

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER 2021

A WEEK TO GO!

The choir did an amazing job last Saturday at the Winter Festival in Southborough. Although it was freezing, everyone was warmed by the lovely atmosphere created by their festive voices! Thank you to all of the families who came to support the event!

Another reason to feel proud this week, was the Y5/6 Athletics team winning the trophy for the 4th year in a row! The team was spectacular and did an amazing job! Well done everyone and thank you to Mrs Hookway for all of her hard work training the team!

Thank you so much for all of the donations for poppies and reflectors last month. We have been contacted by the Royal British Legion to say that we raised £301.14! That is a fantastic amount, so well done everyone!

Thank you to Mr Cheesman for coming in to professionally record the nativities and Christmas songs from YR, Y1 and Y2. These were recorded yesterday and once they have been edited, the link will be shared with you once they are available. You won't be disappointed and you will be able to watch them together as a family!

Can I please remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on to the school site. This includes dogs being carried in blankets or in bags or on a lead. Thank you to those parents who do not bring their dogs on to the school grounds.

I have attached a flier with all of the Christmas services at St Matt's Church. Please note that booking is required and you can book your place at www.stmattschurch.org.uk

NEXT WEEK

On Wednesday morning, the children in KS2 will be walking down to St Matt's Church for a short Christmas service. To minimise the numbers, we will be doing this in year groups, with just pupils and staff, so there will be four services in all.

On Thursday, we are inviting all pupils to come into school wearing a Christmas Jumper! This will coincide with the children having their Christmas lunch in school.

Clubs will NOT be running next week, with the exception of running club on Monday and Tuesday. All other clubs will resume after Christmas.

Christmas cards may be brought in and shared with children in the same year groups.

Please put in your diaries that the children are back at school on Wednesday 5th January.

Have a lovely weekend!

TERM 2 ENDS ON FRIDAY!



FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.



School News

YR	We have been focussing on the nativity story. We have listened to the story and acted it out. We really enjoyed performing in costume! We have also been counting Christmas items and sounding out Christmas words using our phonic knowledge. Some children might be able to write their own lists for Santa!
Y1	We have been learning to name and describe 2D and 3D shapes. We have also worked so hard on acting and singing for the nativity play, which the children are looking forward to sharing with you at home!
Y2	In Science, we have been learning about world habitats. We have learnt about deserts, the arctic, rainforests and the ocean. We have learnt about the climate, plants and animals that live there. We then made amazing dioramas of our chosen habitat. The finished results are amazing and show how hard the children worked! Mrs Phillips was very impressed!
Y3	This week, Y3 have planned using a story map, rehearsed telling stories orally and written their own Viking saga about Freya and the goblins. We looked at different types of card and used a template to cut out the pieces to make our longships. We are enjoying singing our Christmas songs ready for our visit to St Matt's Church next week.
Y4	We have loved reading some 'First News' newspapers. We are excited to write our own Christmas themed newspaper reports about Santa crashing in the North Pole!
Y5	Y5 further explored Maya clothing by developing our own repeating geometric patterns before block-printing the designs. In Literacy lessons, we studied how to use adverbial phrases to link and contrast ideas in paragraphs, then began to write a report using these skills to summarise what we have learnt about the Mayans and their civilisation.
Y6	Y6 have started reading 'How Winston Delivered Christmas.' We are discussing and using all of the fabulous descriptive language in our own writing and following written instructions without ANY adult help! In Maths we have been working together to make fraction walls, which used many skills including measuring, dividing and calculating. We have put some lovely activities on Dojo for you to try at home!

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAYS

5S
5D

TUESDAYS

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAYS

3TWP
3DB
Kookaburras
Lorikeets
6H
6W

THURSDAYS

3TWP
4R
4M
Kookaburras

Lorikeets

FRIDAYS

Ducklings
Goslings
4M/4R
Owls

Robins

FOREST SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

3TWP