



NEWSLETTER 13 – 3rd DECEMBER 2021

A quote: "Advent 1 - Hope is faith holding out its hand in the dark"

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week saw the start of Advent and we shared with the children that Christians lighted their first advent candle last Sunday. This candle is about hope and represents the patriarchs in the Bible – we discussed who these were as part of our worship and looked particularly at Abraham. We also looked more at the value of Trust. On Wednesday all the school began some Christmassy activities and children looked fab in their jumpers for our Let's make Christmas afternoon. Classes had a great time decorating and making things as well as thinking about their charity of choice – these are listed overleaf.

Next week sees the start of the planned Christmas events in school with nativities in EYFS and KS1 being performed. We have decided to continue with these events, at this stage, after very careful considerations and have made a number of alterations to the performances in order they are as safe as possible. I understand there may be some concern from parents, but I can assure you we are making all decisions following guidance and with due care and consideration. As a reminder there are limited seats for each performance - we have two performances and parents have 2 tickets overall this is either 1 to each performance or 2 for one performance. Please, if in KS1, can you send back your slips, so we know who is attending when. We shall be recording the plays as well, as we understand if you do not want to attend. We also request a LFT is done that day prior to attending and a mask is worn in the hall. The windows will be open with plenty of ventilation and our CO2 monitors will advise if more needs to be done for this. We are still working on the KS2 Christingle plan which is on 15th December at 6pm but as this is village event too, it still needs some planning.

Later I am attending the Christmas Tree Festival and we have the PTFA bazaar – I shall share more next week on these!

I hope you all have a great weekend,

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Lost Property - This has all been sorted with many unnamed items. All named and distinctive clothing items from the schools lost property will be placed under the bike sheds, for parents to look through.

Other useful information: The **flu immunisation** will take place on Monday 13th December - further information from the School Health Nursing Team was emailed last week with the newsletter. A further reminder has been sent today.

Diary Week: 6th December

Mon	Dental Survey pm – selected chn
Tues	EYFS Dress Rehearsal -am EYFS performance 1 – 2pm
Wed	KS1 Dress Rehearsal – am KS1 performance 1 – 2pm
Thurs	Y3/4 Dodgeball Event EYFS performance 2 – 10am KS1 performance 2 – 2pm
Fri	Swimming Toucans and Herons

Plea! If you have any **spare swimming clothes**, we would be grateful for these as spares please. Also, we are setting up Lego therapy and would appreciate any donations of unwanted **Legos**. Thank you.

We have 3 job vacancies currently in the school:

Handy person/caretaker role - approx. 12 flexible hours p/w asap
Front of House Administrator - 35 hours p/week needed for Jan 22
KS1 Teaching Assistant 16 hours 40 mins+ 5 hours Lunchtime needed for Jan 22
Please look for details on the website – Our School, Vacancies

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 some breads may contain nuts too.

Attendance:

81.4%

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Owls	Michael C for showing resilience in new situations, as we prepare for our Christmas show. Tristan SB for being, a great fire dragon, supporting others as new challenges arise.
Puffins	Aris B-A for being a superstar in nativity rehearsals and showing role model behaviour all week Jackson T for really focusing on his chosen activities and showing a great attitude to learning Elliott L for showing great bravery and resilience during nativity rehearsals
Penguins	Charlie M for having a go at lots of creative tasks this week- he made a super clay snowman! Flynn C for being determined to read and spell lots of tricky words!
Flamingos	Daniel T for creating a very imaginative 'Monkey Shop' in maths to support our money topic. Roopinder C for a super writing piece, using complex punctuation and focusing on spelling.
Peacocks	Jacob N for his fantastic effort in all our performances, learning his lines and the songs, getting better every time! Willow T for finding ways around money problems using her good number knowledge.
Woodpeckers	Lola E for working hard and being enthusiastic and inspired Matthew P for always trying his best
Hummingbirds	Edith B for being an excellent leader. She has been keen to help those she sits with and has shared her learning excellently. Maisie H for her contributions during Maths. She has been very determined to grow her understanding of multiplication and division.
Parrots	Stian B for such a great attitude to his learning and being so keen to make the best progress. He had a great idea of creating his own checklist before starting a piece of writing. Isaac Q for working so enthusiastically and really enjoying his learning. We have been impressed with his maths work but engagement in science and topic sharing ideas
Toucans	Alfie J for creating a detailed and accurate Stone Age home as part of our Stone Age topic. Ollie P for being a kind and caring member of Toucans and being a role model for those around him
Hérons	Seren HW for being really determined to succeed in Maths this week and tackling some tricky new concepts Ben W for working really well this week and having a great attitude towards learning
Kingfishers	Gabriel D for being inspired with writing and creating an amazing letter on our work on the Alchemists letter Rachel D for some incredible descriptive writing this week.

Headteacher Value Awards - Harry B, Jess C, Ted L

HOUSE POINTS: Not counted this week.

[Online #WakeUpWednesday](#)- This is an information page produced by National Online Safety about key reminders for parents relating to online safety. **This weeks theme: Age – Inappropriate Content**

Out of school achievements- Shout out and well done to:

Rachel D for achieving her Stage 5 swimming certificate and badge from Swim England.
Callum B for receiving a medal for man of the match in football at the weekend and scoring 2 goals.

Children in need

We have counted this and can share we raised in coins/notes, £224 for this charity – well done and thank you.

Primary School Applications

Parents of children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 (inclusive) need to apply for an infant or primary school place for September 2022.

Key dates for applications:

2 Nov 2021

Applications open.

15 Jan 2022

Closing date for applications.

To apply online please click [here](#)

CLASS CHRISTMAS CHARITY Classes have been deciding what charity they would like to support this year. This is instead of giving Christmas Cards to each other.

Please see below who each class has chosen:

Aviary (Penguins/Puffins/Owls): Cancer Research and The Stroke Association

Flamingos: RLNI

Peacocks: Banbury Youth Homelessness Project

Woodpeckers: Banbury Youth Homelessness Project

Hummingbirds: Guide Dogs for the Blind

Parrots: Billy's Wish to walk

Toucans: Katherine House Hospice

Hérons: JDRF – type 1 diabetes charity

Kingfishers: WWF – they would like to adopt an animal.

Please send charity donations in a named envelope with your child to their class by **WED 15th DEC**. We will then share the amount raised with you for each class.

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