

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The children have loved today in school. With visits to Santa's Grotto and the Pop-up Gift shop, and getting ready for the disco, we have really got into the festive spirit!

The PTA have done a fantastic job sorting all the gifts that were brought in on Monday, organising gift wrapping, selotaping and gift tags. It's been a very busy room! We hope everyone who receives a gift enjoys what has been chosen for them.

Santa also came to visit today and our library was turned into his magical grotto. The children came to listen to a story and talk to him about the presents they would like, or to ask him a question. My favourite was "Last year, you didn't have glasses. Why have you now?"

We have also been practising for our nativities and Carol Service. I've seen costumes being brought into school and the children were very excited to see the stage go up in the hall.

The discos were really enjoyed, with lots of children commenting on how much fun they were to round off a very exciting and busy day!

Thanks go to Sophie and the PTA, who have really worked hard for the school to give the children a wonderful Christmas experience and to raise funds.

## NEXT WEEK

Please make sure that the children have a nice warm coat with them. It has been very chilly this week. Next week, we have some trips out and the children need to be able to keep warm.

Reception Nativity – 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

Year 1 Trip to Amelia Centre – 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

KS2 Rehearsal in Church – 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

Carol Service 1:45pm & 7pm – 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

KS1 Nativity -12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

Christmas Lunch – 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

End of Term 2 – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Start of Term 3 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**



The PTA set up the room so that all the children could choose a gift and wrap it up and Santa in his Grotto

**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.



YR	This week, we have been investigating circles and triangles in maths. We have been sorting, printing and finding shapes in the environment. We have made puppets and stages using junk modelling to re-tell the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.
Y1	This week in Year 1, we have been planning a new story to write. We created new characters based upon Monkey See, Monkey Do and story mapped them, ready to write some fantastic stories. We have also been creating subtraction stories to help us with our maths work. Everyone has been practising their singing and dancing ready for the Nativity and we are so excited to show everyone soon!
Y2	Year 2 did some fantastic historical research this week. We found out about Hever castle by looking at pictures, using the internet and looking at fact sheets. We worked together and found out lots of information about this beautiful local castle. In RE, we have been learning about Advent and what it means to Christians and we made fabulous advent wreaths to take home.
Y3	This week, Y3 completed research into Viking Longships and discovered what they were built from and how they were used. We looked at pictures and then designed a scary creature to go on the front of the longships we are planning to make. We are busy rehearsing the Y3 song for the carol service and sounding beautiful! In RE, we learnt about the 5Ks which are important to Sikh people and handled real artefacts with great interest and respect. We tested the strength of a variety of magnets in Science.
Y4	This week in year 4, we have published and illustrated our Escape to Pompeii stories. The children produced fantastic work. We have started to make our own Mount Vesuvius volcanoes which we will erupt at the end of term.
Y5	This week, we have used mind mapping to draw together everything we have learnt about Ancient Maya to help plan an historical report. We have looked at pieces of evidence, and explored the differing values of primary and secondary sources.
Y6	We have been continuing our writing on 'The history of Printing', showing features of non-chronological reports. In RE, we have been thinking about both physical and spiritual healing. We have challenged ourselves in maths to solve problems using 2 or 3 steps, making sure we show our workings.

### WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

#### MONDAY

5S  
5B  
Lorikeets  
Kookaburras  
4B

#### Swimming 4VC

#### TUESDAY

Owls  
Robins  
6W  
6H

#### WEDNESDAY

3DB  
3TWB  
4VC  
4B  
6W  
6H

#### THURSDAY

3TWB  
3DB  
Owls  
Robins

#### FRIDAY

Ducklings  
Goslings  
Lorikeets  
Kookaburras

#### FOREST SCHOOL

3TWB