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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19 Update

Things appear to have settled down in relation to COVID this week although I'm hearing that there are a lot of cases at local schools so it is important that we do maintain a good level of vigilance as we approach the end of term.

Team Chocolate Orange

Some of you may be aware of a campaign established by Chris Lamb who, as a way of cherishing his son's memory and to thank NHS staff for all their work, decided to give a Chocolate Orange to as many of them as he could.

I have been contacted by one of our families who, given their own experience and support from the NHS, would like to support this campaign. Their plan is to collect as many Chocolate Oranges as possible from now until the 10th of December, after which they will deliver them to NHS, Emergency Services, and Care settings in the local area.



It will be a much-deserved thanks to those who provide essential services, doing an incredible job 365 days a year, caring for us and our loved ones, and always being there when we need them. If you would like to donate then we will be collecting Chocolate Oranges for the next two weeks; these can be handed in at the school office.

Christmas Events

As we approach the Christmas season I'm aware that we have a great many events planned – details of which you'll find below. We do need to ensure that we maintain some of our COVID protocols during these events so we are not able to hold these in the way that we would wish to but thank you for your patience and understanding in this.

Salvation Army Concert

The Salvation Army Concert will still go ahead as planned next Thursday at 7pm. Seats are £3 on the door and we will be maintaining social distancing as best we can throughout the performance. As with other events, please could we ask all attendees to undertake an LFD test before coming. If your child is performing then please could they be back in school by 6.30pm.

Community Tea Party

Regretfully, we have made the decision that it would not be appropriate nor safe to invite members of the community into school in the way that we normally would. Instead, we will be making arrangements to perform outside around the village so that our children's singing can be enjoyed in a socially-distanced way. We'll have more details about these events next week.

Year 2 Nativities

Traditionally, Year 2 Nativity performances are held at St. Peter's Church in the village and we are still able to do this. Given the circumstances, we do need to restrict the number of adults attending which means that we can only invite



two adults to one of the performances. Please could I ask each family to complete the form below to indicate whether you can attend one or either of the two performances?

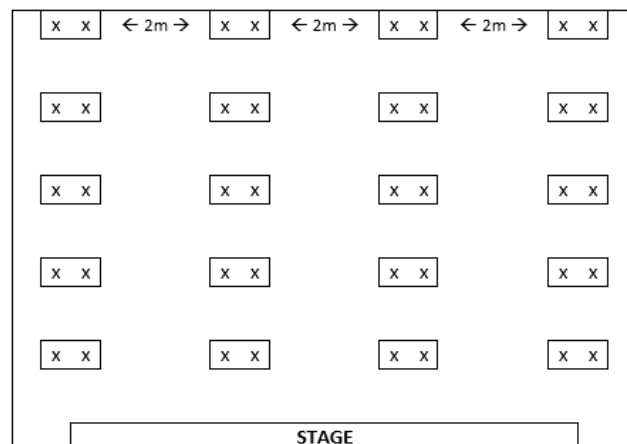
The form to request tickets for the Year 2 Nativity is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/FysgLqPhnk>

Year R Nativities

I'm pleased to let you know that we will be inviting parents in to watch nativity performances this Christmas. We are fortunate to have a large enough hall to accommodate up to 40 people at a time – not all schools are so lucky.

Each family will be allocated two tickets for one of the three performances and seating will be spaced out to maintain social distancing.

Prior to attending, we will be asking all parents to take a Lateral Flow Test and not attend if they are displaying any symptoms; sanitising stations will also be available for parents. We will also be keeping records of all attendees for the purposes of Track & Trace.



The form to request tickets for the Year R Nativity is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/mNzNF9m9Ex>

You will be asked to select which performance(s) you are able to attend and seating will be allocated randomly. If we do have too many requests for a specific performances then we may need to further limit attendance, which is the last thing we would wish to do.

Year 1 Assembly

The Year 1 classes would not normally hold a Christmas performance, but we are very aware that these parents have not yet had the opportunity to see their children in school and so the Year 1 teachers have arranged an opportunity to share the children's learning with you.

As is the case with the Year R Nativity, each family will be allocated two tickets and seating will be spaced out to maintain social distancing. Prior to attending, we will be asking all parents to take a Lateral Flow Test and not attend if they are displaying any symptoms; sanitising stations will also be available for parents. We will also be keeping records of all attendees for the purposes of Track & Trace.

The form to request tickets for the Year 1 Assembly is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/KD1zGu50Kx>

Christmas Bazaar

This will be held on Friday 10th December. Last year, the children had the chance to come and purchase small items that they could then gift to their parents but this year we're doing things slightly differently. Over the course of the day, the PTA will be running a craft station where children will be able to make a small gift for a suggested donation of £1.

We will, of course still be seeking donations of cakes for the traditional café run by our Year 5 pupils and our Year 6 pupils will be running games for the younger children across the afternoon. More details on this specific event in next week's newsletter.

