Museum

Year 3 3CM 24/01/2024 Emma Bridgewater Factory Tour

Year 3 3CW 31/01/2024 Emma Bridgewater Factory Tour

Year 3 3CW 30/01/2024 Newcastle Under Lyme Synagogue

Reading with your child

Please can you read regularly with your child (at least **3 times** each week) and sign their reading diary. Please can we suggest that this routine is kept up as well as practising times tables on TT Rockstars.

School Diary Dates

Christmas Party Day	Wednesday, 20 th December 2023
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday, 21 st December 2023
Schools Close	Thursday, 21 st December 2023
School Christmas Holidays	Monday, 25 th December 2023– Friday, 5 th January 2024
School opens for pupils	Monday, 8 th January 2024
School Close	Friday, 9 th February 2024
Half Term	Monday, 12 th to Friday, 16 th February 2024
Schools Close	Friday, 22 nd March 2024

Please can I remind all families of the importance of punctuality. Being at school on time is just as important as high attendance. Please maintain these good routines throughout the school year

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time
Y3	8.50am	3.20pm
Y4	8.40am	3.10pm
Y5	8.50am	3.20pm
Y6	8.40am	3.10pm

Please see lots of marvellous pictures on all school events on our school facebook site.

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