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'To love, live and learn together'

Newsletter Friday 4th December 2020 Our Christian value this half term is 'Peace'

Virtual Christmas Nativity Performance A highlight of this week has been the filming of the first part of our Nativity Performance. Classes 3 and 4 completed their filming on Thursday and Classes 1 and 2 will be filming on Thursday next week. The children are working very hard and performed and sang brilliantly. We hope our Virtual Nativity will be a wonderful celebration of the season of Christmas which you can share with your families. We hope to have this ready for the last week of term. Pictured below are Class 3 preparing for filming and a trailer for our finished film!



Friends of the School
Christmas Raffle - thank you

Many thanks for all your generous donations for our Christmas Raffle Hampers. **Monday 7th December is the last day for donations for prizes. Please return all tickets by then also.** The raffle will be drawn and winners announced before the end of term.

Special Mentions this week from Class 1

Mrs Reynolds says: 'What a busy week! We have been continuing with Advent activities and our daily challenges. This week we have thought about being reflective and being creative. In Maths we have looked at subtraction and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. In Art we have made a start on our Christmas cards.'

Star of the Week is Henry for great work all week and for great acting in our Nativity play.

Special Mentions this week are for Evie for excellent reading.

For Theo for being kind and helpful.

Pictured below are Class 1 working hard and practising their Nativity songs and acting.



Special Mentions this week from Class 2

Mrs Smith says: 'In Maths we have continued to improve our understanding of written methods for addition and subtraction. In English, we have written about the life of Florence Nightingale and explained why we remember her today.

We have particularly enjoyed making model houses in our design and technology lesson and we were very proud to be taking these home.

Star of the Week is for Noah for an excellent week of hard work in all areas.

For Poppy B, Freya, and Oliver for excellent work in our gymnastics lesson when exploring shape.

For Poppy Y and Ettie for working brilliantly as a pair during our PE lesson.

For Leo for excellent writing and for checking his work carefully

For Lucy, Emily and Adam for great Design and Technology work when creating our homes.

Pictured below are Class 2 with the houses they have designed.



Special Mentions this week from Class 3

Mrs Jones says: 'Well done to Class 3 for working so hard. You all performed brilliantly when we recorded our Nativity on Thursday. In French we have enjoyed learning about Christmas in France. We have been working on our cross stitch book marks in Art and have explored pitch in Music. Brilliant work everyone!

Special mentions this week are for: William B for presentation of work to a very high standard; **Sophia and Tate** for excellent work about Christmas in France; **William M-P and Emily** for resilience in problem solving; **Patrick** for your work about the Globe Theatre; **Ruby** for very good independent writing and spelling; **Charlie L** for being an excellent team player this week when supporting Darcie with her fundraiser; **Rupert** for super science applied to pitch in music. You understand how pitch changes due to the length or thickness of a string; **Poppy W** for great perseverance in our Tudor cross stitch work; **Archie T, Olivia and Lexi** for reading aloud with clarity and confidence; **Isaac** for an enthusiasm for reading which is infectious.



Working hard on our Tudor cross stitch book marks.

Special Mentions this week from Class 4

Mr Ramsbottom says: 'This week in Class 4 we have multiplied and divided fractions as well as completing our Maths Assessments. We have practiced and filmed our Nativity performance demonstrating excellent singing, acting and speaking skills. We have researched the life of Barnabas using our Bibles and we discussed the meaning of his name and whether his name matched his actions in R.E. We created calendars in Art and practised our Hockey skills in P.E.

Special Mentions this week:

Every child will receive a Special Mentions Certificate this week for their excellent commitment, determination and resilience when approaching all aspects of the curriculum. Mr Ramsbottom has also been impressed by how quickly you have learnt lines, sang songs and performed in this year's Nativity. Well done everyone!

Pictured below are Class 4 recording their Nativity with a very stern King Herod!



Congratulations to Mrs Flower

Mrs Flower has been working as a Teaching Assistant in Class 4 and KS2 for 6 years. She has got a new full time job where she will be teaching Art and Design Technology each day. She will leave us at the end of term. We wish her well and thank her for all her contributions to our school.

Welcome to Miss Crabbe

Welcome to Miss Crabbe who will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant in Class 4 and KS2 after Christmas. Miss Crabbe graduated from York St John University in 2015 with a BA in Education. She has a range of experience in local primary schools and has travelled and taught in Australia. We look forward to welcoming her to our school community.

Diary Dates till the end of term

Christmas Parties and visit from Father Christmas

Classes 1 and 2 will have their party on the afternoon of Tuesday 15th December (the classes will not mix).

Father Christmas will also visit school that afternoon and bring gifts for all the children. He will not be able to come inside this year so we will be decorating our Peace Garden for his arrival. Thank you to everyone who has donated decorations for this. A huge thank you to Shelly and Ann who are co coordinating this.

Classes 3 and 4 will have their party on the afternoon of Wednesday 16th December (the classes will not mix).

Party Food Normally this is donated by each parent. This year our party food will be made by our wonderful cook Danielle, who has offered to do this in her own time. Funds raised by you as parents through FoS will pay for the food.

Party Clothes Normally our children change into party clothes after lunch on their party day. This year we ask you to come dressed in the morning for your party. This means you may need to adapt your party clothes to ensure you can spend the whole day in them and still play out at break and lunch times.

School Christmas Lunch will take place on **Thursday 17th December**. All our children will eat in their class groups at staggered times.

Parish News Work is being completed on St Mary's Church and we will keep you updated on possible Christmas services and times. There are regular online services on the Parish website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my very best wishes,

Nicola Dobson