



ADVENT WEEK 1

In Collective Worship on Monday, we talked about Advent being a time of waiting and preparation. We began by learning about what the different parts of the advent wreath represent and then lit the first candle, the candle of HOPE. We took time to reflect on how significant hope is for us in our lives and thought about our hopes for ourselves, our friends and family and our hopes for the world. Thank you to Mrs Lewis for once again making our beautiful Advent wreath.



ROOF UPDATE

You will probably have already noticed that the scaffolding is now in place ready for the roof project to begin. Classes 3 and 4 will still be able to use their doors in the morning for the time being, but please do supervise children closely, especially little ones. Please also be aware of the impact on parking because staff will now have to park off site until the works are complete.

IMPORTANT FOR EARLY BIRDS:

If your child attends Early Bird Club and you arrive later than 8am, please make sure you accompany them all the way onto the playground and not wave them off from the gate while we have site fencing etc in place. A reminder that if the weather is poor, Early Birds will be in the library – please use the doors by Class 5/6. Many thanks.

Non-Uniform Day Thank you!

Thanks to your incredible generosity last week, we have almost 40 fantastic hampers to be won in this year's Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Make sure you return your ticket stubs and money by tomorrow – we have extra tickets available at the office if you need some more. Good Luck everyone!





Class 1 Nativity 2023

By the time you read this, Class 1 will have just performed their Nativity, 'Stable by Starlight' for their families in church. They have done so well with fantastic singing and big voices and we do hope all the Class 1 families enjoyed it as much as we did!

It goes without saying that having to hold our nativity in church rather than in the hall brought some significant challenges, but the staff and children have been so resilient and adaptable – the show must go on!

A big thank you to everyone who came along to watch, and especially to Mrs McCabe, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Sabri for all their hard work to make it so special. 😊

Keep an eye on the school website for photographs soon.

Christmas Dinner: ORDER BY TODAY

On **Wednesday 13th December**, we will be having our traditional Christmas Dinner. Classes 4,5 and 6 will not be eating in their classrooms but will come to the hall for our traditional lunch together. All children who usually have a school dinner on Wednesdays will automatically get a Christmas Dinner.

However, if your child usually has a packed lunch from home and you would like them to have a Christmas Dinner, please book with the office by **TODAY PLEASE**.



CHRISTMAS CARDS POST BOX

Our Christmas postbox is now open for business!

Envelopes need to be clearly labelled with the name and class please so that the Year 6 posties can make sure they get delivered to the right person.

Come and join us for some Carol Singing!

Thursday 14th December 2.15pm

(or Friday 15th December at 2,15pm depending on the weather!)

Wrap up warm and bring your best singing voice to an end of term festive singalong with the whole school.

All parents and families are invited to join us on the school playground for Christmas carols & songs.

(We have earmarked two dates – if the weather isn't suitable on the Thursday, we will try again the following day)





CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday 18th December

Class parties take place in the afternoon, but children may wear a non-uniform party outfit to school that day as long as it is suitable for normal school activities in the morning. Please also ensure your child has appropriate footwear and a warm coat to wear for the day as they will still be playing outside as normal.

Party food and drink contributions (**nut free**) should be brought in on the Monday morning. Class teachers are organising this so they will be in touch soon.

Cool Milk Cool Milk Cool Milk

From January 2024, our school has a new school milk scheme with Cool Milk! A registration leaflet has been sent home with your child today and is also attached to this Newsletter email.

By registering your child for the school milk scheme they will receive a 189ml (third of a pint) carton of semi-skimmed milk delivered fresh and chilled to their classroom every day. **Please register by Tuesday 19th December for your child to receive milk when the scheme starts on 5th January 2024.**

“How much does it cost?”

Thanks to government subsidies, school milk is free for all under-fives and is subsidised at around £18 a term for children aged five or older.

“Why should I register my child?”

