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Children In Need



We would like to thank all of you who sent in money as part of our non-uniform Children in Need. There were lots of spots in evidence! As a result of your donations we were able to raise £117.30

School Closure Reminder

School is closed on Monday 5th December for our occasional day.

Non-Uniform Days

Just to let you know that we have three more non-uniform days before the end of the term.

Friday 9th December – we will be having a non-uniform day for which the donation is a bottle. Any bottles should be sealed and in date. It can be smellies, wine, beer, pop – anything as long as it is in a bottle. These donations will then be the prizes for the bottle tombola at our Christmas Fun Event on Saturday 10th.

Friday 16th December - is Christmas Jumper Day. For this day we once again ask for a £1 donation. The money raised to the charity Save the Children. Pupils can wear their Christmas jumper or outfit with something Christmassy on it, or why not decorate an ordinary

jumper with some Christmas decorations!!

Friday 21st December –

The children are in school until 1.15pm and during the morning we will be having a disco and some Christmas parties. The children can come in any party clothes they like and for this date there is no donation.

Coffee Morning



A reminder of the coffee morning and signing workshop from 9.30 – 11.am on Monday 28th November

School Photos

We hope that you were pleased with the photographs – we certainly thought they were lovely. Just a reminder that the last date for ordering these is this **Monday 28th November**.

Massage

Members of staff have been on a course to find out the benefits of massage. The massage is usually on hands. Sometimes it may be on the child's back but in this case will always be through clothing. If you have any questions about this intervention or do not wish your child to be included then leave a message (as opposed to a massage!!) for Mrs Cherry on the usual school number.

Parent Council

Thanks to everyone who attended the Parent Council Meeting last week. There were some really useful amendments and additions to the Parent Handbook which we will revamp for the next intake.

Santa's Shop

Those of you who have been with us a while will know about this event. Parent's and Carers send into school money for the children to 'buy' presents from Santa's shop for their family. The maximum purchase is 5 presents ie £5.

On the day the children choose presents from those available and with the help of volunteers, wrap and label them. The children bring them home at the end of term to put under the Christmas tree.

We are looking for parents, carers, aunties, uncles, grannies, nannies and granddads and anyone else who can help the children with this process.

The event will be happening on **16th December** all day. You can come in for the day, morning, afternoon or just a couple of hours. Refreshments will be provided and lunch if you are here over dinner time.

Everyone who has helped before has said what a wonderful experience it has been so if you think you could be part of this day then please contact the school office with your name and the name of any

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other helper you will be bringing with you and the times you are able to offer.

Many thanks!

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Like Middle School, Lower School have been continuing their topic on celebrations and have been planning a birthday party. They have made decorations and hats, written lists of what they needed and went shopping.

In history the children have been learning about famous people. So far they have learnt about Guy Fawkes, Ghandi and the Queen.



Their favourite facts about the Queen are that she has two birthdays, she lives in a palace and that she really likes Corgis.

The trip this week has been to visit card shops and look for cards for different celebrations. The children bought Congratulations, Birthday, Christmas and Thank You cards.

The children are learning how to be safe when out at the shops and who to talk to if they get lost. They have been told to look for someone who is wearing the shop uniform.

Middle School

Middle School children are continuing to learn about different celebrations and festivals as part of their RE lessons.

This week they have been exploring birthday celebrations. The children have thought about how old they are, which month their birthday is in and the ways in which birthdays are celebrated. The children then went on to plan their own birthday celebration for Leo the Lion. They have made birthday cards, written party invitations and have made and decorated fairy cakes in their cooking lessons. The children in Swifts went shopping to buy the ingredients for the party cakes and the children in Toucans took care of the party decorations during their offsite learning.



We will continue our celebrations theme as the children learn about the significance of Jesus' birthday for Christians over the coming weeks.

As part of our history topic the children have been looking at Roman mosaics. They found out how the Romans made mosaics for their floors and what they were made of. The children enjoyed looking at and feeling real mosaics before making their own by carefully sticking small

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squares of coloured paper to create pictures.

Upper School

Christmas is well and truly under way in Upper School. Mrs Moss is very happy!!

There has been a lovely smell of Christmas cakes cooking. They are now in storage ready for marzipan and icing at a later date!

Kingfishers have also been getting into Christmas mood looking into the story of the Nativity in Literacy.

In topic Upper School have been looking at how and why Ware has changed over time. They have been looking into which industries used to be in the town and why they are not here now. They have been comparing old photographs with what they can see in the town today.

In Art the children have been developing their understanding of different artists by looking of the work of Mondrian and making their own 'Mondrian' style pictures using collage.

In science there have been some funny faces pulled as the children have been exploring their sense of taste.



They have been thinking about which part of the tongue responds to which type of flavour. Eagles have tasted lemons, salt, sugar, tomatoes, coffee and honey.