



CHRISTMAS CRACKER

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Dear Parents/Carers,
What a wonderful term it has been, full of opportunities to make new friends and learn new things. The children have embodied our school values of 'we care, we aspire, we belong' in so many ways, and we celebrated this in our 'Celebration Assembly' on Thursday. This week has been one the highlights of the term, filled with festive fun and this was concluded by some very special performances at our Christmas Service today. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year for more of the same!

Mrs Smith and Mr Penny

Diary Dates Forest School Wednesdays

Class 1—3rd January
Class R—10th January
Preschool—17th January
Class 6—24th January
Class 5—31st January

Inset Day

Tuesday 2nd January, 2024

School Opens to Pupils
Wednesday 3rd January



Well done to Reception Class for their wonderful performances of the Nativity. They bravely performed once to the whole school and then to all their parents. We really enjoyed their telling of the Sleepy Shepherd and the efforts they made to wake him up! Thank you, Class R.

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	370	1735
Cork Oak	296	1534
Blue Cedar	306	1573
Horse Chestnut	352	1746



Christmas Lunch Box Party! Children made their own party hats and had great fun in a big festive party in the hall on Tuesday. Thanks to all the parents for supplying the party food!



OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Preschool	All of Preschool for a great Autumn Term!
Class R	All of Class R for their fantastic Nativity performance. A special well done to Ella and Alfie who helped us so much in the lead up and to Sonny who did a wonderful dress rehearsal and was missed on Tuesday.
Class 1	Albie for super effort at reading at home as well as at school.
Class 2	All of Class 2 for a term of listening well, taking care of each other and working really well.
Class 3	Ffion, Florence and Richard for your resilience and problem solving.
Class 4	Every member of Class 4 for working hard to produce and perform a fantastic dance routine to 'Mission Impossible' - you were all brilliant and stayed in character for the entire performance! Well done!
Class 5	All of Class 5 for their excellent effort with their Christmas song performed in church today.
Class 6	Iris for her focus and hard work in our art sessions this week. Well done.

Thank you to everyone that entered into the Digital Leader's Christmas card competition! There were so many brilliant entries that showcased children's learning and understanding of Purple Mash tools. We had over 80 entries so the Digital Leaders spent a long time deliberating over which Christmas cards to choose. Eventually, they managed to narrow it down to our three winners - congratulations to Robin, Sidney and Boo for your amazing entries!

Miss Downer & Digital Leaders



At Forest School, Class 2 children were tasked with working as a team to build a snowman using a range of beanbags, hoops and cones. In order to build the snowman, they had to complete an assault course of crawling through a den, pretending to ice skate across thin ice and collecting one item at a time. Well done Class 2.

Miss Yeats

Class 2 spent a morning battling an imaginary snowstorm in Forest School this week. We had to work as a team to communicate and guide our blindfolded partners around an 'icy' assault course; avoiding an 'iceberg' and the 'polar bears'. Our teamwork skills were developed further when we worked together to build a snowman using apparatus the arctic explorer (Mr Wedderkopp) had instructed us to find. A brrrrrrr-illiant way to end the term!

Ms Brooke



As part of their English writing, Class 2 had to write a letter persuading their readers to save the jaguars. All of Class 2 did so well in persuading the adults that the adults organised to adopt a jaguar! The class received a present of a certificate to say thank you, a small cuddly jaguar toy and lots of information on how they can help further. Well done Class 2 for your lovely persuasive writing.

Miss Yeats



WaterAid

Thank you to the Eco Committee and Toasties for helping us raise a fantastic £107.15 for Water Aid at their stall. The children worked so hard creating the well, making Rudolph and looking after the stall. Thank you for your generous support. Boo won sweets in the well competition and Ben won Rudolph. Well done!

Ms Boullin

MERRY LOGMAS!



WE ALL WISH YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY & A WONDERFUL 2024. IF YOU CAN SPARE A LOG FOR FOREST SCHOOL WE WILL BE MOST GRATEFUL.

A huge thank you to all our musicians for welcoming us into singing assembly each Tuesday morning this term. If you would like to play your instrument to the school, please come and talk to Ms Brooke.





Class R came to see us this week to do some shared reading. We really enjoyed Class R coming to visit and reading with us we hope they will again soon.

Class 4



On Monday, a group of Year 5 & 6 girls took part in a friendly Football tournament. We went to Taunton Athletics club and played 7-a-side. We first played Bishop Henderson and won 2-0, then we played Parkfield A and won a whopping 3-0. The next match was against Parkfield 1 and we did it again! We then played Thurlbear, but as they only had 5 players Sophia and Amelie transferred to their team so we drew 0-0. Elsa, Rose, Lena and Harriet scored amazing goals in all the games and we gathered in the centre of the pitch and congratulated each other. We remained unbeaten because our brilliant defence team. Also a big well done to Sophia and Amelie for being fantastic, although they have not played with us before! Thank you to Miss Storey and Mr Coupe for supporting us.

by Harriet, Rose and Merryn

Here is a link to some hockey opportunities at King's College over the Christmas holidays. They cater for all ages and experience levels. <https://www.kings-taunton.co.uk/school-events/>



It was the turn of Year 1 to participate in an enrichment sport of curling. The Year 1 pupils shone throughout the session and exceeded my expectations - both with their competency and listening skills. Behaviour was excellent and the children's understanding and enthusiasm for the activities and tasks was

brilliant. They were all very keen to be involved and everyone joined in. They all worked very well with their partners and all pupils supported their peers, even when doing a small competitive game at the end - all the children cheered each team on to encourage team effort. Leonard, Kia and Katie stood out for their helpful and positive attitude. Albie and Maisie were the wristband winners as they were so co-operative with their partners and they accepted when their team had lost and they supported the winning team.

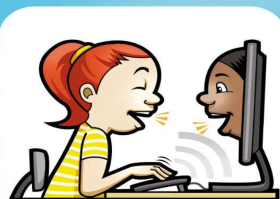
Miss B

In the Class 2 PE enrichment on Wednesday the children took part in gymnastics to gain a greater depth of understanding of shapes on and off the apparatus. Some pupils had never participated in gymnastics before and did not know what the 5 main shapes were, however, after the enrichment session these pupils were excited to try a new sport and to learn the shapes safely on and off the apparatus. Other pupils also explored more advanced shapes too. The pupils learnt to develop their balance and control within the different gymnastics skilled activities to progress and improve and to understand why they need to be safe at all times. They also had fun participating in some Christmas themed activities such as Santa's sleigh, the Grinch is Coming and the Iceberg Games!! Well done to all the children, but three pupils deserve a special mention: Orea, Darwin and Finn for their amazing progression throughout the lesson and demonstrating great control, balance and understanding of the shapes. The wristbands went to Benji and Ruby for their unbridled enthusiasm for the sport, their amazing effort throughout and respect shown towards the coaches and their peers.



Miss B

It's Christmas Time!



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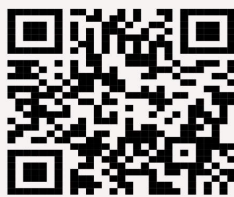
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A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

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Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.



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