Parish Christmas Card

Finally, well done to Laurence Shirley (Year 3) whose picture was chosen as the winning design for the parish Christmas card competition.



Upcoming Events

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar.

CALENDAR >

You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

Monday 29th November	
Tuesday 30th November	Speed Stacking Competition
Wednesday 1st December	
Thursday 2nd December	7pm: Salvation Army Concert
Friday 3rd December	

Monday 6th December	
Tuesday 7th December	
Wednesday 8th December	
Thursday 9th December	1.30pm: Community Tea Party
Friday 10th December	Christmas Bazaar

Monday 13th December	9.15am 1CS Assembly	2.30pm: Year 2 Nativity (1) 2.45pm: 1LA Assembly	
Tuesday 14th December	9.15am: Year R Nativity (1) 9.15am: Year 2 Nativity (2)	2.30pm: Year R Nativity (2)	6pm: Gulbenkian Christmas Concert
Wednesday 15th December	9.15am Year R Nativity (3)	Christingle Services in Church	
Thursday 16th December	9.15am 1LA Assembly	2.45pm 1CS Assembly	
Friday 17th December LAST DAY OF TERM			

Monday 3rd January <i>Bank Holiday</i>	
Tuesday 4th January	
Wednesday 5th January	
Thursday 6th January	
Friday 7th January	

Celebration

Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

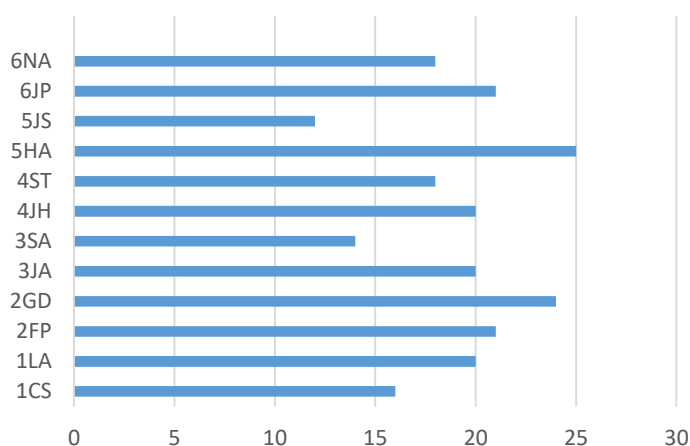
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| ☆ Avid T (1CS) for his wonderful attitude to his learning. <i>Mrs M Smith</i> | ☆ Livinya C (5HA) for working independently and producing an amazing diary entry! <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Alex H (1LA) for his fantastic independent writing-remembering his capital letters and full stops. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Rosie B (5JS) for writing a very descriptive diary entry using emotive language and varied sentence structure. Well done! <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Thea G (2FP) for service. Thea takes great care of our playground equipment and puts away equipment left out by others. <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Ruzain A (5JS) for his thoughtful and valuable contributions during our Jigsaw lessons. <i>Mrs Langsdon & Mrs Andrews</i> |
| ☆ Fraser B (2GD) for his enthusiasm towards our work on the Fire of London and creating a creative map of London showing the key events. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Aidan L (6NA) for excellent enthusiasm in Maths and English this week. <i>Mr Taylor</i> |
| ☆ Lawley C (3JA) for her fantastic descriptive sentences about the Egyptian pyramids in our sentence stacking lessons this week!. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Alex S (6JP) for being an excellent class member and volunteering to monitor our book corner. He has paid special attention to our topics and ensured related books are on display and rotated weekly.! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Xavier F-W (3SA) for his excellent sentence writing about the pyramids of Ancient Egypt. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Rene T (6JP) for being an excellent class member and volunteering to monitor our book corner. She has paid special attention to our topics and ensured related books are on display. <i>Mrs Brooks and Mrs Crozier</i> |
| ☆ Phoebe B (4JH) for encouraging others in tag rugby club and playing extremely well. <i>Mr Harris</i> | |
| ☆ Jack W (4ST) for working hard in all subjects and for making a special, extra effort with his writing. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | |



Buster Book Club

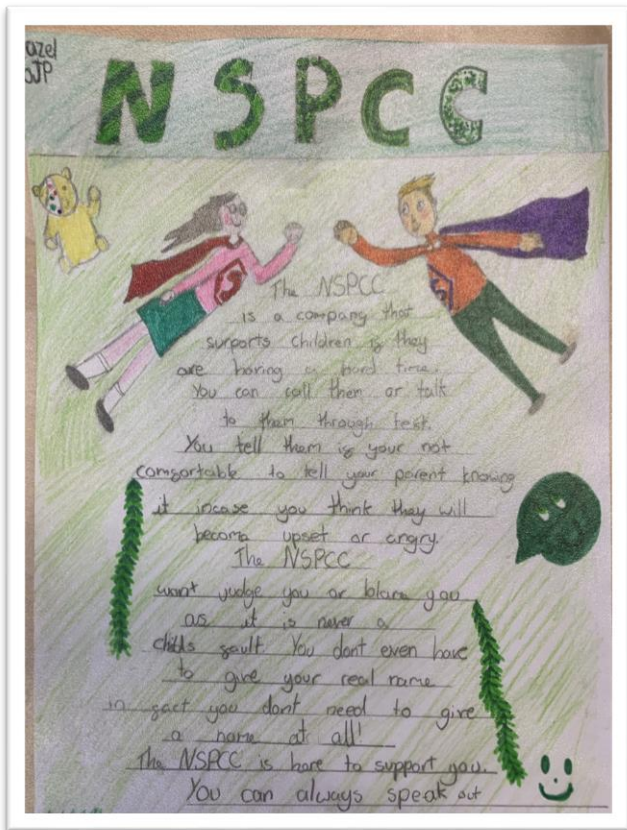
This week, as part of our Buster Book Club, we are celebrating not just the total number of minutes read but also the number of children who have read in each class.

Last week, I told the children that we'd be doing this as a year group this week. **Well done to Year 2** who were the year group with the greatest number of children who had read and had their book signed at least three times this week.

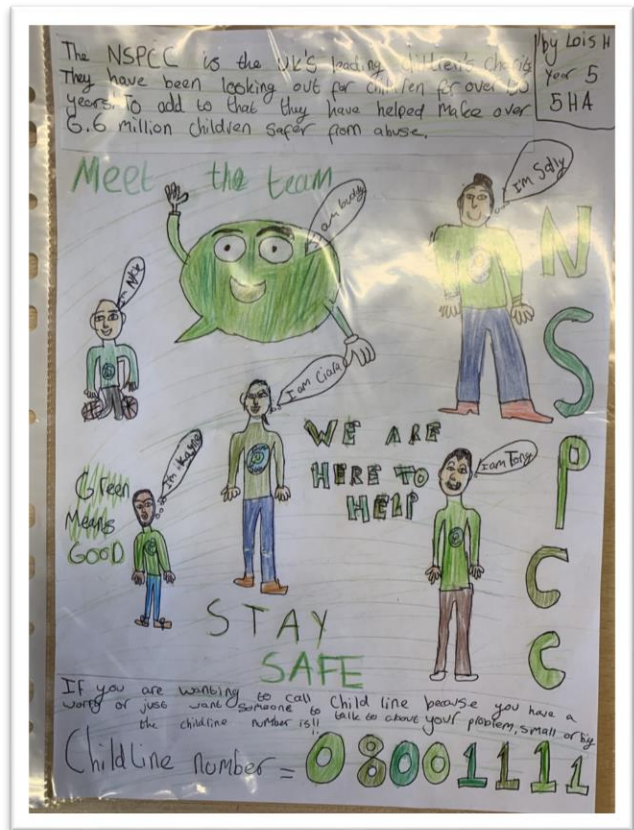


NSPCC Competition

Over the past couple of weeks, Lily, William and Ivy in Year 4 have been running a competition linked with our fundraising for the NSPCC last week. Entries closed on Monday and the children have selected three winners from over 20 entries across the school. Well done all entrants (pictured below) but especially to Hazel (Year 6), Lois (Year 5) and Mya (Year 3) who have each been awarded a prize.



Hazel (Year 6)

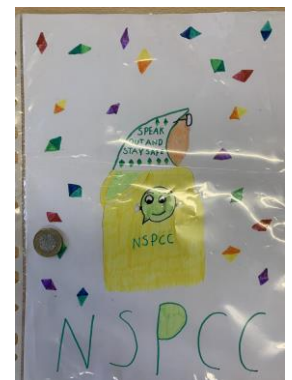
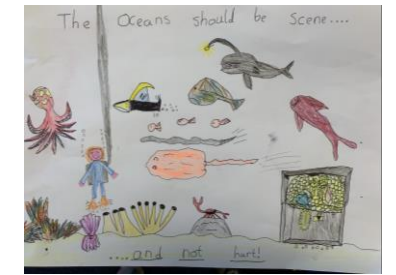
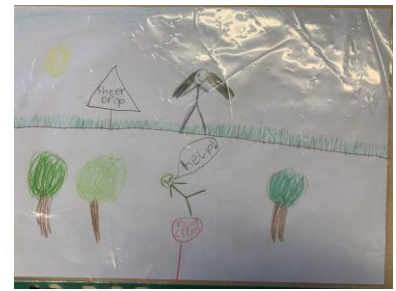


Lois (Year 5)



Mya (Year 3)

Creativity, Excellence, Resilience



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Compassion, Trust, Generosity, Forgiveness, Service