School milk provides your child with essential nutrients such as calcium and protein, for strong, healthy teeth and bones. It is also rehydrating and energy boosting, helping to bridge the long gap between breakfast and lunch so children stay focused.

“How do I register my child?”

If your child is under five-

1. Go to www.coolmilk.com/register
2. Just register by a Tuesday for your child's free milk to start the following week.
3. Free milk will continue until the Friday before your child's 5th birthday. You will receive a payment request three weeks before this time- if you wish for your child to continue to receive school milk simply make a payment.

If your child is over five-

1. Go to www.coolmilk.com/register
2. Pay Cool Milk online.
3. Just pay by a Tuesday for your child's milk to start the following week.

How do I find out more?

Visit www.coolmilk.com or contact Cool Milk directly on 0800 321 3248.



LONG HAIR (AND HEADLICE...)

A reminder that children with long hair (beyond shoulders) need to have it tied back securely for school.

We have some children with free-flowing hair, or only the top part tied up loosely, or held back with an alic band. These styles do not tie the hair back fully enough.

We have also had a few cases of headlice reported in school recently so please do check your child's hair regularly and treat where necessary. Hair that is tied back properly helps to prevent the spread of headlice.

There is useful advice and information about headlice on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Outdoor coats please

Recently, some children are coming to school without a proper outdoor coat. Whilst the school fleece is a useful additional layer in cold weather, it is no substitute for a proper outdoor coat for playtimes.

Unless the weather is exceptionally bad, we still take the children outdoors at morning break and lunchtime, so being dressed appropriately for the weather is essential. Many thanks.



PE at the Village Hall next term


We have arranged to use the village hall for indoor PE lessons after Christmas.

Last week, some of our classes had a trial run – walking down to the village hall for their lesson with the staff, and they all had a wonderful time!

Next term please make sure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kits. When they get ready for PE, they will put their indoor kit on, and then their outdoor kit over the top for walking to the hall.



This week's article from our Pupil Journalists Barney & Amelie



This week has been very eventful as we have been getting ready for Christmas. I'm sure that we all have that little bit of Christmas spirit inside of us. Some classes have already started their annual Christmas calendars.

Movie and munch on Monday was fantastic and all classes had a great time and enjoyed the film that they watched. Thank you to our PTA for making these events happen!

News outside school

The National Trust is encouraging people to make nest boxes for the smaller birds that visit your garden over the winter as it's getting very chilly out there. To find out how to make your own, visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/av/67624552>

Reminders

- Christmas cards can be sent to the post box just outside Mrs Peddie's office.
- The Christmas fair is on Friday 8th December.
- Christmas jumpers will be on sale soon.
- The Christmas trail ends on Thursday 8th December, so get your sheets soon if you want to participate.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!' Buddy from 'Elf'



PTA Christmas Fair TOMORROW!



Thank you so much to everyone who responded to the email about needing additional volunteers. Your help is very much appreciated and means we haven't had to cancel any stalls or activities.

The Secrets Room

At The Christmas Fair, the 'Secrets Room' is a place where children can go and buy gifts for their family and have them wrapped ready for Christmas Day.

If you have any gift items suitable for our secrets room, we would love to take them off your hands - thank you!



Visit Father Christmas in his grotto at The Christmas Fair!

Book a time slot at the token exchange when you arrive at the fair (you can book for younger siblings too)

Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets

There are some fantastic hampers to be won at the Christmas Fair
hamper raffle- good luck!

Helter-skelter

Come and have a go on the
inflatable helter-skelter!

Wrap up warm!

Most of the Christmas Fair is
outdoors, please dress for the
weather!



Home time arrangements tomorrow

Children will be dismissed at their usual places at home time.
The fair will not open until 3.30pm, so please just pass the time
for a few minutes after collecting your child.

Parking on Christmas Fair Day

Please be considerate in your parking tomorrow. Please do
not park in a way that causes an obstruction to local
traffic or residents. Many thanks.

Class 5 Cake Day Friday 15th December

Cakes on sale at break time 25p

