

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Friday 17th December 2021

## CHRISTMAS!

We have had a week of festive treats in the lead up to the end of term. The links to the Reception and KS1 nativities videos have been shared. The children have had a preview in class and I think we can all agree that they are delightful.

On Wednesday KS2 walked down to the church in separate year groups for our Christmas services. For some children this was their first time in the church and the look on their faces when they saw the lights, tree and nativity scene was wonderful. They sang beautifully and reflected on Jesus as the first Christmas gift. One wonderful comment from Archie in year 5 was, 'It doesn't matter what the gift is, as long as it's given with love and kindness.'

Yesterday the kitchen laid on a feast for children and staff with a very festive Christmas lunch. The children loved the Santa hats and the food was described as 'delicious!' The kitchen staff worked very hard to make it special for the children and they were delighted to receive the thank yous as the children left the hall, and they loved the cards delivered by the Reception children.

Every classroom has been super busy making Christmas craft activities. I've seen lots of Christmas cards, decorations, hats and wreaths. What amazing creativity the children have shown.

This morning, I was invited to join Reception for Christingle and absolutely loved watching their faces light up as the candle shone.

## NEXT WEEK

We have had a request to ask everyone to park considerately as there have been a couple of incidents this week.

Next term we have an INSET day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and the children return on the Wednesday.

We have had quite a few children, family members and staff ill this week and we hope that you all feel better very soon and feel very sorry for those who are isolating. Thank you for the cards and presents that have been sent in. They have been very much appreciated.

Finally, we wish you all a happy Christmas and restful New Year. We hope that everyone stays safe and is able to spend Christmas with those they love.

**TERM 3 ENDS STARTS  
WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY**



**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

<b>YR</b>	We have had a fantastic week decorating jam jars to put a candle in, making crackers and Christmas cards as well as lots of other fun activities. We really enjoyed watching our Christmas nativities and talking about our favourite parts. We have ended the week with a Christingle service which was really special.
<b>Y1</b>	We have been using our Design and Technology skills this week to design, cut out and make beautiful pop-up Christmas cards. We have done some great Christmas themed writing and maths too.
<b>Y2</b>	This week we have been getting ready for Christmas. We have made fluffy snowman Christmas cards to take home for our families. We have learnt about advent and made advent wreaths. We have learnt about compound words in English and have also been revising our basic arithmetic with some Christmas maths.
<b>Y3</b>	Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed making their Viking longboats, they were launched on a raiding mission carrying two playmobil Vikings. The children then evaluated the success of their mission and how they would improve their boat! We sung the Christmas songs we had learnt beautifully in the Church on Wednesday.
<b>Y4</b>	Year 4 have really enjoyed reading our Christmas book 'How Winston Delivered Christmas,' and completing lots of festive activities alongside the book. Our particular favourite was making Winston the mouse finger puppets!
<b>Y5</b>	Our project on the Maya Civilisation culminated with an impressive piece of collective art, which used printing techniques to depict aspects of their culture. Much fun was had creating and designing the props, sets and characters for our Christmas animations before the pain-staking task of filming them, frame by frame
<b>Y6</b>	This week, Year 6 have been all Christmassy. We have continued to enjoy our advent book 'Winston Saves Christmas' and completed many of the craft activities in the book. We have made: Nativity Christmas cards, calendars, lavender bag decorations and robin pom-poms. We have also completed our marvellous art collage with Mr Tibbits-Williams (12 weeks of preparation) and learnt about the Christmas story using the books of Matthew and Luke.

### WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

#### MONDAYS

5S  
5D

#### TUESDAYS

Owls  
Robins  
6W  
6H

#### WEDNESDAY

Kookaburras  
Lorikeets  
3DB  
3TWP  
6W  
6H

#### THURSDAYS

3TWP  
4R  
4M  
Kookaburras

Lorikeets

#### FRIDAYS

Ducklings  
Goslings  
4M/4R  
Owls  
Robins

**FOREST SCHOOL NEXT WEEK**  
3DB