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'Developing the whole child'

Newsletter Friday 17th January 2020 Our Christian value this term is Love

Around the Classes this week Everyone has made an exciting start to new topics and learning this week. Pictured below are some of our highlights across the curriculum.

Class 1 have been exploring the seasons in Science. Here they are wrapped up ready to explore our school grounds on their Winter Walk.



Class 2 had lots of fun with their Design Technology work this week. They combined ingredients to make gingerbread men. This links to their English work on traditional tales and the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'.



Class 3 have been working collaboratively in Art to make Dream Catchers; for their North America topic.



Class 4 have been learning about the circulatory system in Science. They are pictured below all taking key parts in the system: heart, brain, lungs, red and blue blood cells.



Staffing in School Mrs Dobson has been called to do Jury Service for the next 2 weeks. There appears to be some variation as to the days required. At present she expects to start on Tuesday 21st January and finish on Friday 31st January. Mrs Reynolds, as Deputy will be responsible in her absence.

No recorder club on Friday 17th January or Friday 31st January due to Mrs Dobson's Jury Service.

All our other clubs have started well this week and will continue to run normally.

Class 3 and Mrs Jones Mrs Jones expects to be teaching Class 3 again from next Wednesday 22nd January. We are very grateful to Mrs Wright who has stepped in and knows the children and the curriculum well. On next Monday 20th January only; Class 3 will be taught by Mrs Moodie.

Mrs Moodie and Mrs Wright continue to teach part time in school and we value having them as part of our team.

Thank you to all Year 6 Parents for your excellent attendance at the SATs Parents Meeting this week. There will be further opportunity to discuss preparation for these with Mr Ramsbottom at Parent Teacher Consultations before half term.

Year 6 SATs week 2020 is Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May

Instrumental Lessons Class 3 violin and cello and music lessons with Mrs Jameson resumed this week. We currently have spaces available for small group tuition in violin or cello with Mrs Jameson. There is a waiting list for piano lessons. We can also offer instrumental lessons for flute, clarinet and brass. Information forms are in the office. Please speak to Mrs Dobson or Mrs Newton for more information.

School Reading and Library Books In your New Year tidy up at home you may have come across school books (they are usually stamped) which you have forgotten to return in the past. Please send them in - we will be grateful not grumpy!

Friends of the School Fundraising Thank you

A huge thank you to all our parents, carers, families and friends who supported our fundraising raffle and other fundraising events before Christmas. These were hugely successful and thanks to your generosity and everyone's hard work our raffle raised £550. Support for the Christmas cards designed by your child also raised £152. Fundraising from Friends of School is helping us to develop our pond and gardening area. It also funds special events for our children such as theatre visits and Easter activities.

Eco Team Message A huge thank you for collecting so much tin foil to raise money for Guide dogs. Even though you might not be eating as many mince pies please continue to bring your tin foil in to school for recycling.

Feeding garden birds in winter The Eco Team have been making their own bird food to help our garden birds during winter. Next week we will send home bird spotting sheets so you can take part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch nationally.

Diary Dates for this term A full list of diary dates were sent home last week. This includes Class Assembly dates and Parent Teacher Consultation dates for the week before half term. More detailed information on events will follow. You can also find these dates in the School Information/Calendar section of our website.

Discovery Education Espresso This is an online learning resource your child can access at home. It has a huge range of resources directly relevant to your child's learning in all areas. There is great weekly news; online safety information; games and exciting videos linked to all primary curriculum areas.
www.espresso.co.uk/ Username: student23945

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely, Nicola Dobson