



NEWSLETTER 14 – Friday 11th December 2020

As part of **Collective Worship** we continued to look at Advent and this week the candle that represents peace. One of the symbols of the Christmas story is when the angels appear to the shepherds and proclaim, "Peace on Earth," in Luke 2:14 which we looked at.

This week Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic '**Virtual**' **space experience** where they learnt more about the International Space centre. Feedback from the children included such an array of positive comments – learning new facts about the ISS, working in teams, and having to give themselves roles and responsibilities as well as a team name. Working with different children, learning in a fun and engaging way. Crafting your own ISS and having to pay for things you needed by answering questions correctly! Some liked the competitive element of the building process and getting to answer questions allowing them to share what they knew. Sounds like a resounding success to me - I know it took some organisation but well worth it!

On Wednesday we had the KS2 **Fresh Start Christmas lunch** – the children remained in their bubbles in the hall with Year 5 and 6 sitting on one side and Year 3 and 4 sat on the other. As is tradition, staff from their bubbles and the Lunchtime Supervisors served the meals. This was then repeated for Early Years and KS1 on Thursday. Crackers were enjoyed thanks to the PTFA and some staff also enjoyed tucking into a Christmas dinner. Massive thanks to the Fresh Start staff for all their hard work, early starts in preparing this and serving it for us.

Many of the **Christmas recordings** are now complete and we are editing them. KS2 will be recorded next week and then a link will be sent out to you. This must not be shared on any social media or wider community as some parents have only agreed to this with this understanding.

Today there was a **special visitor** who took a tour around the outside of the school to wish the children a Merry Christmas and classes also had their very own special recorded message from the man in red himself – thank you so much to the PTFA for all their hard work and managing to arrange for him to visit amongst his very busy schedule.

Next week we have a wonderful Pantomime to enjoy on Monday afternoon kindly provided by the PTFA as well as all phases having a Christmas Party. Unlike other years no food or party clothes are needed for this. There has been much shared in the media about earlier closing next week; balancing this at short notice the **school will remain open as normal on Friday**. Should you need to report a positive case to the school once we finish, which you will need do up until Christmas Eve, please email the office and the contact form on the school website. Should the school need to contact you this will be done via Teachers2Parents.

Hope you have a lovely weekend – time to put up the Christmas decorations in my house!

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Attendance this week:

97.9 %

W/B 14th December

Christmas Cards can be brought in for Bubbles

Mon	Virtual Pantomime Performance (purchased by PTFA)
Tues	KS2 Christmas lessons and carols being recorded
Wed	Year ½ Party afternoon
Thurs	Year ¾ and Nursery and Reception Party Afternoon
Fri	Year 5/6 party afternoon End of Term 2 – normal time.

Term 3 is due to start on Tuesday 5th January 2021

NO NUT PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL - Please could you ensure that no items that contain nuts are sent into school due to the fact we have children with serious nut allergies – this includes peanut butter, nuts as a snack and also some breads may contain nuts too.

Street Tag Update

Still holding our place in third – the leader board will reset on 28th December. We now have our own school street tag worth 100 points. Keep up all the amazing hard work everyone!

Ms Sambrook (Captain)

In the event of snow! Please assume school will open unless you hear otherwise. Parents will be informed by 7.30am at the latest a decision. This will be emailed and on the school website as well as radio stations. If we need to close in the school day an email/text will be sent – please do not ring school but email any instructions so the line can be left clear for school to ring out on if needed. Thank you.

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Owls	Bob T for being so careful and so thorough in all our Christmas making activities Harley T for coming back to school with such confidence and a really positive attitude- also for catching up on the special Christmas jobs!
Puffins	Harry P for super speaking in our Christmas performance Well done Bella CB for listening and following instructions as a beautiful angel dancer
Flamingos	Calen B for being determined to do well in his maths learning looking at the four operations. Charlie H for being brave and giving the Santa run a go this week.
Woodpeckers	Alfie W S for making great strides with his letter and number formation and concentrating hard. Grace Y for good writing this week and not giving up when trying to improve her work.
Peacocks	Teddy H for determination and perseverance in the Santa Run Freddie S for determination to improve his story writing as seen in his recent story writing task
Parrots	Finlay J and Matteo G for their non-chronological reports about Greek Gods both were prepared to make improvements and strived to do their best work.
Toucans	Ellie Z for great focus and determination to complete her Greek gods report. Alfie J for remembering lots of facts about Greek gods for his report.
Heron	Dylan M for continuous determination in all his work – finding ways to solve problems Eliza T for great focus in all that she does including her determination with her music exam and also finding ways to solve problems.
Kingfishers	Lauren W for being on fire with her writing in our space story. Super description and emotion. Alicia M for persevering with her maths work this week on fractions.

SHOUTS OUTS – WELL DONE AND THANK YOU'S

Well done to all of KS1 and Reception and Nursery who have had to be very patient in waiting for recording to take place of their Nativity this week – after some technical glitches this all went well but the children were amazingly patient! They had all learnt their lines beautifully too.

Katherine House Santa Fun Run

This week everyone took part in this slightly muddy run! Well done to all the children for doing these using their Growth Mindset to persevere and at the same time raising some a fantastic amount for a very worthwhile charity. The school raised: £183.80. There is also the virtual KHH race you can participate in as a family on Sunday if you wish.

PTFA

They have been amazingly busy at organising different events.

Today hopefully you will have received your Christmas Craft, the Santa cups and your secret gifts!

Thank you so much for the PTFA team and staffs hard work in getting this all to work.

Reminder

Please can you remind your children that when they have something in their book bag to give it to the school office/PTFA. If you would prefer then we have a box outside the reception lobby for items to be put in, which is emptied every morning and afternoon.

Don't forget: My School Fund links your spend to your chosen school, meaning every time you make a purchase at participating retailers you and the school benefit through an innovative cashback scheme. Visit myschoolfund.org to register, link to your child's school, and then spend at participating retailers.

#Wakeupwednesday- This is an information page produced by National Online Safety each week about key reminders for parents relating to online safety. **This weeks theme: Tik Tok**

Admissions to Primary School:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/infant-and-primary-school>

3 November 2020

Applications open.

15 January 2021

Closing date for applications.